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Fire forces Kelowna evacuation

12 Jewish families flee homes

By LAUREN KRAMER
Special to The CJN

KELOWNA, B.C. — Twelve of the 68 families that make up Kelowna's Jewish community were evacuated from their homes during the fires that have swept through the Okanagan Valley region since mid-August.

To date, the fires have destroyed close to 300 houses, but no homes belonging to members of the Jewish community have been touched by the flames.

The 12 families were evacuated from their homes in Crawford Park, Gallagher's Canyon and Upper Mission.

The RCMP gave them little more than an hour to pack their belongings, said Seymour Zidle, president of the Okanagan Jewish Community Centre (OJCC).

To cross the blockades, a special permit and identification are required. Only two return trips have been possible, both by bus and for a restricted period, Zidle said.

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An isolated storm drops much-needed rain and leaves a rainbow over Okanagan Mountain in British Columbia, where wildfires burned last week on the edge of Kelowna. ***[RNS/Reuters photo]***

Advocacy groups to restructure

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

Jewish organizations across Canada have been meeting in recent months to discuss ways of implementing a broad range of measures that would enhance pro-Israel advocacy and counter the disturbing rise in anti-Semitic incidents.

Spearheaded by UIA Federations Canada (UIAFC), the meetings have focused on ways to reinforce the mandates of some organizations, clarify the roles of others and determine which organizations will see a boost in community funding, said Maxyne Finkelstein, executive vice-president of UIAFC. "A lot has to do with maximizing resources and how to spend more to do our jobs properly," she said.

UIAFC, which allocates community funds to a variety of Jewish agencies and organizations, has found that many of its recipient groups "are under-resourced, especially on campus," she said. "It's difficult to do the job there if they are under-invested."

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Father, daughter fitness fest

Lt.-Col. Itzik Mayish, physical fitness instructor in the Israel Defence Forces logistics and technology branch, holds the record for having conquered the toughest obstacle course at the Wingate Institute in Israel. He is seen with his daughter Noa, who completed the same course at the institute under his watchful eye. ***[Israel Sun/Isranet photo]***

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OTTAWA — Eleven Israeli orphans, who lost their parents in terrorist attacks, attended B'nai Brith Camp in

to Canada.

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VANCOUVER — Kadimah Synagogue, an egalitarian house of worship in Seattle, Wash., has commissioned Van-

Mojo Radio Chided

OTTAWA — A Vancouver radio station was reprimanded last week for running an episode of an American show whose host mocked the Holocaust. The Canadian Broadcast

Palestinian policeman has been convicted for the October 2000 lynching of two Israeli reserve soldiers. A military court ruled that Raed Sheikh ordered the two soldiers to get out of their car and enter the police station in Ramallah, where the

focused on pollution-free production of electricity. The meeting was co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, Israel's Ministry of National Infrastructure and the American Jewish Congress.

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Battle for Jewish souls hits streets of Toronto

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

Theological war games unfolded on the streets of Toronto and York Region last week, in the first few days of an aggressive campaign by Jews for Jesus to convert Jews to Christianity.

The counter-drive launched by Jews for Judaism to the missionaries' "Behold Your God" campaign has taken on a militaristic flavour: two shifts of three or four volunteers each are dispatched daily in what the group calls "sorties" to confront the missionaries on busy street corners in a war of religious tracts.

Jews for Jesus launches aggressive campaign

The atmosphere at Jews for Judaism's Thornhill office is like a bunker: phone calls steadily stream in to reveal the other side's position, followed by rapid deployment of T-shirt clad volunteers fresh from training. Brochures are stacked high. Drinks are kept cold in a cooler bag. Cell phones ring constantly, and tips, predictions and even hunches are acted upon.

"We have to find them. We have a 50-50 chance of catching them," said Jews for Judaism director Julius Ciss, who spends hours each day in his car or donated minivan scouring the city for Jews for Jesus volunteers, identified by their own brightly-coloured T-shirts and brochures.

In 2001, Jews for Jesus launched a five-year, $22 million (US) drive to spread the Christian gospels in 66 cities outside Israel with Jewish populations of 25,000 and more. The campaign in Toronto will last until Sept. 14.

The Jews for Judaism volunteers stand only a few feet away from the missionaries, handing out their own leaflets and engaging the occasional passersby in conversation.

"People who encounter them have been quite upset," said Rabbi Skobac. "Many non-Jews are confused. Are they Jews or Christians? How can they be both?"

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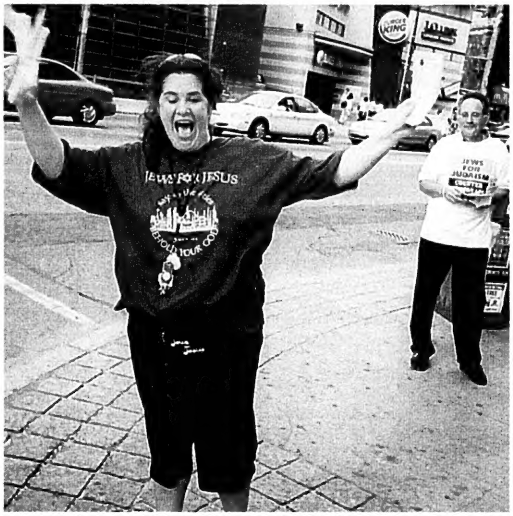

A member of Jews for Jesus greets a photographer as she hands out tracts at a busy Toronto intersection. A Jews for Judaism volunteer stands behind her with some of the group's information.

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For the young generation

From the editor's desk

Orientation week on many university and college campuses across North America began this week. Finding their way through the unfamiliar terrain of this next, important phase in their lives will be the chief preoccupation for our "freshmen" children over the next few weeks. Adjusting and acclimatizing after a while to that terrain will bring them countless possibilities for the shape and depth of the lives they will eventually sculpt for themselves.

But, as we know, that terrain is not always friendly or accommodating. On any number of levels – intellectual, emotional, psychological and social – the new territory of university can be more forest than meadow.

In the past three years especially, some campuses – albeit a minority – have even been places of harsh, hostile winds against Jewish identity, Israel and anyone expressing support for the beleaguered Jewish state.

To hold fast and true to one's ideals and beliefs in the face of such hostility is no simple matter. It requires roots firmly planted: self-assurance, composure, resolve, information, awareness and courage. At any age, that poses a daunting test of character. But in the tender years after high school, in new and untested fields of ideological battle, it can be a burning crucible.

Whoever withstands that crucible, roots unscorched, is deserving of high praise.

Very often these "tall trees" of Jewish identity, their own roots secure, become, in subsequent years themselves, the supports and the strengths for the next generation. And then they are deserving of even more praise.

Two months ago, the children of renowned philanthropist Charles Bronfman – Stephen Bronfman, Ellen Bronfman Hauptman and Andrew Hauptman – decided to celebrate their father's 70th birthday by permanently endowing a prize, the Charles Bronfman Prize, that does precisely that. It will annually confer special praise on someone whose *gmilut chesed*, good work on behalf of others, has gone unnoticed.

But there is a profoundly new and unique element to this prize. It is aimed only at the younger generation. No one over 50 years old is eligible.

The prize is "an annual award to be given to one individual or team of individuals under the age of 50 whose humanitarian efforts on behalf of others have contributed significantly to the betterment of the Jewish world."

The award, which is worth $100,000 (US), comes with no strings attached. It may be used according to the whims or needs of the recipient.

Dalia Pollack, executive director of the Charles Bronfman Prize, which is administered in New York, told *The CJN* that the prize was established to "offer someone as an example of leadership to the emerging generation." Pollack emphasized that the prize is for the emerging generation. "Young people are the focus," she said to me more than once during our telephone conversation. "We are seeking exemplary young leaders."

A panel of five judges from Canada, Israel and the United States, individuals of "great renown," as Pollack explained, will sift through the list of nominations and choose a winner. But in keeping with the essential value the prize intends to seek and foster – action on behalf of the other – self-nomination is not permitted. To be eligible, a candidate or a team of candidates must be nominated by another party.

More information about the award can be obtained at www.thecharlesbronfmanprize.com. The office's phone number in New York is 212-572-1035. The deadline for submitting a nomination is Oct. 20.

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In further fulfilment of *The CJN*'s priority of publicizing the works of Israeli authors, I draw readers' attention to the most recently published novel by the veteran writer, literary critic, translator and journalist Yael Lotan.

Avishag (The Toby Press, 2002) is a fascinating, fictionalized excursion into the world of biblical history. It is ostensibly the story of Avishag, the young Shunamite woman who was recruited to help King David, by then an old man, keep warm during the cold winter nights of Jerusalem. In truth, it is not about the young girl, but rather about the king, his children and his kingdom.

Yael Lotan
AVISHAG

Lotan deftly recreates the sense of ancient Israel and Judea's geography, time and place. Her descriptions of the land and depictions of the style and manner of life of the tribes of Israel 3,000 years ago are captivating flights of imagination. With frequent allusions to the literature and language of the Bible, *Avishag* is a poignant tale of the king's very human qualities – frailty, vulnerability, courage and boldness – and of the court he commanded. Lotan adds to the atmosphere of the story by frequently incorporating the text of familiar verses, or variations of them, into the narrative.

Avishag is a quick, entertaining read and will be savoured by anyone who enjoys fictionalized biblical history. But it is not for individuals who might find offence in the author's unvarnished, all-too-human portrayal of figures whom we and our tradition have always revered.

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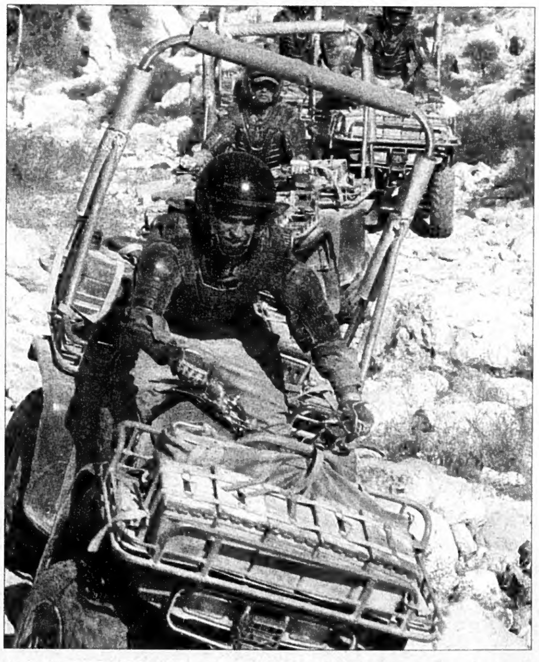

AT THE IDF'S ATV'S DRIVING SCHOOL: **In the Negev another course ended with the trainees undergoing a rigorous test drive. The ATV's are inaugurated in ground fighting units and used for reconnaissance missions. [Israel Sun photo]**

BJCC project puts seniors' life stories on video

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Janet Klein Slavin says everyone has a story to tell.

As the supervisor of 55+, the department of adult services at the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre (BJCC), she said she finds it fascinating to pick up "snippets of people's lives."

In an attempt to make these stories permanent, Klein Slavin, who for 4½ years headed the Canadian branch of the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation created by Steven Spielberg, has begun interviewing seniors on videotape.

"One way or another, everyone has a story to leave their children or grandchildren. Putting it down on tape can be very fulfilling."

The two people she had interviewed so far, she said, "walked away feeling good about themselves. They felt as if they had done something toward continuity."

Joe Starr, 86, a retired pharmacist, said he was hesitant at first about putting his story on tape, but after Klein Slavin began interviewing him, he recalled incidents he hadn't thought about in years.

"I got a lot of satisfaction from bringing back these aspects of my life, and when I showed the tape to my children and grandchildren, they were thrilled.

"I recommend it for anyone who wants to perpetuate their life," Starr said.

Anita Budman, who was also interviewed, said she obviously could not document her whole life on the two-hour tape, but she did talk about things that had been in the back of her mind.

"I was born in London, England, and as a child during the war, I was shipped out of London and billeted with a family.

"That is a great story to put on tape and share with my children, and especially my grandchildren, who are too young now to appreciate it."

Klein Slavin, who interviewed thousands of people for the Shoah Foundation, said the videotape is for personal use only. "They walk out of the interview with their tape in hand. There is no other copy."

She is there, she said, to guide them through a sequence of questions beginning with their name at birth and where they family comes from. "I try to ask open-ended questions, so one thing leads to another.

"Some people think their children may not be interested in these stories, but trust me, in years to come the great-grandchildren will appreciate seeing their great-grandmother on television talking about her life. Most people are interested in their roots.

"It also opens up emotions that people might have suppressed. To me, I can't see how that could be a bad thing," said Klein Slavin.

The project, called the BJCC Keepsake Video, is open to members and non-members, and costs $50, which all goes back to the department of adult services.

She is seeking people willing to volunteer about four hours in an afternoon to act as videographers for the project. "All they have to do is make sure the person is in focus. They do not need to be professionals."

For information, call Klein Slavin at 416-636-1880, ext. 259, or e-mail at bjcc55plus@bjcc.ca

GOLF TOURNAMENT: The BBYO Alumni Golf Tournament, in conjunction with Shmuel Zahavy Cheder Chabad took place recently at Glenway Golf and Country Club. A portion of the proceeds was donated to the Colorectal Cancer Foundation. Seen (from left) are Harold Cipin, Steven Belanger, Paul Belanger, Michael Brickman, Jeff Wagman and Gary Gladstone, co-chairs fo the events.

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Tu b'Av: The Jewish day of love

By JENNIFER M. PAQUETTE
Special to The CJN

Poetry in the air, love on the menu, flickering candles. No, it's not Feb. 14. It's Tu b'Av, the 15th day of the month of Av.

While this Jewish "Valentine's Day" dates back to the pre-talmudic era, Rabbi Aubrey Glazer blended tradition with modernity at a Tu b'Av Love Poetry Slam sponsored by Generation Chutzpah, a group of 20- and 30-somethings he leads at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Held on Aug.13 on the steamy outdoor patio of a downtown café, the summer evening was the perfect setting for cool drinks, the sizzling poetry of love and even a few words of Torah.

In the picture, Rabbi Glazer is second from the right (in the cap).

Many participants brought their own selections – written by themselves or others, ranging from English classics to Pablo Neruda to controversial modern Israeli poems. Those who came unprepared read excerpts from Rabbi Glazer's personal collection, including the Sufi poet Rumi, Hebrew feminist poetry and love verses by Yehuda Amichai.

Between poems, Rabbi Glazer served up a helping of Jewish history. He said the observance of Tu b'Av as a day of celebration dates back to our desert wanderings. Each year in the wilderness, the Jews would sleep in graves on the night of Tisha b'Av, the ninth of Av. In the morning, 15,000 people would not awaken, due to God's decree that the generation of the 12 spies would die in the desert.

In the 40th year, the Jews lay down as usual, but in the morning, all were alive. Not wanting to celebrate prematurely, they slept there an additional week, until the full moon of the 15th, when they realized the decree had been lifted. Then, the Talmud says, "They stood up and made it a day of celebration."

Rabbi Glazer – Aubrey, to fellow Chutzpahniks – did not overwhelm participants with information. He even brought along his own version of a gong, a pair of Tibetan bells to be rung if anyone, even himself, held forth excessively.

While a few modern mystics have attempted to re-create the experience of sleeping in graves, Rabbi Glazer said the message of celebration is most important. Though it's often confused with Tu b'Shvat (the 15th of Shevat), the Jewish "Arbour Day," or Tisha b'Av, Rabbi Glazer said, "This [Tu b'Av] is an underrated moment in Jewish time… celebrating the power of life after the catastrophe of the ninth of Av."

In ancient Israel, the Talmud relates, "the daughters of Jerusalem [would go] forth in song and dance in the vineyards," proclaiming, according to Rabbi Glazer's translation, "Yo, mista! Check things out over here and see what to choose from." It was, as Rabbi Shmuli Boteach, the author of *Kosher Sex*, says: "sort of an ancient Lollapalooza."

In an interview following the event, Rabbi Glazer said the goal of Generation Chutzpah is to approach Judaism with "humour, levity, laughter and joy… either through lesser-known holidays, or by giving a different spin to holidays we already know."

The group has created new traditions, such as last Purim's "Poly'Esther," featuring "NYC glam with classic house" and a $3 discount for anyone dressed "with a '70s flare." This year's programs will include a Latino-Israeli Sukkah experience and a Chanukah bash called Get Lit!

But Generation Chutzpah isn't just about partying. It also sponsors study sessions such as *Sulha/Slichot* (both words mean forgiveness), an ongoing Jewish/Muslim peace project and reading circle. The group also meets each Rosh Chodesh for a study group called What's Your Sign? and for a Phat Friday Shabbat service, a musical Shabbat service for 20-somethings.

Even the fun has a serious purpose. With a background in painting, poetry, theatre and filmmaking, Rabbi Glazer sees creativity as a legitimate entry point into Jewish life.

"I am very inspired by teachers in our tradition who are able to harness those creative sparks," he said.

Through him, Beth Tzedec is filling the "gaping hole between when you finish USY [United Synagogue Youth] and when you get married and have kids."

Young adults are questioning, Rabbi Glazer said, and sometimes the best answers are the least direct.

"I call it 'backdoor Judaism,'" he said. "It's like a house with many rooms… my hope is to open up a door for people to get into the larger house of Judaism."

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Tel Aviv student joins Rubik's Cube tournament

By LAUREN KRUGEL
CJN Intern

Dror Vomberg was not even a twinkle in his mother's eye during the Rubik's Cube craze of the early '80s.

Nonetheless, the 20-year-old can solve the puzzle in under three minutes. Blindfolded.

Vomberg, who studies math at Tel Aviv University, was one of hundreds of "cubists" who attended the World Rubik's Games Championships at the Ontario Science Centre Aug. 23 and 24. It was the first competition of its kind to be held in more than two decades.

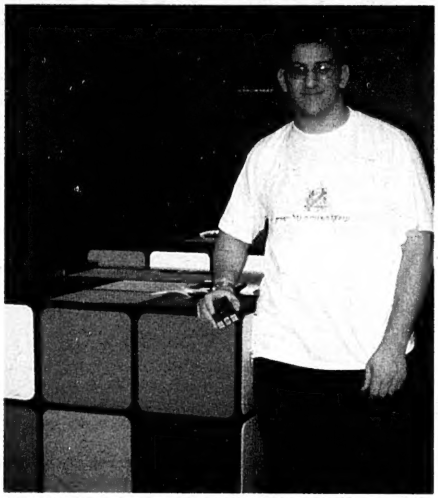
Invented by Hungarian Erno Rubik in the 1970s, the Rubik's Cube became one of the most successful toys of all time – more than 250 million cubes were sold. With 43 quintillion possible configurations and only one correct one, some people have been known to solve the puzzle in as little as 16 seconds.

"It's addictive," said Vomberg, absentmindedly turning the edges of his cube. "It's linear thinking. You have to visualize."

Amid the din of clicking plastic, contestants stood behind gigantic replicas of the multicoloured cubic puzzles. A digital clock ticking away above their heads, they deftly flipped and twisted the sides of their cubes, their hands moving at lightning speed.

Vomberg, who flew from Israel to attend the competition, returned to his seat disappointed. He did not break his record of solving a 3 x 3 cube in two minutes and 19 seconds, although three minutes and 56 seconds is still a pretty good time, he admitted.

Cubing is not very popular in Israel, he said, "especially blindfolded." Here, Vomberg said, everyone wants to talk to him, and several young, eager cubists asked him to autograph their cubes. While in Toronto, he has been interviewed on *Canada A.M.* and YTV.



Dror Vomberg can solve the Rubik's Cube puzzle in under three minutes. Blindfolded. [Lauren Krugel photo]

Vomberg has been an avid cubist since he was a child, but it wasn't until he was 15 that he learned how to solve the cube blindfolded.

He once saw a man doing the puzzle behind his back and was inspired to try it himself.

"I thought this guy has to have extraordinary vision or something," he said. "I thought I'd try it."

It took Vomberg two weeks to master blindfolded cubing. The first time he solved the puzzle, it took him an hour. He has since shaved his time down to a a few minutes.

"It's the same system. I just need to memorize the places," said Vomberg, describing in great detail his technique.

He observes the cube briefly before putting the blindfold on. Once he memorizes where at least two squares are, he can figure out where the rest are supposed to go with a series of mathematical equations. Once one side of the cube is complete, the trick is to finish the rest without undoing it.

Cubing has given him a great opportunity to travel. In March, he competed on a German television show and after seeing an ad on a speedcubing Web site, decided to come to the competition in Toronto.

The blindfolded competition was not held on the stage with the other categories. Vomberg and other blindfolded cubists solved their puzzle in a silent room backstage.

Vomberg participated in the 3 x 3, 4 x 4 and 5 x 5 blindfolded cubing events. By the end, he says, his hands were very sore.

Vomberg, an observant Jew said he "freaked out a little" when he found out the first day of the competition fell on Shabbat.

He said the organizers were very flexible and allowed him to participate only on the second day. While he could not bring his trusty cube with him, on Saturday, Vomberg and his father walked 25 minutes from their hotel to the competition to watch from the sidelines.

A total of $18,000 (Cdn) in prize money was given out to the winners, but more precious were the bragging rights some cubists earned by breaking world records.

"I'm not interested in the money," said Vomberg. "Getting in the *Guinness Book of World Records*, it speaks for itself."

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Rogues who bear close watching

There were two very ominous news items last week, each dealing with nuclear weapons in the potentially deadly hands of rogue rulers, part of the ghastly arsenal of rogue states. At the Six Nations meeting in China, North Korea announced it possessed nuclear weapons as well as the means to deliver them, and threatened it might soon conduct a test of its weaponry.

Halfway across the globe, in Vienna, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) confirmed that evidence of uranium enrichment activity had been found in Iran. Enriched uranium, of course, is vital for the production of nuclear weapons.

Where the world might be headed, with two such ideologically extreme, yet essentially lawless countries in possession of nuclear weapons, is frightful beyond all imagining. But it is precisely because of this awful fright that the civilized world must be spurred to contain the danger these developments pose to us all.

As these words were being written, the United States, China, Russia, South Korea and Japan were locked in discussions with North Korea about, *inter alia*, the abandonment of its nuclear arsenal. North Korean ruler Kim Yong Il is mercurial and unpredictable, yet we surmise his decisions are based on pragmatic underpinnings. Thus we retain the hope he will be swayed by self-interest rather than by self-delusion.

Iran, meanwhile, is reported to be rushing to enhance its supply of enriched uranium. This is indeed worrisome, for the theocrats who govern Iran are motivated by rigid religiously based doctrine that accommodates no worldview other than their own. And they have frequently expressed the view that their world has no room for a sovereign Jewish state in the Middle East.

Is there any doubt about where Iran would use its nuclear weapons? Is there any doubt that Israel is now, or would be later, the first in Iran's gunsights?

Reports indicate Iran has two uranium enrichment facilities that are both operating at advanced stages of production. There are also persistent reports that Russia has been instrumental in assisting the Iranians with the enrichment process.

The IAEA will meet Sept.8 to discuss Iran's problematic nuclear program. The agency knows the truth: under the guise of its civil nuclear program, Iran has been feverishly assembling the parts of a nuclear arsenal. Diplomats around the table in the Security Council also know the truth.

But who will speak the truth? Is it merely wishful thinking that the government of Canada, embroiled in its own diplomatic dispute with the ruling Iranian mullahs, will be among the first to do so?

The Iranian government and its nuclear ambitions need to be watched carefully. But it should not fall upon Israel alone to be the watchman. All peace-loving peoples should be on guard against Iran's theocrats, who threaten the peace and security of the entire world.

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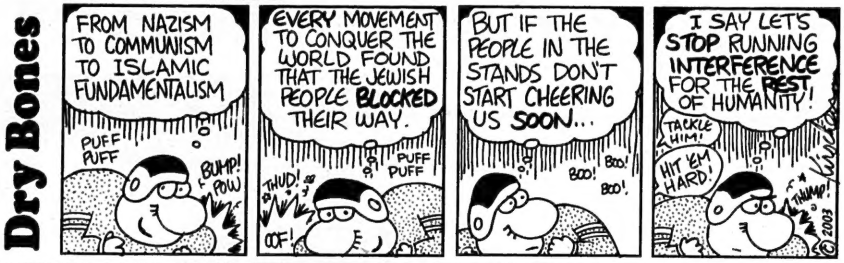
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Compensation for Iraqi Jews

After the fall of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, memories return of the grisly days, more than 50 years ago, when the Jews of Iraq lived under all kinds of pressure: persecution, blackmail, unemployment and martial law.

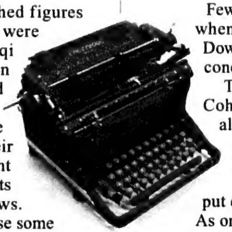
When we look back to those days, we find that there was a systematic, government-sponsored policy to persecute the Jews, freeze their assets, expropriate their properties, turn them to refugees and achieve a kind of ethnic cleansing.

Under international law, Jews who were forced to leave their country due to persecution or the threat of persecution are considered refugees and entitled to compensation. According to the International Court of Justice, compensation should be based on the value of the assets taken.

Certain sources in London, England, recently calculated that Iraq owes its former Jewish population some $20 billion (US).

The government of Iraq never published figures for the value of the Jewish assets that were frozen and confiscated. But some Iraqi sources estimated the value at $50 million (US) while Israel figures from 1951 placed the value at $436 million (US).

Over the years, many debates have taken place in the Jewish world about their entitlement to the assets. The government of Israel believes it is entitled to these assets because it absorbed the bulk of Iraqi Jews. Many oppose Israel's point of view because some of the assets belong to Jews who chose not to live in Israel and are not Israeli citizens.



Some people are now trying to link the issue of compensation for the loss of Iraqi Jewish assets with the issue of Palestinian compensation. Others insist there should be no linkage between the two issues. The question of compensation, whether claims are made individually or collectively, for the loss of Iraqi Jewish assets is strictly an issue for the government of Iraq to deal with.

I have no doubt that in the near future we will see individual claims being brought against the Iraqi authorities for Jewish assets that were left behind or stolen some 50 years ago.

Sasson Mayer
Toronto

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Outraged at CRTC

In response to your recent article about the possibilty of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) bringing Al Jazeera into Canada, I felt compelled to voice my complaint ("CJC submits brief CRTC on Al-Jazeera cable TV application," *CJN*, Aug. 21).

How can we possibly allow such an obviously distorted and corrupt network that airs propaganda to be broadcast on our air waves? Not only would this violate Canada's Broadcasting Act, the Broadcasting Distribution Regulations and the Criminal Code, but it would give Arabic extremists greater freedom in promoting their highly anti-Semitic and anti-western agendas!

How can the CRTC waste even a moment in considering Al-Jazeera's outrageous mandate? Certainly "freedom of speech" does not include an open licence for "hate propaganda." I am ashamed and appalled that the CRTC would actually consider their application.

The CRTC's e-mail address is procedure@crtc.gc.ca.

Eileen Shapero
Toronto

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Tfillin and the Stones

Few Torontonians will forget July 30, 2003, when a crowd of 450,000 people packed Downsview Park for the country's largest rock concert.

Three Chabadniks – Chai Cohen, Yirmi Cohen and Shimon Dadon – were there too, along with their tfillin, asking Jewish concertgoers if they wanted to wear the phylacteries during prayers.

A steady stream of Jewish boys and men put on tfillin that day.

As one of the Chabadniks said, when will be the next time they will get a chance to put on tfillin at a Rolling Stones concert?

Mitzi Cohen
Toronto

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Jews have heavy responsibilities

Upon whose recommendations was a chair established at Tel Aviv University named after former Canadian prime minister Brian Mulroney? ("Tel Aviv U establishes Mulroney chair," *CJN*, Aug. 21).

Such choices for "sainthood" within our Jewish community can lead to disastrous results among the community's leadership.

Jews must not be indifferent about the political process that governs their lives, their community and their safety and security. We have heavy responsibilities where governments are concerned. We must demand from our own community representatives accountability for decisions made in our name. This is something we must work harder to remember.

Reuven Carin
Montreal

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French town hopes an anniversary will spur interest in a famous son

By PHILIP CARMEL

In 2005, Troyes, the ancient capital of the counts of Champagne in northern France, will celebrate the 900th anniversary of the death of its most famous son, medieval biblical commentator Rabbi Solomon ben Isaac, known to the Jewish world by his acronym of Rashi.

The author of the monumental commentary on the Talmud and the Torah, Rashi was born in Troyes in 1040, and although his grave has never been found, scholars believe he died there in about 1105.

For obvious reasons, the town missed out on the anniversary of Rashi's birth in 1940. The Champagne region around Troyes had as its prefect Rene Bousquet, who later headed the Vichy police and was responsible for numerous roundups of Jews during the Nazi occupation of France.

Today a small, well-kept medieval city about 100 miles east of Paris, Troyes was once at the centre of European trade routes located on the ancient Roman road connecting Milan in northern Italy with Boulogne-sur-mer on the English Channel.

Coupled with its proximity to Flanders and the cities of the Rhineland, this made the town one of the major trading hubs in Europe, an advantage seized upon by the Counts of Champagne, who instituted the twice-yearly Champagne fairs, where traders from across the continent would ply their wares.

With these traders came Jews, welcomed by the Counts of Champagne and protected in the Jewish quarter close to the city's cathedral.

Rashi's family probably came to Troyes from across the Rhine in Germany, and he himself spent some 10 years studying in the Rhineland at Worms in the famous Yeshiva of Mainz, founded by Rabbeinu Gershom, the "Light of the Diaspora."

Today, virtually nothing remains of the city's history from the time of Rashi. A large part of the city was destroyed by fire in 1524.

Nevertheless, the 16th-century wooden building that houses the synagogue in the heart of the old section of Troyes is still there. It now serves as the Jewish community centre and holds regular Shabbat and holiday services.

Across the narrow street from the synagogue is the Rashi Institute, which provides courses in Jewish studies and regularly hosts conferences.

In close co-operation with the Troyes municipality, the institute has already begun preparing for the 900th anniversary of Rashi's death in 2005, and intends to bring together the world's 20 leading experts on Rashi's works for a conference in the city.

It has also set as one of its primary goals to increase awareness among the local population in Troyes and the Champagne region of the contribution of Rashi and other talmudic masters from the area.

Although there are a number of sites associated with Rashi in Troyes, including a statue of him unveiled by Elie Wiesel to mark the 850th anniversary of his birth in 1990, the local population has shown little interest.

"Unfortunately, Rashi is really only associated with Troyes for the Jewish community," said the city's deputy director for tourism, Laurence Hugin-Pujol.

"I've been working here for 25 years and in that time, we've never really exploited Rashi to the full. Sometimes, we get groups from England and Israel who ask us about Rashi and we direct them to the synagogue. But the synagogue is usually closed and you can only go there by prior invitation."

Recognizing the need, the city recently inaugurated a themed walk titled In the Footsteps of Rashi. There is also a memorial to Rashi.

Although Troyes hasn't highlighted Rashi's importance, the city hasn't neglected Israel or its Jewish past.

According to the town's rabbi, Abba Samoun, Troyes is the only city in Europe with a Ben-Gurion Square accompanied by a statue of Israel's first prime minister.

In addition, the city hall is located on a public thoroughfare named after a former Jewish mayor and senator in the national legislature, Alexandre Israel.

There is also a memorial to the region's Jews who were deported to Nazi concentration camps.

For Samoun, the placement of the Holocaust memorial was particularly significant: it sits next to the memorial for the wartime French Resistance and its light is pointed toward Jerusalem.

Naturally, there is a Rashi Street, and Samoun succeeded in persuading the city council to take down the sign that described the street as a dead end.

Some of the problems facing French Jews are absent from Troyes, said Suzanna Gutmacher, former president of the city's B'nai Brith Rashi Lodge.

"There are no problems with anti-Semitism here, and we have excellent relations with the Muslim community," she said.

Despite Rashi's reputation as being the greatest and most widely studied Torah commentator, his heritage factors minimally in the life of Troyes' Jewish community.

Rashi Institute administrator Florence Saherer said she had been born and raised in Troyes, "but we never learned about Rashi in school."

Saherer said she received puzzled looks from fellow Troyens when she told them she was working at the Rashi Institute.

"They all knew the synagogue, but most people didn't know who Rashi was," she said.

Like most of the Troyes community in his area, Rashi managed to escape the ravages of the First Crusade – and he soon became well-known even outside his native Champagne region.

By the 13th century, his commentaries on the Bible were being quoted by Christian theologians in Paris.

Because Rashi wanted his work to be understood by the Jews he knew and lived with in Troyes, the style and language of his writings earned him the sobriquet "*Hatzarfati*," or "the Frenchman."

Wherever there was a need to explain a difficult word in the text of the Hebrew or Aramaic in his Torah or Talmud commentaries, Rashi used his own language. There are almost 3,000 words of 11th-century Champenois French inserted into his writing, a valuable source for researchers of the development of the French language.

Despite the fact that Rashi both taught and wrote in Troyes, Samoun said he was almost certainly not the city's rabbi.

Rather, Rashi, like other medieval scholars, was strict in upholding the talmudic injunction against earning one's living from teaching the Torah.

In fact, he owned vineyards and was a winemaker – very much in keeping with the Champagne region in which he lived.

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Troyes rabbi worries about the future

One of the most notable features of Abba Samoun's office in Troyes, France, is the grey military uniform and short-peaked cap commonly worn by French police and military officers.

An army chaplain, Samoun had just returned from a trip to a prison near Toulouse in southern France, around 500 miles from his home, just around the corner from the 16th-century medieval building that houses the synagogue in Troyes.

Apart from his role as an army chaplain, Samoun visits Jewish prisoners across the country, often interceding with the authorities to make sure they are provided with kosher meals.

Samoun, who is in his 70s, said the constant train and air travel tires him and also takes him away from his other work as chief rabbi of Troyes and Champagne-Ardennes.

Born in Fez, Morocco, Samoun immigrated to France in 1946 and began studying in one of the country's leading yeshivahs in the eastern spa town of Aix-les-Bains.

In 1951, Isidore Frankforter, a leading figure in the Troyes Jewish community, brought Samoun to the city to assist in the Jewish education of his two daughters.

Initially employed in Frankforter's hat factory, Samoun was soon to be engaged as a teacher in Troyes' Jewish education classes, and by 1952, he was officially installed as the "officiating minister" of the Troyes community.

"I was young and I wanted to do something in this city of Rashi. I asked where the shul was but there wasn't one," he said.

Many Jews from the Champagne region were deported during World War II, and those who had returned to Troyes held prayers in a house, Samoun said.

"The Protestant community in Troyes gave us a room to pray in, but we had a problem for Shavuot because it clashed with their Pentecost," he said.

For some time, Samoun said, the community only held services on Passover and the High Holy Days.

"I decided we'd try for Shabbat services as well. We weren't sure of a minyan, but you're not going to get any customers if you don't open the shop," he said.

Eventually, the community received a permanent home in a 16th-century building, which had been occupied by a local parish priest.

Until the early 1960s, the Troyes synagogue had always held services according to Ashkenazi customs, although with many families arriving from North Africa, this soon changed.

"The community leaders who were Ashkenazi recognized that they were no longer the majority and they willingly initiated the change," Samoun said.

Nevertheless, Samoun pointed out, "I have retained some parts of the Ashkenazi tradition in the services, so that you can say we have a certain Troyes service."

"I have always believed that Jews should live and worship together," Samoun said. "To their credit, the community leaders have always felt like this as well that there should be no question of two synagogues in Troyes."

With around 120 families, the community holds regular services on Shabbat and holidays, "but people will always try and put together a minyan when somebody has yahrzeit," Samoun said.

The product of an Ashkenazi yeshiva education, Samoun has no trouble throwing out European Jewish terms despite his own Sephardi roots.

He said the future of the Troyes community does not look bright.

Generally, the young members of the community leave to study in Paris because Troyes has no university.

"They settle in Paris or they go to Israel and their parents join them," he said with a mixture of pride and sadness.

One idea to keep the community alive was to create the Rashi Institute, he said.

"I thought we could have a yeshiva here and Jewish students would come and invigorate the community," Samoun said.

However, while the Rashi Institute runs courses and conferences and is affiliated with Israel's Bar-Ilan University, most of the people who take courses there are non-Jews.

"This is happening with many smaller communities in France. Here in the Champagne region, there are towns where the rabbi left and now they only hold services on Yom Kippur," Samoun said.

But this must not be allowed to happen in Troyes, he said.

"It's like the story in the Talmud about the carob tree. It only gives fruit in 70 years. You plant it for your children. It took a long time to finish renovating the synagogue and now we have a mikvah as well. Jewish schools come here and sometimes they stay for Shabbat. There always has to be a Jewish community in the town of Rashi," Samoun said.

— P.C.

The synagogue that Washington once visisted

Newport, Rhode Island, is a charming little town that attracts hordes of visitors each summer. Some are drawn to Newport's yachting facilities or to the International Tennis Hall of Fame, while others come to view the many stately homes that dot its shoreline. These mansions, reminders of the so-called "gilded age," provide tourists with a first-hand glimpse of how families like the Vanderbilts and the Astors and others of their kind used to live.

Lawrence Hart in Hamilton

But as with so many other enclaves in New England, there is another dimension to Newport – a historic dimension that has a significant Jewish context. Atop a hill in the midtown section of Newport, you will find the Touro Synagogue – recognized as the oldest shul in the United States.

Though the synagogue itself was built in 1759, there has been a Jewish presence in Newport since 1658, when 15 Spanish and Portuguese Jewish families arrived there, likely from Curaçao. These newcomers, some of whom were Marranos, were looking for a place where they could practise their religion without fear of persecution. They found such a haven in the colony of Rhode Island, whose governor, Roger Williams, was a firm proponent of religious freedom.

Their expectations were not unfounded, and the tiny community grew and prospered in an atmosphere of tolerance and free will.

George Washington, the first U.S. president, visited Newport in 1781. While he was there, a town meeting was held at the synagogue. As if to endorse the prevailing benevolence towards the Jewish minority of Newport, in 1790 Washington sent a letter addressed "To the Hebrew Congregation in Newport, R.I." The letter has since been regarded as the classic expression of religious moderation in America.

In his note, Washington wrote, "For happily the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens in giving it on all occasions their effectual support."

I was only in Newport for a few hours. Inasmuch as the Tennis Hall of Fame was enticing, in a very different and much more meaningful way, so was that enchanting little synagogue. Made of brick imported from England, with ornate candelabras and an ancient Torah inscribed on parchment, the synagogue stands as a shining testament to the resilience of its founders.

It also aptly reflects on a particular era of enlightenment that not only provided refuge to Jews from faraway lands, but also gave them the opportunity to embrace, without intimidation, the very tenets of their religion and cultural heritage.

Landing on their feet

At the end of their first day far from home, Illil Aroch, Nofar Katzav, Shai Gal and Eitan Magen could be forgiven for thinking they were hallucinating. There was, after all, something unreal about their mid-summer adventure.

Hours earlier, they had been in the tense, hard-boiled reality of Israel. Now they were a world away in a wilderness paradise. One moment, they were with their families in the Tel Aviv blue-collar suburb of Or Yehuda; the next, they were at Camp Tamakwa in Ontario's enchanted Algonquin Park, with 450 people they had never seen before.

For Illil, Nofar, Shai and Eitan, the first 24 hours of camp were mesmerizing, unlike anything they'd ever experienced. Jet-lagged, culture-shocked, emotionally drained, linguistically challenged, senses overloaded, they went to sleep overwhelmed by the sudden change.

That change had been made possible by Tamakwa's two owners, Vic Norris and David Bale, and alumni, who wanted to show their solidarity with Israel by offering a month-long stay at the camp to kids who otherwise could not even dream of such an experience. The first beneficiaries were two boys and two girls between the ages of 12 and 14.

As Tamakwa's only staff members from Israel, my wife Galya and I were delighted to help with the project, part of a larger operation bringing Israeli youth to North American camps. In late July, we drove to Toronto with Tamakwa co-owner David Bale to greet the Israelis at Pearson Airport and to bring them to camp. For all except one, it was their first trip in an airplane and first time leaving Israel.

After the three-hour drive north from the airport, they boarded a boat for the five-minute ride to Tamakwa, which is accessible only by water. Little could they anticipate what awaited them. As the boat approached the camp's main dock, several hundred campers and staff broke into a rousing cheer to welcome the newcomers. Some held banners in Hebrew and a huge Israeli flag.

Robert Sarner in Jerusalem

The Israeli kids were stunned when they realized this was just for them. As they disembarked, they were quickly engulfed by the welcoming crowd. It was a highly emotional scene.

In recent years, the number of Israelis brought to camps in Canada and the United States as staff or campers has grown tremendously. The impact is enormous, both for Israelis and their Diaspora hosts.

At Tamakwa, the Israelis integrated well into the community despite their lack of camp experience. "This was far better than I ever expected," says Eitan, 14. "It's been so much fun. There were so many activities here that I loved doing and everybody treated me so well."

Although they missed their families and friends, the Israelis appreciated the break from the tension back home.

"I feel better that for one month, I could try to forget the situation back in Israel and think about something else," says Illil, 12. "Still, I can't really get Israel out of my mind. After all, it's my country."

"Being in such a peaceful place makes me feel better," says Shai, 14. "It let me free mind from the tensions of Israel."

Camp also served as a rewarding challenge.

"At first, it was difficult to be here," says Nofar, 13. "But with the warmth and support of everyone, I learned to deal with a new situation and to enjoy camp so much."

Meanwhile, Tamakwa's other campers appreciated the chance to get to know real, live Israelis.

"They taught us to appreciate things even more," says Alex Budman, 12. "When we heard from Nofar and Illil about their life in Israel and how scary and difficult it can be, we realized how lucky we are to live in such a peaceful place. It also made me so happy to see them have fun and relax in Algonquin Park."

Based on the success of this summer's pilot project, Tamakwa's owners hope to continue it next year.

"We see this as a win-win situation," says Bale. "For the Israelis, it's a unique experience and a welcome respite from danger. As for our North American campers, they typically see Israel's tensions from afar. But to connect personally and emotionally with kids who live daily with those tensions is a valuable experience."

Illil, Nofar, Shai and Eitan know the impact that their month at Tamakwa has had on them. I hope one day they'll realize the impact that they have had on Tamakwa.

Long may this project continue.

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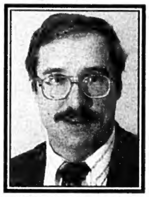
Terror under the banner of peace studies

Peace studies, like human rights, humanitarian relief and international law, are noble causes that have been abused and perverted to support hatred, terror and war. On many university campuses, peace studies and conflict resolution programs have become part of the campaign to demonize Israel and support Palestinian incitement and the rejectionist ideologies that provide the foundation of terrorism.


Gerald Steinberg in Jerusalem

In a blatant example of Orwellian newspeak, in which war has been disguised as peace, the Sydney Peace Foundation at the University of Sydney in Australia has decided to award its annual peace prize to Hanan Ashrawi in November.

This action not only sanctions and rewards the terrorism and violence of the PLO and President Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority, in which Ashrawi has served as a cabinet minister, but is an endorsement of violence that she has advocated. Ashrawi is a central figure in the Palestinian propaganda machine and an eloquent defender of Palestinian atrocities. MIFTAH, a non-governmental organization in which she is centrally involved, is a major purveyor of hatred and venom (see www.ngo-monitor.org).

In the campaign to delegitimize the Jewish state (the modern version of anti-Semitism), Ashrawi indeed deserves a prize.

One of the most concentrated displays of disinformation and venom took place in September 2001, when Ashrawi addressed the UN Conference on Racism in Durban, South Africa. This notorious meeting was the pivot of the anti-Semitic campaign equating Zionism with racism, and the Palestinian spokeswoman repeated the catalogue of incitement using terms such as "exclusion, denial, racism… oppression, violence, cruelty, and injustice… persistent colonialism, apartheid, racism [again]," etc.

Indeed, this false prophet of peace travels the world promoting fictitious Palestinian history in which the violent Arab rejection of the 1947 United Nations partition – the mother of all UN resolutions on the Middle East – simply disappears. Instead, in Durban and on many other platforms, she violated the memory of the thousands of Israelis and Palestinians who were killed as a result of Arab hatred, violence and inability to accept compromise. Instead, she presents the standard tale of victimization in which "the Palestinians as a people were slated for national obliteration, cast outside the course of history, their identity denied and their very human cultural and historical reality suppressed."

In describing Jerusalem as the "heart of Palestine," Ashrawi followed Arafat's lead in denying 3,000 years of Jewish religious and historic ties to this city. There was no apology for the 1948-1967 occupation, in which sacred Jewish sites were systematically desecrated and Jews were barred from entry, in violation of the armistice agreements.

The 1967 war, which was the result of the continued effort to destroy Israel, is recast as an Israeli war of "systematic oppression and brutality." The Arab rejection of the "land for peace" formula at the Khartoum summit in 1967 and for many years afterwards, is also conveniently removed in this creative script, as are the decades of Palestinian terror. Ashrawi, an English teacher by training, deserves the award for fiction, but not for peace.

While it would be charitable to give the Sydney Peace Prize jury, including faculty members and leading politicians, the benefit of the doubt, and attribute the choice for this award to ignorance, the evidence points to a malicious intent. Last year, the same award was given to Mary Robinson, who, as the head of the UN Commission on Human Rights, was responsible for the UN's Durban fiasco and the systematic demonization of Israel.

By honouring Ashrawi for her "commitment to human rights, to the peace process in the Middle East and… courage in speaking against oppression, against corruption and for justice," the Sydney Peace Prize has become a mockery.

Unless the university rescinds this decision before the award in November, the students at Sydney University will find that their diplomas will be associated with the promotion of hate and justification of violence, and nothing else.

The Kirshner File

Collapse of the *hudna* may imperil road map

As ceasefires go, the *hudna* was not even a respite. As some skeptics noted on June 29, the day it took effect, the three-month truce was not really worth the paper it was written on.

Among those who questioned its durability was the Israeli chief of staff, Gen. Moshe Yaalon, and the top leadership of the Shin Bet, Israel's internal intelligence agency. Yaalon mused that the countdown to the next round of violence had already begun, while the Shin Bet warned of further terrorism.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

And now that the *hudna* has crumbled, having been formally renounced by Hamas and Islamic Jihad following Israel's targeted killing of Islamic Jihad's military leader in Hebron, it is clear beyond a shadow of doubt that the naysayers were right.

The truce, which was signed by the Palestinian Authority, Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, suited the Palestinians and Israel while it lasted. The PA prime minister, Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen), had no appetite for confronting Palestinian radicals and was eager to get on with the business of implementing the road map for peace, which was officially unveiled on April 30 and launched with a frisson of fanfare at the Aqaba summit in early June.

Though he was not a party to the *hudna*, Israel's prime minister, Ariel Sharon, had a vested interest in dampening the Palestinian uprising, which has claimed the lives of more than 800 Israeli civilians and soldiers since Sept. 28, 2000, and moving forward on the road map, Israel's only hope of reaching an accommodation with the Palestinians.

The *hudna* was vitally important because it strengthened the hand of those who wanted to implement the first phase of the road map in a reasonably calm atmosphere. In accordance with the road map, Israel – which reoccupied the West Bank in the spring of 2002 after an unbroken chain of suicide bombings – withdrew from the centre of Bethlehem and the northern Gaza Strip.

But barely had the ink on the *hudna* dried than the first civilian – a Bulgarian foreign labourer working on Israel's security fence – was gunned down by a Palestinian gunman. A week later, on July 7, an Islamic Jihad bomber blew himself up in an Israeli village close to the Green Line, killing a 65-year-old woman.

In the next few weeks, more deadly incidents marred the *hudna*. On July 15, a 24-year old man was stabbed to death on Tel Aviv's beachfront promenade, and on July 28, the lifeless body of a kidnapped Israeli soldier was found. On Aug. 3, a car driven by an Israeli woman was ambushed near Bethlehem, and she and her three children sustained serious to moderate wounds. On Aug. 12, suicide bombers from Hamas and the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade killed three Israelis in Ariel, a settlement in the West Bank, and in Rosh Haayin, a town in Israel.

While the *hudna* was still in force, Israel fended off almost 300 attacks in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, some of which were supposedly ordered and financed by Iran. But compared to the pre-*hudna* days, there was a perceptible drop in violence.

During this period, the Israeli army raided towns and villages in the West Bank, dismantling bomb factories, arresting scores of Palestinian activists and would-be bombers and slaying several militants.

There was, so to speak, a balance of terror, which both sides tolerated through gritted teeth. But on Aug. 19, following Israel's assassination of Mohmmed Sidr in Hebron, a Hamas bomber detonated himself on a crowded bus in Jerusalem, snuffing out the lives of 21 haredim, the first direct assault on their cloistered community. Hamas and Islamic Jihad had warned Israel they would respond to targeted killings. Israel's reaction was swift. Ismail Abu Shanab, a leading Hamas figure and spokesman based in Gaza, was incinerated by Israeli missiles.

By way of response, Hamas and Islamic Jihad, which had used the *hudna* to regroup and build up its stocks of Qassam missiles, abandoned the ceasefire. In addition, they threatened vengeance and fired Qassams into Gaza and southern Israel, several of which landed near and in Ashkelon.

As the *hudna* unravelled, Israel suspended all negotiations with the PA, imposed a general closure of the territories and stepped up the pace of raids into the West Bank. Yaalon, meanwhile, put the leaders of Hamas and Islamic Jihad on notice that they would be targeted for "liquidation." Abdel Aziz Rantisi, a Hamas militant wounded by an Israeli missile strike in June, ruled out the possibility of restoring the *hudna* without a complete Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza. But later, another Hamas leader expressed a desire to renew the *hudna*.

None too pleased by the recent turn of events, the PA temporarily severed contacts with Hamas and Islamic Jihad, announced "operational" measures against them and offered to fight terrorism, provided Israel halted its forays into the West Bank. In a counter thrust, Israel said it would not suspend its raids until the PA took decisive action against the infrastructure of terrorism, a key demand of the road map. Under heavy U.S. pressure, the PA closed three tunnels used to smuggle weapons and drugs from Egypt into Gaza and deployed police in Gaza to prevent the further firing of Qassam rockets into Israel.

Shaul Mofaz, Israel's defence minister, was hardly impressed. He chided the PA for its disinclination to dismantle the terrorist infrastructure, saying that peace talks would not be resumed until that was done, and claimed that the PA's actions were exercises in public relations.

Abdel Aziz Rantisi

By the terms of the road map, which aims at a two-state solution within two years, the PA is duty bound to arrest militants, confiscate their weapons, break up their organizations and ensure that the Palestinian autonomous areas are not used as a springboard for violence directed at Israelis. The PA is also expected to cease its campaign of incitement against Israel. For its part, Israel must freeze all settlement activity, take down outposts erected since March 2001, pull out of areas occupied since the outbreak of the intifadah and ease conditions for the Palestinians.

During the *hudna*, the PA issued decrees outlawing incitement, prompting Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom to remark that "we are seeing the beginning of a change." But Abbas, who has decried the militarization of the intifadah, refused to bring militants into line through force, saying it was "not an option." Fearing that a showdown would touch off a Palestinian civil war, Abbas said he preferred the powers of persuasion to convince the militants to lay down their arms.

Due, perhaps, to Abbas' reluctance to confront Hamas and Islamic Jihad, Israel did not fully comply with the road map either. Israel did not freeze settlement activity, turned a blind eye to the building of new outposts after existing ones had been ripped down and refrained from ending its siege of Palestinian towns such as Nablus and Qalqilya.

The Palestinians, too, accused Israel of undermining the roadmap by continuing to build a barrier through the West Bank and by refusing to release large numbers of prisoners. In fact, there are no references to the fence or prisoners in the road map. Israel also incurred the wrath of the Palestinians by removing only a few checkpoints and by declining to free PA President Yasser Arafat from house arrest in his battered headquarters.

The conflicting and seemingly irreconcilable demands raised by Israel and the PA have blocked any further progress in advancing the road map. Martin Indyk, the former U.S. ambassador to Israel, summarized the diplomatic impasse quite aptly: "Mr. Abbas and Mohammed Dahlan, the Palestinian security minister, cannot and will not act against terrorist groups until they gain greater popular support from Palestinians. To achieve this support, they need Israel to remove settlement outposts and checkpoints, release prisoners in significant numbers and withdraw (the army) from West Bank cities and towns. But Mr. Sharon cannot make serious moves in these areas until Mr. Abbas and Mr. Dahlan act against the terrorist infrastructure."

Two weeks ago, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell asked Arafat to allow Abbas to consolidate PA "security elements" under his command so that he can impose his will on Palestinian rejectionists. But Arafat, angered over his diminished powers, jealous of Abbas, resentful of U.S. and Israeli efforts to marginalize and render him irrelevant and eager to assert himself, has not cooperated. In a pointed snub, he not only rejected Powell's request, but appointed a new interior minister and a new security advisor. Last week, however, Arafat called for a new ceasefire.

Since being forced by Sharon and President George W. Bush to appoint Abbas as prime minister, Arafat has continually denigrated his handling of talks with Israel and tried to undermine his authority. In July, out of sheer frustration, Abbas threatened to resign from Arafat's Fatah movement.

Abbas, a weak leader, wants to succeed. But if he fails to overcome Arafat's challenges, the road map may well share the same dismal fate as the Oslo peace process.

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Rabbi deals with life experiences in book on psalms

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Rabbi Paul Plotkin began a sabbatical in the fall of 1998 with the idea of re-nurturing himself, but the book he wrote that year offers spiritual sustenance for others, providing down-to-earth links between ancient psalms and modern-day issues.

A Toronto native who served Congregation Beth Israel in Vancouver from 1976 to 1978 before settling in south Florida, the 53-year-old rabbi writes frankly in the book's introduction about his anguish over the end of his first marriage. That experience in 1994, and the dramatic difference one psalm made, became the catalyst for *The Lord Is My Shepherd – Why Do I Still Want?* (Sunbelt/Eakin Press).

The recently published book (available online through www.amazon.ca or www.mypsalms.net, and locally, thus far, at Israel's Judaica Centre) was not written for a Jewish audience per se. "I felt the message transcended the Jewish base and could speak to people of all faiths and no faiths," said Rabbi Plotkin in a telephone interview from Margate, Fla., where he has been spiritual leader of Temple Beth Am for 20 years.

> ***'We are as guilty as everybody else of allowing our prayers to become rote'***

On his sabbatical in Melbourne, Australia and Israel – accompanied by his wife Cheryl, a criminal attorney whom he married in 1996 – the rabbi spent each morning working on the book until he had gone through all 150 psalms. "I tried to find things I could relate to it."

Although the writing was completed in a year, Rabbi Plotkin, the father of three grown children, says the book really took his whole life. "It was a way of pulling everything I had learned, developed and evolved to, into one place."

One of the earliest experiences he writes about took place at the family cottage in Jackson's Point in 1966, when a younger acquaintance, also named Paul, was killed in a car accident. The rabbi's maternal grandmother, to whom the book is dedicated, had always reminded him to say *Modeh Ani*, the prayer to thank God for returning one's soul on awakening. That morning, having just learned of the accident, Rabbi Plotkin, then 16, was moved by the prayer in a profound way for the first time.

Such moments are rare, even for rabbis, he admits. "We are as guilty as everybody else of allowing our prayers to become rote."

On difficult days, he says, he allows himself a slower pace of davening. Reading a favourite line that speaks to him, calms or directs him is "like a booster shot."

Rabbi Paul Plotkin

In *The Lord Is My Shepherd*, Rabbi Plotkin deals with issues including abandonment, old age, illness, death, loneliness, slander, and even geekiness, drawing on some of his own experiences at William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate Institute, which he attended for two years. Teenagers swimming against the tide can relate to the psalmist who is "surrounded by the 'cool' people," he suggests.

An alumnus of Associated Hebrew Day Schools, Rabbi Plotkin studied sociology at York University and received a master's degree in Judaica from the Jewish Theological Seminary, where he was ordained in 1976.

As a youngster, he grew up in a traditional but not shomer Shabbat home, and spent much time at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, where he was United Synagogue Youth (USY) president and later youth director. Every Saturday, he studied Talmud with Rabbi Joseph Kelman, now rabbi emeritus, at the rabbi's home.

It was at Rabbi Kelman's suggestion that Rabbi Plotkin became observant around the time of his bar mitzvah, he recalls. His parents, Goldie and Isaac, supported his decision, with the understanding that he would also respect their lifestyle.

His paternal grandfather, Chaim Plotkin, whom he recalls as "maybe 5'1" and larger than life," was a Lubavitcher shochet and mohel. (The family is not related to Rabbi Avraham Plotkin of Chabad Lubavitch of Markham.)

Rabbi Plotkin realized as an undergraduate at York that everything he cared about was Jewish. He recalls "judaicizing" every paper he wrote, using Jewish themes and examples regardless of the subject. That was when the would-be lawyer changed course.

On Beth Am's Web site, Rabbi Plotkin said the aspect of his work that makes him feel best is leaving someone in pain or crisis "with a smile on their face or a direction when they had none." Writing the book and hearing from people who've read it and giving it to friends dealing with personal crises, he says, has also been rewarding.

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Adath Israel Synagogue gets new youth director

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

One of the youth programs planned for this winter at Adath Israel Congregation is an outing to see the play *Fiddler on the Roof* at Leah Posluns Theatre.

That should come as no surprise to anyone who knows the synagogue's new youth director, 24-year-old Brianne Buckman – a choreographer, dance studio owner, former competitive dancer and former student intern on Broadway.

Although it's not her mandate per se to bring the arts to Jewish youth, "it's who I am, so it will naturally happen," Buckman said last week in an interview at Reach Dance Academy, the Thornhill school she opened last summer after graduating from York University's combined bachelor of arts/bachelor of education program.

In addition to drawing on her arts background, Buckman wants to bring "a lot of life and energy" to synagogue programs and "make 'em fun."

With United Synagogue Youth (USY, the Conservative movement's high school arm) slated to hold its international convention in Toronto in December, this will be a big year for Adath Israel's USY group, Buckman said. The group, like its counterparts at other synagogues, will host a USY group from elsewhere following the convention.

Brianne Buckman

As youth director, Buckman and her staff of five oversee programs for youngsters from senior kindergarten through high school.

No stranger to youth programs in the Conservative movement, Buckman worked for six years at Richmond Hill's Beit Rayim Synagogue as USY adviser, and also worked with younger children ages four and up.

As a student at York, Buckman arranged her own exchange program with New York University in 2001, enabling her to study musical theatre choreography and theatre in education in Manhattan for a semester. While there, she interned at *Entertainment Tonight* and at an educational theatre company called Camp Broadway, where she worked as a teaching artist for Broadway's *The Music Man*.

At Beit Rayim, where Buckman attended Hebrew school as a youngster, she drew on her arts skills to choreograph a fashion show and organize a talent show.

Last year, while working as a teacher at Baythorn Arts Elementary School, she turned the tables, bringing aspects of the Jewish experience to her multicultural Grade 7 English class with the use of dance, drama and poetry to teach a Holocaust unit. Her students' poems were on display in May at the Sheppard Grande as part of "ECHOES: Artistic Expressions of the Holocaust," an event co-ordinated by the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Toronto.

As a teacher, Buckman is following in the footsteps of her mother, Miriam, who teaches at Netivot Hatorah Day School.

Buckman and her older brother, Brent, were raised in a house filled with music. She remembers singing Hebrew and Yiddish songs with her Bubbie, and her father David – a lawyer who had his own band in Montreal before moving to Toronto – sang a duet with Brianne at Reach's end-of-year showcase.

An alumna of the first Canadian Birthright Israel trip, Buckman feels a much stronger connection to Israel than she did before, she said.

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Few confrontations between Jews for Jesus, Jews for Judaism

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So far, there have been few confrontations between the two sides. While groups of four to six Jews for Jesus have threatened to call police to allege they are being harassed by Jews for Judaism, the law was involved only once last week, at the corners of Queen and Bay streets. Three patrolling officers were stopped by Jews to Jesus, who said they were being shadowed and bothered by Jews for Judaism. Unimpressed, the officers said the counter-missionaries were doing nothing illegal.

"We're being very careful. We're keeping our distance from them and staying on public property. We're not engaging in shouting matches or being confrontational in any way," Ciss said.

But that doesn't mean the counter-measures will make it easy for Jews for Jesus. The cat-and-mouse tactics will continue.

"We have 80 volunteers ready at a moment's notice and others on stand-by. We have sorties going out twice a day," Ciss said. "The problem is, they're out earlier in the morning and staying out later at night."

To date, the movements of Jews for Jesus members have been random but somewhat predictable. They've showed up at several busy downtown intersections with high pedestrian traffic, at Union Station, at the corners of Yonge Street and Eglinton Avenue, and along the Bathurst Street corridor.

But Jews for Judaism notes a first: The missionaries have ventured north of Steeles Avenue and were spotted last week briefly at Clark and Bathurst streets, and going door to door in Thornhill.

"The forays into Thornhill have never happened before," says Rabbi Michael Skobac, director of education for Jews for Judaism.

The CJN accompanied Ciss and three Jews for Judaism volunteers last week on an outing. But after three hours on a circuitous route through downtown streets and a stop at the Canadian National Exhibition, no missionaries were spotted.

Nevertheless, that didn't mean things were quiet. There were several developments, including:

- Jews for Jesus have reached thousands of people with their literature. The group has reportedly printed 300,000 brochures for the three-week blitz in Toronto.
- Jews for Judaism is mailing 55,000 copies of an eight-page booklet titled "Missionary Impossible," which details what Jews for Jesus is about and how to respond to them. About 27,000 copies were inserted in last week's *CJN*.
- Missionaries went door to door in Thornhill late last week, handing out invitations to view *Survivor Stories*, a Jews for Jesus-produced film, with separate English and Russian versions, documenting the "born again" experiences of Holocaust survivors. Jews for Judaism plans "a presence" outside the venues where the film will be shown. But because it is being screened on Friday nights and Saturdays, it limits the Jewish response.
- Jews for Judaism reports that several Jewish-sounding surnames, including "Katz," were the targets of telephone calls from Jews for Jesus last week.
- Jews for Judaism is asking all rabbis in the city to set aside Sept. 6 as a "Stand Up For Judaism" Shabbat. All pulpit rabbis in the Greater Toronto Area have received educational and other background material about Jews for Jesus. To date, about 30 synagogues have agreed to alert their members.
- A community-wide rally is slated for Sept. 7, 8 p.m. at 788 Marlee Ave., featuring a one-time missionary leader who has since converted to Judaism, as well as Rabbi Bentzion Kravitz, founding director of Jews for Judaism. Both men are also scheduled to lecture in area Jewish day schools.
- B'nai Brith Canada became involved in the controversy for the first time. The group last week called a press conference to announce its "Proud to be Jewish" campaign.

Charles McVety, president of the evangelical Canada Christian College, told reporters the idea of preaching Christianity "under the guise of Judaism to those who are in fact seeking Judaism, is plainly wrong.

"We unequivocally denounce any and all deceptive tactics and declare that our friends have every right to be 'Proud to be Jewish,'" McVety said at the press conference.

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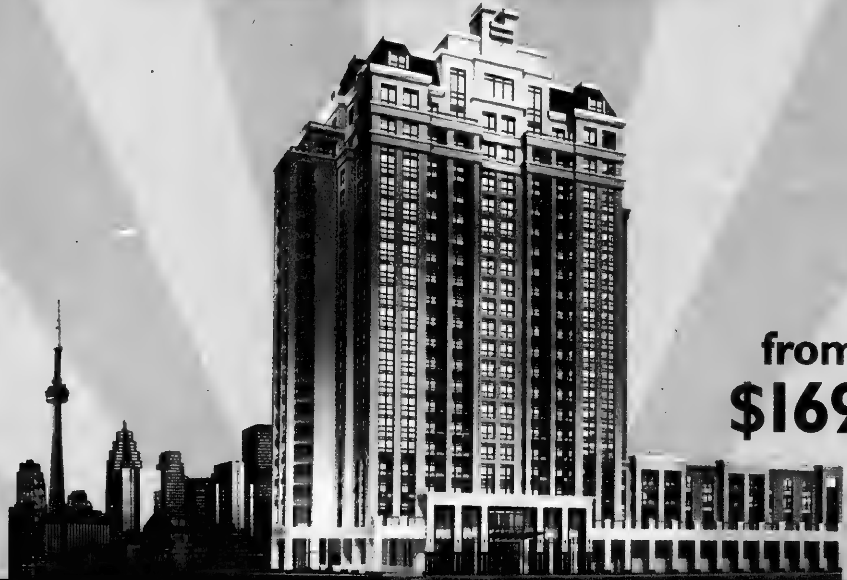

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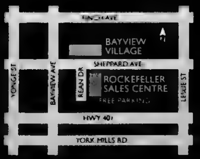
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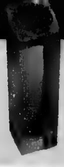

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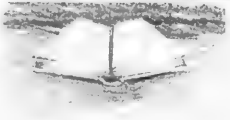
Jewish Life

You're insane. It's OK: you're Jewish

By RABBI MOISHE NEW



Rabbinic Reflections

Providence led me this past spring to lead a daily prayer service in one of Montreal's Jewish high schools. A number of the students had participated in the March of the Living program and I was the first to greet them in school when they returned from their sojourn in Poland and Israel.

The students returned with a deeper spiritual identity, which for many manifested itself in a newly found passion for observing mitzvot. I was curious to know what place or moment was responsible, more than any other, for this outpouring of the soul.

The answers shocked me. "Auschwitz." "The *Kaddish* at Auschwitz."

A few weeks later, several of the students came to my synagogue for Shabbat morning services. In my sermon, I related the aforementioned comments and posed the obvious question: How is it possible for one to discover a new level of faith in God at Auschwitz?

I explained that the *Kaddish* prayer expresses our faith in God's promise of a perfect world. Underlying the prayer is the doctrine that God has a plan, that life is sacred and that He governs His world justly.

And so I said: If there is one place on earth whose very existence protests the notion of justice, if there is one word that renders the whole concept of purpose in life meaningless, it is Auschwitz. Faith out of Auschwitz?

We are insanely Jewish, I concluded.

I ventured to suggest that the source of our insanity is the Almighty Himself. Our souls are a part of Him. And so in the same way that He cannot be explained, so too, one cannot explain the mystery of being a Jew.

Among the congregation was a man I'll call Mr. G., a guest at a simchah that was being celebrated that morning. Mr. G. is a Holocaust survivor.

Several weeks later, I attended the inauguration of Montreal's new Holocaust Memorial Museum. I had to give a class that evening and had to leave before the program ended. Slowly making my way out of the darkened auditorium, I noticed Mr. G. sitting at the end of the last row, near the exit where I was headed. I respectfully nodded my head in greeting. As I passed him, he grasped my sleeve, looked at me and with a smile that I cannot describe, whispered, "Crazy."

What do you say about a Jewish British soldier who has suffered from depression all of his life, despite having been decorated by the British government as a hero of the Great War?

During one of the war's fiercest battles, he fought in a hand-to-hand struggle to the death, using every last ounce of strength, and succeeded in overcoming his foe. As he sank to his knees, with his final breath, the German uttered the *Shema Yisrael*.

Never mind that the family histories of these two soldiers traced back centuries in Britain and Germany. Never mind that culturally they were an ocean apart. Never mind that they both swore absolute allegiance to the countries of their birth, of which they were proud citizens and for which they were ready to give their lives. Never mind that as soldiers on the front, their all-consuming objective was to annihilate the enemy.

Never mind all that. A Jew killed a Jew.

OK. We are insanely Jewish. And therefore…?

Well, to begin with, since a) insanity is hereditary and b) it is incurable, we ought to love our fellow Jew insanely (every Jew, regardless of how normal he or she may appear to be). For no reason. For no justification. Just because he or she is.

A final thought. The upshot of being crazy is that one's behaviour requires no rationalization.

So if you turn around one day out of the blue and decide, "I'm going to keep kosher." Or "I'm going to start keeping Shabbat." Or whatever. Don't worry. It's fine. You're OK.

You're Jewish.

Rabbi New is the spiritual leader of the Montreal Torah Centre, Bais Menachem Chabad Lubavitch.

Social unrest not linked to bad education

By DR. ELLIOTT MALAMET

JEWISH EDUCATION
The Next Generation

For those who bemoan the good old days, a time when children allegedly respected their parents and teenagers spent their hours in productive labour and sinless pursuits, I offer Shakespeare's sociological appraisal of late adolescence and early adulthood, courtesy of *The Winter's Tale*: "I would there were no age between 16 and three-and-twenty… ; for there is nothing in the between but getting wenches with child, wronging the ancientry, stealing, fighting."

Hmmm. Sounds like a slightly extreme version of many a recent newspaper op-ed column, save for the fact that it was written 400 years ago. In every age, how to deal with youth has been a perpetual source of concern.

For some, the temptation of Shakespeare's comic implication – can't we just skip over a few years and parachute my teenager straight into the maturity of being 24 – is very real.

On the institutional level of a given school's administration and faculty, the question becomes whether children – of all ages – are viewed as a populace to be controlled and restrained long enough to feed the requisite quota of information and then passed along with a sigh of relief; or as creative and unique individuals with their own learning styles, where the job at hand is, in the words of Jacques Barzun, "the unfolding of the person, the development of native gifts through the free but guided activity of the self."

Between these two somewhat stereotypical poles are multiple shades of grey. Unlike Bob Dylan's hilarious warning, "Look out kids, they keep it all hid," the fundamental attitude of many teachers can be seen quite easily within the first 24 hours of the school year.

The idea that all social unrest stems from bad education is a canard that does not bear much scrutiny, but it was a belief that inspired a 19th-century pioneer of schooling, Friedrich Froebel. Convinced that a child was like a plant that needed freedom in order to grow properly, in the 1830s, he coined the rather infelicitous term *Kleinkinderbeschaftigungsanstalt*, before mercifully shortening it to Kindergarten, a phrase that used a botanical allusion to indicate the appropriate path for education. Advocating such "revolutionary" curricular notions as paper cutting, moulding clay and toys "suggestive of the unity of the world," Froebel's harmless innovations received a chorus of disapproval and his school closed quickly. Now, of course, the notion that play is serious business and fundamental to a child's growth, and that a student's self-expression is intrinsic to her social and intellectual evolution, is hardly disputed.

The new school (and Jewish) year brings with it a perennial sense of optimism and its dark half-brother, dread, the former because of a recurring sense of hope that this is the year when the child can sprout and fully realize all of the inchoate ability encompassed in that shadowy word "potential," and the latter because of a suspicion that such potential will, yet again, go unrealized. Perhaps a less grandiose dichotomy is called for, and like Froebel's beloved flora, the child can be observed as neither failing nor fully succeeding all at once, but rather inching his or her way out of the ground toward the still distant but clearly visible light.

Jewish Life

Intermarriage just a symptom

Books
Bernard Baskin

***Why Marry Jewish?* by Doron Kornbluth,Targum Press Inc., $15.95 US.**

In our modern, liberal, open-minded society, why should Jews marry Jews? Actually, a clear majority of Jews already marry non-Jews. In North America, the intermarriage rate has risen to 52 per cent. In Vancouver, it's 75 per cent. Intermarriage has become so acceptable that even to suggest that it might be deplorable or regrettable is considered backward or even racist.

This paperback volume, lucidly written and convincingly argued, offers a variety of compelling reasons against intermarriage.

In the first place, mixed marriages have a higher rate of divorce then others. When you add the differences in family background, religious upbringing, cultural traditions and the pull of family and friends, the incidence of divorce rises sharply.

In the second place, the statistical evidence in one study after another is clear and convincing: only a small minority of the children of intermarriage will consider themselves to be Jews. Only a minuscule percentage will marry Jews and encourage their children to identify and marry Jewishly.

Whether it happens to the children or the grandchildren of the couple in question, intermarriage almost inevitably leads to the complete loss of a family's Jewish heritage. At most, only 18 per cent of the children of intermarried couples are being reared as "Jewish only," and even this minority celebrates Christmas more than Passover.

"The most difficult issues concern children," Kornbluth writes. "In many cases, the non-Jewish partner can be convinced to let a baby boy have a circumcision. But how does one then object to a baptism? Similarly, will there be a christening? What religious school will the kids go to, if any? Will the kids be brought up in one religion or both? Will your kids know how to read Hebrew? Will they know Christian prayers? Will the family celebrate Chanukah? Christmas? What about the other holidays? Will there be a bar or bat mitzvah? What if the kids start liking one tradition better than the other? Perhaps most importantly, what happens if parental feelings on these crucial issues change, as they often do?"

Without a firm commitment to Judaism, the children and grandchildren of intermarriage are left with a vague concern for Israel, nostalgia, fear of anti-Semitism and a kind of liberal universalism. You can't expect to have continuity if Jews know little about what they want to continue.

When all is said and done, intermarriage is only a symptom of the real culprit – the lack of Jewish knowledge and commitment. Jewish literacy has declined tremendously over the last two generations. Within the last 35 years, synagogue affiliation has dropped from 60 per cent of American Jews to 40 per cent. The number of Jewish children receiving Jewish educations has dropped from 600,000 in 1962 to 440,000 in 1990. Jews know much less and do much less in an active way than they did even a generation ago.

The Jewish community adds connections to our lives. Identification with our past and our dreams for the future give depth to our existence in the world. For many of us, being Jewish may be a wonderful, important, enjoyable gift. Yet so few know about Judaism or enjoy it.

That is the core problem. Intermarriage is nothing more than a result of the reality.

Christian and Jewish attitudes towards intermarriage are very different. This is partially due to the fact that the number of Jews is dwindling, while the number of Christians is not.

Kornbluth doesn't scold, preach or berate as he offers helpful advice and information to complacent parents, their troubled offspring and others on a problem of inestimable importance.

Search for family and friends, part 2

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

The Jewish Highway

If you ever volunteered in Israel, spent time at summer camp or belonged to a Hillel group, there's probably someone you'd love to get in touch with after all these years – if only you knew how to find them. With some work and a bit of luck, the Internet can make your search much easier. So, whether you're trying to find an old friend – or an old flame – here's where to start looking.

The Lost Amigos Web site is one of many where you can search for friends by location, institution or the name of the person you're trying to find. For example, when I searched for the word "kibbutz," I found hundreds of people who are looking to reunite with friends that they met anywhere from Kibbutz Afeq to Kibbutz Zikim. You can browse Lost Amigos as much as you wish. If you want to add information about yourself or someone you're looking for, then you will need to register. There is no fee **[http://www.lostamigos.net/]**.

Although there is no central directory for kibbutz volunteers, there are several great sites created by kibbutz alumni, such as those at Kibbutz Reshafim **[http://terraflex.co.il/kibbutz/ex-volunteers.htm]**. You'll find more links at the Kibbutz Ex Volunteer Association **[http://www.geocities. com/kibbutzeva/keva4.html]**.

Need more kibbutz information? You can find Hebrew only information about every kibbutz in Israel at **[http://makeashorterlink.com/?Y25F22E8 5]**. Click on the "*chipoos*" (search) button on the search form and you'll get a list of 276 kibbutzim.

Harvard Hillel Alumni have a place they can call their own **[http://hillel.harvard.edu/alumni.asp]** as do alumni of Birthright Israel. Just register and connect **[http://makeashorterlink. com/?I2 08151A5]**. Also check out Jewish Reunion **[http ://www.jewishreunion.co.uk/]**.

If you are trying to track someone down in Israel, the Bezeq phone company has created an excellent online phone book. Although this Hebrew-only directory is designed primarily for people with Hebrew keyboards, it's still very accessible to the rest of us. When you click on the "*makledet virtualit*" (virtual keyboard) icon, a little keyboard opens on your screen that allows you to tap in the Hebrew alphabet. Choose the region of the country for your search and you may find your long-lost friend or relative **[http://www.144.bezek.com]**.

And here's a reminder. You can save yourself a lot of frustration when you are trying to read Hebrew Web pages by downloading the free browser Mozilla **[http://mozilla.org]**. While some browsers display Hebrew pages as a mess of indecipherable squiggles, Mozilla does an excellent job of displaying everything from *aleph* to *taf*.

Since there is no definitive directory of Internet users, you'll probably need to hunt through several sources until you succeed. To get you on your way, I highly recommend a site called JournalismNet.com. Though this site is geared toward journalists, if you are trying to locate someone, you'll appreciate the having the best people-finding links in one location **[http://www. journalismnet.com/people/]**.

Long before there were computers, there was "Jewish geography," that pastime where Jews from far-flung corners of the globe would try to find out whom they know in common. See if you can find someone you know at Jewish Geography, the Web site **[http://www.jewishgeography.org/]**.

Why are Jews so fascinated by Jewish geography? After moving to San Antonio, Tex., the game became more enjoyable and important for Rabbi B. Allison Bergman Vann. "I believe that Jewish geography is fun because it underlines the amazing connections that we have in our lives. Relationships help us to put the picture of our lives together… Our lives and the relationships in them are like puzzles. We build the picture of our life piece by piece, receiving and giving pieces, all the time." Rabbi Vahn then quotes Rabbi Lawrence Kushner **[http://www.beth-elsa.org/abv091302.htm]**:

Everyone carries with them at least one and probably
Many pieces to someone else's puzzle.
Sometimes they know it. Sometimes they don't.
And when you present your piece
Which is worthless to you,
To another, whether you know it or not,
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You are a messenger from the Most High.

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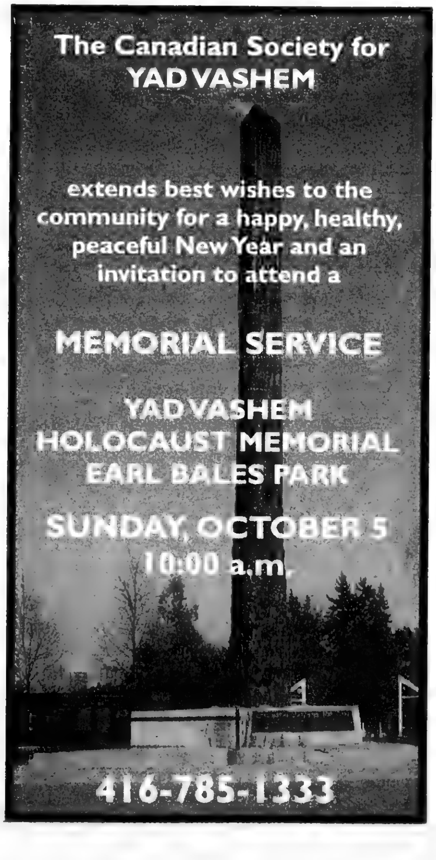

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NOTE TO READERS: *The CJN's telephone message system was not working between Aug. 20 and Aug. 29. I am very sorry if I was unable to respond to any calls.* – R.N.

Thursday, Sept. 4

LIMITS TO T'SHUVAH

Rabbi Ari Kahn, director of foreign students programs at Bar-Ilan University and teacher at Aish HaTorah Jerusalem, will discuss "The Life of Elisha Ben Abuya: The Curious Tale of a Scholar Gone Astray." 8 p.m. at BAYT, 613 Clark Ave. No charge.

Saturday, Sept. 6

SHABBAT FOR KIDS

Pride of Israel Synagogue offers a junior congregation and children's nursery programs. Participate in a child-led service as well as plays and other activities related to Torah reading. Every Saturday beginning today at 59 Lissom Cres. For more information, call 416-226-0111.

THE ROAD MAP: NOW WHAT?

David Zev Harris, bureau chief for news services, *The Media Line*, Jerusalem, and former Knesset and diplomatic correspondent for the *Jerusalem Post*, will discuss "The Final Nail in the Road Map: Now What?" 5:45 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. Call 416-789-3213 for more information.

Sunday, Sept. 7

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Two opportunities to hear **Rabbi Dr. Nathan Lopes Cardozo**: today, between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. when he leads a seminar, "Torah From Heaven: How is it Possible," and Monday, Sept. 8 at 8 p.m. when he delivers a lecture, "Rescuing God and Halachah: The Struggle for Relevance in Contemporary Judaism." Both events at Beth Jacob Congregation, 147 Overbrook Pl. For more information, visit www.torahinmotion.org or call 416-633-5770.

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OLDER WOMEN'S NETWORK

Hateship, Friendship, Loveship, Courtship and Marriage by **Alice Munro** will be discussed by the Feminist Book Discussion Group, Older Women's Network at 1:45 p.m. For more information, call **Ruth Goldsmith** 416-782-6414.

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Dateline NBC viewers laughed when they said hypnosis… They're not laughing anymore!

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John D. Leach
City Clerk and Returning Officer, City of Vaughan

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Judaism and Canadian Jewish Congress, with **Rabbi Bentzion Kravitz**, founding director of Jews for Judaism of Los Angeles, and **Gavriel Aryeh Sanders**, a former Christian missionary, at the Toronto Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave. For more information, call 905-761-0040.

Monday, Sept. 8

HOLY BLOSSOM BOOK CLUB

The Library Book Club will discuss *Yekl* by **Abraham Cahan** with English professor **Andrea Most** of the University of Toronto. 10 a.m. at Holy Blossom Temple. Call Anne at 416-789-3291, ext. 235 for more information.

CAREGIVER GROUP

Family Services Association of Toronto offers an opportunity for family caregivers to exchange ideas, offer support and share experiences at a discussion group facilitated by **Lynne Gallagher**. 355 Church St., 6 to 8 p.m. No fee. Pre-registration required. Call the service access unit at 416-595-9618 for more information and registration.

HIGH HOLIDAY PRELUDE

Rabbi Steven Saltzman will discuss "Talking About God: Sense or Nonsense," 7:45 p.m. at the Adath Israel Congreagtion. No charge. All welcome.

DIABETES CHAPTER

The Jewish Diabetes Chapter hosts **Mitchell Silverman**, vice- president, Meditrust Pharmacy, who will discuss "Managing Diabetes: New Tablets-New Insulin." 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. All welcome. CDA members $1, non-members $2. Wheelchair accessible.

Tuesday, Sept. 9

JEWISH MEDITATIONS

Join **Rabbi Moshe Kirsh** of Congregation Ohr Penimi for a meditation sessions. 8 p.m. every Tuesday. Call 905-889-0793 for more information.

YIDDISH CLASSES

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More news

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CURRENT AFFAIRS IN ISRAEL

Beth Emeth Brotherhood and State of Israel Bonds presents dinner with guest speaker **Jesse Guberman**, director of communications and public affairs office of the Consulate General of Israel, speaking on "Current Affairs in Israel." Thursday, Sept. 11. 6:30 p.m. Dinner $15. Call 416-633-3838 for reservations. Free admission to speaker presentation at 8 p.m. Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St.

COLE MEMORIAL LECTURE

This year's Sharon Cole memorial lecture will be given by **Karen Levine**, author of *Hana's Suitcase*. The evening will also feature Hana's brother, **George Brady**. Free admission. Thursday, Sept. 11, 8 p.m. Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave.

ADULT EDUCATION

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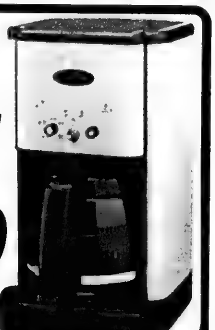

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Coast to Coast

Direct link between attacks and PA television: watchdog

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

The Palestinian Authority (PA) is responsible for last week's bus bombing in Jerusalem because for two years, its television network ran daily messages that glorified the killing of Jews, said Itamar Marcus, head of an independent Jerusalem-based organization Palestinian Media Watch (PMW).

Marcus, who was guest speaker at a fundraiser for the Canadian Institute for Jewish Research (CIJR), said TV "brainwashing" has been toned down in the past months due to U.S. pressure, but the PA continues to indoctrinate young people through other means.

"They are just trying to hide it more," he said.

For example, he said, a boys' soccer tournament in January was named after Abd Al-Baset Odeh, the suicide bomber responsible for the terrorist attack in a hotel in Netanya on Passover in March 2002. As well, a summer camp for girls was named for Wafa Idris, the first female suicide bomber. And at a high school graduation ceremony in July, young people danced to a song that claims Haifa, Lod and other cities in Israel proper "belong" to them.

Since the founding of PMW in 1996, Marcus has monitored the Palestinian media daily, going through every section of its newspapers, including the sports pages and crossword puzzles. (He once found a clue referring to a Jewish centre for commemorating the "lies" of the Holocaust. The answer was Yad Vashem.) PMW also scrutinizes Palestinian schoolbooks. The translations are done mainly by former Israeli army intelligence personnel.

Marcus's goal is to show the world the disparity between what the PA says in English to the West and what it says to its own people in Arabic.

The PA has been promoting a "genocidal" message through its media that the Jews must be exterminated, he said.

"If this was just a border conflict, it would have been solved a long time ago."

His video presentation of clips from "mainstream" PA TV during 2001-2002 illustrated how children were urged to aspire to *shahada* (martyrdom) and told that Jews must be killed. Jews are criticized, not for their policies, but because they are "inherently evil" and the enemies of Islam, he said.

"This is the lethal combination that led to what happened in Jerusalem," said Marcus, a former member of a trilateral committee formed to monitor incitement under the Wye accords.

He showed clips from PA television that claim all of Israel proper belongs to the Palestinians, not just the West Bank and Gaza. Jews are referred to as liars and murderers, and their claims on the land of Israel are labelled false by religious leaders and academics.

Marcus, who has brought such evidence before the European, French, British and Australian parliaments and expects soon to appear before a U.S. Senate hearing, believes that unless there is a radical change in the PA's ideology, "we will be dealing for the next few years with [this type of terrorism], not just in Israel, but all of the West."

There is no "cycle of violence" between Israel and the Palestinians, he said.

"The suicide bombing has nothing to do with what Israel did," he said. "It was not retaliation for Israel killing one of the heads of Islamic Jihad. It is the result of the systematic indoctrination by the Palestinian leaders, media and schools."

The West misunderstands the Arab mindset, he said. "Unlike what Cherie Blair has said, that the suicide bombers are acting out of desperation, they are really acting out of aspiration."

In 2001 and 2002, music videos were shown daily, some aimed at pre-school-aged children, that glorified *shahada* as life's highest goal. The videos tell children how "sweet" *shahada* is, and not to be afraid to die for Allah because great rewards await them in heaven. One video re-enacts the death of Mohammed al-Dura, the 12-year-old Palestinian boy killed during an exchange of fire between Israeli soldiers and Palestinian gunmen in September 2000, and beckons other children not to fear joining him.

In an "interview" with a group of 11- and 12-year-old girls aired in June 2002, one girl says *shahada* is better than obtaining peace or rights.

"Three different polls have shown that 70 to 80 per cent of Palestinian children aspire to *shahada*," Marcus said. "That is 700,000-800,000 children who do not fear death as a martyr. And Palestinian youth are being brought up today being told that the final chapter in the story is the destruction of Israel."

A change in attitude will only come if the countries that support the Palestinians threaten to withhold their funding and vote against them at the United Nations, Marcus said.

"Then it would stop overnight."

Media blame Israel for *hudna*'s collapse

According to Reports

By
PAUL MICHAELS

Reviewing media coverage following the Aug. 21 killing of Hamas leader Abu Shanab, one could readily conclude that Israel was to blame for the collapse of the Palestinian *hudna* or "ceasefire."

Lost in much of the verbiage was the fact that two days earlier, the *hudna* was effectively ended by Hamas and Islamic Jihad, when both claimed responsibility for the heinous suicide bombing of a bus filled with Orthodox families returning from a visit to the Western Wall.

Also missing was the fact that in the aftermath of this atrocity, Israel gave PA Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas, and his security chief Mohammad Dahlan, 24 hours to begin disarming and dismantling the terrorist organizations, as demanded by the road map peace plan. Both demurred, deferring instead to Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, the person originally responsible for much of the violence and terrorism, including the co-opting of Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

Israel was left with no option but to act in genuine self-defence. And still it got blamed. A typical example: On Aug. 24, CNN *Sunday Night* anchor Andrea Koppel interviewed Christopher Dickey, Middle East regional editor for *Newsweek*.

Asked Koppel: "If you're the Bush administration, how do you get the road map back on track?"

Dickey placed the onus entirely on Israel: "I think the Bush administration is going to have to lean very hard on the Israeli government and on [Israeli Prime Minister] Ariel Sharon, to stop him from carrying out provocative actions, like the killing of those Hamas leaders, which everyone knows perfectly well will lead to suicide bombings and a cycle of violence."

To which Koppel added her own one-sided commentary: "And that's something that Ariel Sharon has made clear… he has no intention of doing any time soon."

Dickey, like so many others, has reversed cause and effect. The killing of Hamas leaders is Israel's response to – not the cause of – murderous bombings. No other nation would put up with what Israel has endured. No other nation would allow terrorist groups to use a self-imposed "ceasefire" to rearm and plan for more attacks.

Similarly, in a story carried prominently by the *Toronto Star* ("Israel kills three militants, promises more strikes," Aug. 23), Reuters' Ala Badarneh reported that Israel's killing of Palestinian "militants" has extended "a new spiral of violence that has smashed a ceasefire vital for a U.S.-backed 'road map' peace plan." Again, this is very misleading.

"Palestinian officials said the authority was prepared to disarm militant groups, preempt attacks against Israelis, close down some institutions affiliated with Hamas and Islamic Jihad," Badarneh wrote. But with one faint, qualified exception the day after the bus bombing in Jerusalem, Abbas and Dahlan repeatedly said there would be no disarming of Hamas. Badarneh deliberately omitted that fact, making it seem as though disarmament was the norm. Such reports are grossly deceptive.

The *Star*'s Aug. 26 editorial, "Blowing Apart Mideast Peace," proclaimed what amounts to a "pox on both their houses," but missed an essential point. Israel is prepared for substantial compromise as long as the Palestinians fulfil the one essential precondition stipulated in the road map: Palestinian terrorist organizations must be dismantled. Until that happens, there cannot be any progress toward meaningful negotiation, let alone toward the creation of a viable Palestinian state.

Paul Michaels is the director of communications for the Canada-Israel Committee.

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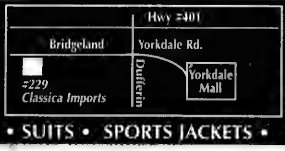

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Coast to Coast

Carleton U's Andrew Cohen: journalist and professor

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Academia

Andrew Cohen, a Carleton University professor of journalism and international relations, has written a lament for Canada. In a newly published book, *While Canada Slept: How We Lost Our Place in the World* (McClelland & Stewart), Cohen traces Canada's decline as a nation.

"By three principal measures – the power of its military, the generosity of its foreign aid, the quality of its foreign service – Canada is less effective than a generation ago," writes Cohen, a best-selling author and award-winning journalist who joined Carleton's staff two years ago.

In an interview, he hammers home the point: "We are not living up to our potential."

Canada, having stepped away from its "spirited internationalism," has been coasting on its reputation. After World War II, Cohen claims in this impassioned book, Canada had the world's fourth largest military, the finest foreign affairs ministry and a generous aid program.

But today all that is in the past, argues Cohen, a McGill University graduate who has worked for the *Globe and Mail*, the *Financial Post*, United Press International and the *Ottawa Citizen*.

Cohen, 48, believes that Canada can bounce back to its former glory. "We're a nation of resources and affluence, and we ought to be everything we can be in the world, and historically have been."

He attributes Canada's decline to a variety of factors, from globalization to a failure of vision.

Canada emerged from World War II with a sterling military record. "This was quite extraordinary for a country with a population of 11 million," he says.

In 1962, Canada's armed forces numbered 120,000. "Now we're half of that."

To Cohen, this is worth remembering because the army was always at Canada's beck and call. "We were an important peacemaker," he says, referring to Canada's role in United Nations peacekeeping missions. "It was part of our iconography."

But today, he says, "we refuse peacekeeping missions, and our role has been absorbed by many countries."

In his view, the problem can be fixed with an infusion of funds.

As a foreign assistance provider, Canada has slipped drastically since the 1970s. "We give aid to too many places. It's too broad and not deep enough."

From the 1920s to the 1950s, the Canadian diplomatic corps had few, if any, rivals. Canadian diplomats such as Hume Wrong, Norman Patterson and Lester Pearson, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1957, were virtually legends in their own time.

"We were very prominent in the formation of the United Nations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization," Cohen says.

But more than five decades on, Canada has lost its lustre. "We've allowed the foreign service to deteriorate, though there are a lot of good people in it."

Cohen suggests the Canadian media is partly at fault for Canada's diminishment as an influential middle power: they give Africa, South America and much of Europe short shrift.

"The coverage is fitful, inchoate and incomplete. For a country that generates 40 per cent of its wealth from foreign trade, you'd think that the media would be more interested in global politics."

Cohen says all too often, Canadian newspapers carry wire service items rather than stories by their own correspondents. The reason is crystal clear, he says: "It's cheaper."

Andrew Cohen

But Cohen also saves some of his wrath for Canada's education system.

Six out of 10 provinces do not require students to take Canadian history, he says. As a result, the vast majority of Canadians are not familiar with Pearson's role in the creation of a UN peacekeeping force after the 1956 Arab-Israeli war.

"It's symptomatic of our national ignorance as a people," he says with a measure of disdain.

He is also critical of Canada's policy in the runup to the recent war in Iraq. "We chose the UN over the United States."

Canada should have lined up behind the United States in its campaign to unseat Saddam Hussein and his brutal Baathist regime, he says.

"We were wishy-washy, and in terms of style and substance, we handled the Iraq file badly."

Given the fact that Canada is governed by Liberal Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, whom he describes as parochial, Cohen says he was not all that surprised by Canada's position.

"When it comes to foreign affairs, he's not particularly well-travelled or well-read. His foreign policy adds up to very little."

As for the Arab-Israeli conflict, Cohen says, Canada's objective should be two-fold: to persuade Israel that the settlements in the territories are untenable and to convince the Palestinians that the right of return is unattainable.

Cohen, who is married to fellow journalist Mary Gooderham, comes from an old Montreal Jewish family. The Cohens were influential in the founding of the Canadian Jewish Congress and of Shaar HaShomayim Synagogue.

The father of two children, Alexander Elliot and Rachel Hannah, Cohen earned graduate degrees in journalism and political science at Carleton after graduating from McGill in 1977.

Entering journalism as a weekend copy boy at the *Ottawa Citizen*, he was soon covering the education, police and city beats. In 1980, United Press International hired him as a parliamentary correspondent. By 1983, he was an editor at UPI's foreign desk in Washington, D.C.

In 1994, after a decade on the *Financial Post* as a political writer, editor and columnist, Cohen went to work for the *Globe and Mail*. He wrote editorials, specializing in national and international politics and federal-provincial relations. He won National Newspaper Awards in 1995 and again in 1996.

From 1997 to 2001, he was based in Washington as the *Globe*'s U.S. correspndent, covering the impeachment of former-U.S. president Bill Clinton and the disputed presidential election.

Before writing *While Canada Slept*, Cohen wrote a book about the failed Meech Lake accord and co-edited another book on former Canadian prime minister Pierre Trudeau.

Although he spends the bulk of his time teaching, Cohen writes a weekly column for the *Ottawa Citizen*, which runs in Canwest newspapers across Canada, and appears as an international affairs commentator on radio and television.

Jewish gay group celebrates first birthday

By DAVID LAZARUS
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL – The placards had a distinctive ring to them.

"One in every minyan," read one. Another read, "I had to come out of the closet. My mother needed the space."

Fourteen members of Feygelah, Montreal's newest Jewish organization for gays, marched at the recent Divers/Cité gay pride parade down René Lévesque Boulevard, carrying an Israeli flag bathed in the gay pride rainbow. The group, which also participated in this year's March to Jerusalem/Israel Day, is making its presence known here.

For Matthew Gore, it was an important moment. A year ago this July, Gore founded Feygelah in response to a gap in services for the Jewish gay community. Montreal has not had a Jewish gay group since its predecessor, Yachdav, disbanded seven years ago. An earlier group, Nachas, stopped operating in the 1980s.

In an interview, the 20-year-old student at Marianopolis College who begins studying at McGill University this winter said he wanted to create an organization that would serve as an umbrella group for Montreal Jewish gays, lesbians, bisexuals, trans-gendered and transsexuals. More important, he said, he wanted it to be an integral part of the Jewish community.

"I thought to myself: 'Look, there is no Jewish gay group, so why not start one?' It is important for us, and for the Jewish community at large, to give Jewish gays a voice. I know a lot of Jewish gays and they are full-functioning members of the community."

Gore deliberately adopted a controversial name for the group, a Yiddish term some Jews use disparagingly – *feygelah* literally means "little bird" – to emphasize that there should not be any stigma attached to being gay.

"It's similar to using the word 'queer,'" Gore said. "That was once a put-down, but now it's a term of pride. I wanted it to be a public word."

So far, Gore said, Feygelah has done well. Its mailing list is close to 200 and it also has a Web site, www.feygelah.org. The organization is putting its name out there, working to become socially active and more involved in Jewish community events. Feygelah is in contact with other gay groups internationally, including one in Israel, and plans are for it to become more "political" as it evolves, Gore said.

Yet Gore said Feygelah is still experiencing reactions that range from awkwardness to homophobia in its dealings with the Jewish community.

"At the March to Jerusalem, a woman came up to me and asked me if I'd seen a rabbi who could help me," Gore said.

"The thing is, you don't have to be gay to support us, to support what we are trying to do."

Given the recent court decisions in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia that have ruled to lift the federal ban on gay marriage, and the recent rulings in Ontario and B.C. in favour of gay marriage, gay rights are not far from the surface these days.

In Montreal's Jewish community, where the majority of synagogues are affiliated with the Orthodox movement, gay marriage is a non-starter. Only the Reform Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, which is the meeting place for PFFLAG – Parents, Friends and Family of Lesbians and Gays – is open to the concept, Gore said.

After the court decision, the Jewish Community Council wrote a letter of protest to Canadian politicans.

"The official Jewish position [in Montreal] is against it, while other cities have gay synagogues," Gore said.

"I don't know if the Jewish community here is more homophobic than any other, but I do know that it will be a lot more difficult here [to get support for gay marriage].

"The biggest struggle is to get rabbis and organizations to be more sensitive to the issue [of a Jewish gay presence] and to see us as full members of the community.

"The more common attitude is, 'We love the sinners but hate the sins.'"

More upsetting, Gore said, is the belief in certain circles that gays can be turned straight through "conversion therapy."

That is a "dangerous" notion that will lead to endless torment for those "converted" and something more likely "to deepen homophobia in the community," he said.

Gore's own path to acceptance didn't have these obstacles. When he came out of the closet three years ago, his family – father Brian, mother Yvonne and sisters Natalie and Karine – accepted it and were supportive, after a period of adjustment.

Gore said being gay in 2003 is a lot easier than it was years ago, even though he and other gays were harassed verbally at the Westmount private high school he attended.

"It wasn't so much the name-calling," Gore said, "but the fact that the institution did nothing to protect gay kids. It was horrible."

Gore said Feygelah will continue to bring its message of tolerance to the Jewish community and to the community at large, and to work toward expanding and thriving.

"There's a lot of work to be done," he said.

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Faygelah placard at the recent Divers/Cité gay parade.

Zoo removes offending Jewish symbols

MONTREAL –Granby Zoo agreed to remove two items with Jewish symbolism from an exhibit on endangered species following a complaint from Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC).

Yvan Vaillancourt, the zoo's director, understood the Jewish community's sensitivity and agreed to have ornaments made of a rare tortoise shell in the shapes of a Star of David and a challah taken off display, said CJC Quebec region executive director David Birnbaum.

CJC was acting on a concern expressed by a member of the Montreal Jewish community who had visited the zoo and had seen the items. They were shown as examples of the exploitation of the products of animals facing extinction.

CJC phoned Vaillancourt to explain that displaying such symbols may leave the impression that Jews are insensitive to a major ethical issue like protecting endangered species, Birnbaum said.

"We were determined to get this fixed. Small symbolic things like that can feed anti-Semitism. And, in fact, the use of such materials is not a Jewish practice.

"He immediately understood and promised to have them removed right away," Birnbaum said.

CJC did not ask about the origin of the items.

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"טורונטו בידינו"

זוהי הכותרת של כתבה שפורסמה בידיעות אחרונות לפני מספר שבועות. לדברי הכתבה הגיעו לטורונטו כעשרים אלף ישראלים חדשים בשנתיים האחרונות. אפילו אם המספר הזה מוגזם משהו, אין ספק שהנהירה לטורונטו גוברת. יש אומרים שזה ביטוי להקשחה האמריקאית בקבלת זרים. מה שבטוח בעיני זה שיותר ויותר ישראלים מחליטים שאיכות החיים בישראל, ואולי גם חוסר הסיכויים לשיפור-שוים את הסיכון שבירידה.
לפני כחודשיים כתב יאיר לפיד במדורו בידיעות אחרונות קטע על התלבטויותיו של איש באמצע חייו על ההישארות או עזיבת ישראל לאור כל הבלגן . לא מפתיע, מהכתבה הזאת עולה שהישראלי המסודר, בן המעמד הבינוני, שהולך למילואים ומשלם מיסים- מרגיש היום שהמדינה שלו נלקחת ממנו: בין החרדים שלא משלמים מיסים, המתנחלים שמקבלים תקציב ענק והערבים שמתפוצצים באוטובוסים-מרגישים רבים שישראל שהכירו כבר לא קיימת-ואם כך אולי ראוי לנסות ולחיות במקום יותר נורמאלי. אלה הם דברים קשים, אך חובה להגיד אותם, כי ללא שינוי חיובי באיכות החיים בישראל-רבים וטובים ישקלו עזיבה. קשה מאוד לגנות את קו המחשבה הזה. לישראלים שחיים כאן-חשוב לדעתי לשלוח יד ולעזור לישראלים שמגיעים הנה, הן בנסיון והן בקשרים. תסתכלו בראי- הם בדיוק כמוכם לפני עשר או עשרים או שלושים שנה. אבל שישאר בינינו.

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Montreal women promote Israeli health products

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

Israel may be known abroad for its high-tech prowess, but two Montreal women are spreading the word about another type of Israeli inventiveness: health products that are all-natural and often based on ancient remedies.

Dr. Milli Raviv and Yael Shahin, both originally from Israel, wanted to do something to help Israel's ailing economy. Since they are both working in the health field and visit Israel frequently, they decided to try to find a market for unusual Israeli products developed using scientific research.

They call their company Ivam – the initials of the names of Shahin's four children. They sell worldwide through their Web site (www.ivamgroup.com).

One of their finds is a topical treatment for fungal infections of the nails called Sephorris, which is said to be 100 per cent natural and effective.

Raviv, a dentist and natural health therapist, calls it a "miracle." Shahin, who works as a nurse with her doctor husband is equally enthusiastic.

The conventional treatment for nail infections is prescription drugs such as Lamisil and Sporanox that may have to be taken for up to six months and often have unpleasant side effects, Raviv said. There is also a risk to liver function associated with long-term use of these medications. The cure rate is, at best, 80 per cent and recurrence is common.

The Israeli anti-fungal treatment, developed at Tapuach Natural Technologies Ltd. in the Judean Desert near the Dead Sea, is made from the essential oils of thyme, oregano and cinnamon, which have anti-fungal and anti-bacterial properties that penetrate the nail. Herbs grown in the desert have a particularly high concentration of the active components because of the dryness and cool nights.

Sephorris is a liquid that is applied like nail polish on fingers or toes and comes in a bottle with a brush.

It is applied twice a day for 10 days, then once a day for the next 10 days. Following a recess of two weeks, the same cycle is repeated. Treatment is stopped for two weeks to avoid the development of resistance by the fungi.

If the fungal problem is less than two years old, two cycles may be enough for a cure, Raviv said. Otherwise, the cycle is repeated. Most patients have been found to have significant improvement after seven weeks.

The only possible side effect is reddening or blistering of the skin. To avoid that, petroleum jelly is applied as a protection.

The Israeli product has been tested both in vitro and on hundreds of volunteers, according to its manufacturers.

Another discovery of the duo is a deodorant called Lavilin, which lasts up to two weeks, even withstanding bathing and strenuous physical activity. Developed at Hlavin Cosmetics Laboratories, the deodorant cream is derived from the herbal flowers arnica and calendula, and is alcohol- and aluminum-free.

These anti-bacterial flowers have been used since ancient times for their soothing and healing properties. Lavilin's makers say it works by neutralizing odor not by masking it.

A study by the Heller Institute for Medical Research at Tel Aviv's Tel Hashomer Hospital tested the deodorant on 100 people under different conditions, hot and humid or hot and dry. A single application worked for four to 15 days, no irritation was caused to the skin and clothing did not fade.

An application is described as roughly the size of a drop of water. Creams are available for either underarm or foot use.

Yet another natural remedy is Help-S, a lip gel that relieves sores and fever blisters; it has a world patent pending. Developed by Hadas Natural Products, the gel is based on a variety of herbal and plant extracts.

These include melissae, propolis, vicia faba and echinacea, which are said to be anti-viral; chamomile and aloe vera that are anti-inflammatory; calendula (also used in the deodorant), for its wound-healing and anti-inflammatory properties; and vitamin E for its healing effect.

Help-S is said to be effective where resistance to regular treatments has developed.

Ivam also has health foods, such as carob and nut spreads, and novelty items, like a toothbrush with enough paste in the handle for 30 brushings, which is made at a kibbutz.

Shahin said orders for Ivam's line (the deodorant is the most popular item) have come from around the world, including Nigeria and Sri Lanka. "People in many places would probably otherwise not buy from Israel, but they are not worried about receiving a package from Canada."

Ivam has so far been a labour of love for Raviv and Shahin. Proceeds have gone into paying for shipping in other products and for promotion. They have been encouraging Jewish schools to use Israeli wares for fundraising, in the hope that parents will buy other Israeli products. The Shaar Hashomayim gift shop is also displaying some products, and IGA in Cavendish Mall is now stocking the carob spreads.

On Sept. 3, Raviv and Shahin will be in Toronto for an event organized by the Israeli Trade Commission where they will meet with outlets that might be interested in selling the products.

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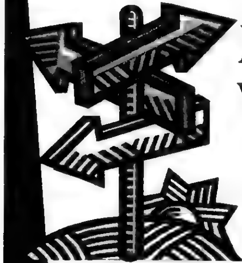

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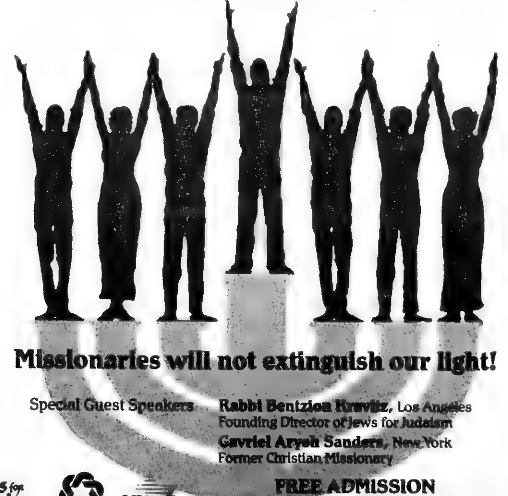

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Salads save valuable time for the great outdoors

By RIVKA TAL
Special to The CJN

Pasta salads come to the rescue when the sun is out and we all want to get out of the kitchen as quickly as possible. No need to turn on the oven – just cook the pasta briefly in boiling water, mix with a few ingredients and you have an easy side dish or main course that appeals to most people.

Variations are endless: pasta comes in hundreds of delightful shapes and sizes – from penne to seashells, fusilli to linguine – any of which can play a starring role in your pasta salad creation.

The sky's the limit when it comes to what a pasta salad can be: a main course, a side-dish or even a dessert (I recently threw together a Shabbat dessert salad of fusilli, oil, vinegar and raisins that was gobbled up by all).

Pasta salad can star seasonal fresh vegetables (even canned or frozen), fruit or even proteins, such as cheese, hard-boiled eggs, tuna and leftover cubes or shreds of chicken or beef.

Let your imagination run wild, and remember that you can almost always substitute different types of pasta, according to what you have in your cupboard.

TOMATO PASTA SALAD

8 oz. sea shell or wagon-wheel pasta
2 large peeled tomatoes, coarsely chopped
1 small onion, very thinly sliced
2 medium cloves of garlic, minced
2 tbsp. olive oil
1 tbsp. white wine vinegar (or regular vinegar)
1 tsp. dried oregano
salt and pepper to taste
1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese, (optional)

Cook pasta as directed on package or until *al dente*. Rinse immediately in cold water and drain well. Mix in tomatoes, onion and garlic. Add olive oil, vinegar and seasonings and combine thoroughly, but gently.

Chill in a covered container in refrigerator. Before serving, toss again and add optional cheese. Makes 6 to 8 side servings.

GREEK PASTA SALAD

8 oz. penne
1/2 pint cherry tomatoes, stemmed and halved
1 medium red bell pepper, seeded and cubed
1 small red onion, diced
1/2 cup sliced celery
1/3 cup pitted, halved black olives
2 tbsp. chopped Italian parsley
1 tbsp. chopped fresh mint (optional)
1/2 tsp. dried oregano
4 oz. feta cheese, cubed
black pepper (to taste)
1/3 cup olive oil

Cook penne according to package directions until *al dente*. Drain well and place in a large bowl. Add remaining ingredients and gently toss with olive oil and pasta. Refrigerate or serve immediately. Serves 6-8 as a side dish.

HONEYED PASTA-FRUIT SALAD

1 1/2 cups rotini
1/2 cup raisins
1 cup halved seedless grapes
3 peaches (peeled, if desired), roughly chopped
1/2 cup sliced celery
1/4 cup chopped walnuts
1 8-oz. container of soft cream cheese
1 cup vanilla or plain low-fat yogurt
2-3 tbsp. honey
1/ tsp. shredded lemon peel
2 tbsp. lemon juice
2 tbsp. whipping cream (optional)

Cook pasta according to package directions; drain and cool. Combine raisins, grapes, peaches, celery, walnuts and cooled pasta in a large bowl.

Combine cream cheese, yogurt, honey, lemon peel and lemon juice. Beat with an electric mixer on medium speed until well mixed and nearly smooth. Stir in whipping cream.

Pour dressing over pasta mixture and stir to coat. Cover and chill for 2 to 6 hours. Stir in a little milk to moisten, if necessary. Serves 6 to 8 as a side dish.

Greek Villager's Salad from *The Greek Vegetarian*, by Diane Kochilas, St. Martin's Griffin publishers, 1999.

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We must deal with the reality of inter-religious dating

By ALIZA CRAIMER
Special to The CJN

Last spring, I took a break from my usual potluck Shabbat dinner to go to the Oxford Chabad house for a talk titled, "Is the ban on inter-religious dating out of date?" Surprisingly, the answer was no.

Guest Voice

The rabbi suggested the main reason why people intermarry is a lack of Jewish self-esteem. By this, he meant that people who intermarry believe they have little of value to contribute to the Jewish people due to their lack of Jewish knowledge or observance, and thus, don't feel they count.

As he spoke, another explanation resounded in my head: What about the people who feel they do count, who are Jewishly literate and who want to marry someone Jewish, but can't find Mr. or Ms. Jewish Right?

In the past three months, I have listened to the agonies of three Jewish female friends who have non-Jewish boyfriends. Each of them has said the same thing: "In an ideal world, I'd be with someone Jewish, but..."

Maybe it would surprise most people to know that these are affiliated Jews who are proud of their Jewish identity and are struggling to reconcile this fundamental part of who they are with their choice of boyfriends. They worry about what will happen if they marry a non-Jew, feel guilty and struggle with the dilemma of wanting to be with someone Jewish but not finding him.

"I want to be with someone Jewish, but this person makes me happy, we have the same values, and after all these years I have never met a Jewish guy as great as him. I'm not going to reject a wonderful man for a dream that might never come true," they say.

There must be appealing Jewish guys out there, but many of us Jewish girls are having trouble finding them. For their part, a lot of Jewish guys have similar difficulties. There seems to be a basic problem of having the will – the desire to be with someone Jewish – but not having a way.

Although I believe that if the will is strong enough, a way will be found, the difficulty in matching up the two may explain the proliferation of Jewish dating services on the Internet. Although I've heard of several success stories, many of my Jewish friends feel uncomfortable with the idea of meeting their future love this way. Personally, I've thought to myself, "Well, maybe if I'm still single in 10 years, I'll give it a shot." Maybe I should "get with the times" and take advantage of technology, but the romantic voice in my head wants to meet Mr. Right the old-fashioned way. So the question remains for all us single Jews who want to have a Jewish partner. How do we find one?

Of course, Jews don't have a monopoly on the challenge of finding a needle in a haystack. Other minorities also struggle. A gay friend was complaining about how hard it is for him to meet Mr. Right. Try as I might to sympathize, I found myself saying, "At least you're dealing with 1 in 10 odds. In the Diaspora, I'm dealing with less than half a per cent!"

Thinking this way is depressing, so instead I look to a friend who has found a Jewish mate. Seeing them together gives me hope.

Last time I spoke with this couple about inter-religious dating, one of them proposed another theory about those who intermarry and those who refuse to tempt fate by dating non-Jews.

He suggested that people who only date Jews have a stronger feeling of collective responsibility. That is, they don't want to let the Jewish people down. They feel a strong connection to the past and it's important for them to help the Jewish people survive in the future. I think there's some truth to this hypothesis, but I can think of more positive inducements to marrying a member of the tribe.

This year especially, as I studied Jewish history and politics and became active in Jewish student life, I realized I couldn't spend my life with someone who doesn't understand Jewish culture, who won't be part of the Jewish life I want to lead and who will never be able to understand how I feel when I watch a film about the Holocaust or go to Israel.

One of my friends recently related that although her non-Jewish boyfriend tries, he doesn't understand how she feels about subtle anti-Semitic incidents. Another of my friends, after going on a trip to Israel, decided that being with someone Jewish is too important to her and broke up with her non-Jewish boyfriend.

Maybe in an ideal world, every Jewish single would find a Jewish mate. But this isn't an ideal world.

In any case, the friends I've mentioned do worry about their Jewish future – how they will live a Jewish life, raise Jewish children and not wind up ostracized from the Jewish community because of their choice of partners.

As much as we might not like it, inter-religious dating is a reality. Putting our heads in the sand or marginalizing the people who do it won't make it go away and will certainly not stop Jewish attrition.

As long as there are Jews who care about being Jewish, we have to find ways of making them and their partners feel welcome and connected to Judaism.

Ultimately, we need to find better ways for Jewish singles to connect so our children won't have to struggle with the same dilemmas.

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Canadians strengthen birthright israel

By DANIEL HOROWITZ

With an estimated 1,500 Canadian participants expected to be part of this winter's *birthright israel* trip following its most successful summer program ever, the 10-day educational tour of Israel is proving to be the most successful Israel Experience program in Canadian history.

In fact, close to 7,000 young Jewish Canadians have already taken advantage of this journey of self-discovery, since *birthright israel* was launched in Canada three years ago. Of those 7,000 young adults, 5,500 have travelled with Canada Israel Experience (CIE). This summer alone 1,500 Canadian Jewish men and women participated in the *birthright israel* program.

Since 2000, over 48,000 participants from approximately 30 countries have taken part in *birthright israel* and, of those, Canada has sent more than 7,000, or 14%. When the Palestinian campaign of violence against Israel began in September 2000, many communities shied away from sending their youth to Israel, but not Canada, which sent over 2,300 young adults – or 18% - of the total, on a *birthright israel* trip during 2001 alone.

"The Canadian Jewish community has consistently and proudly stood with Israel, especially during these past few difficult years," says Lorne Klemensberg, Director, Israel Programs, Canada-Israel Experience. "Canada's support for Israel is perhaps best reflected in the impressive number of Canadian *birthright israel* participants we have brought to Israel since 2000 amid the spate of Palestinian violence."

"When I went on *birthright israel* for the very first time, I was amazed by the transformation of the kids, regardless of their backgrounds," says Karen Morton, a founding Chair of *birthright israel* Canada. "There was something evident - right from the start - that made this program so unique, so powerful, and such an important life experience for these kids.It's all due to the efforts of people like Elizabeth Sokolsky and Adam Minsky in Toronto, and people on the ground in Israel like Lorne Klemensberg. I am so proud to be associated with *birthright israel*. I had no expectations when it started, but I know that it is vital to the future of the worldwide Jewish community."

According to Claudia Fleischer, who just returned home from her *birthright israel* trip, Israel proved a superb Jewish learning tool. "I couldn't believe how incredible this experience was," says the 20-year-old Thornhill resident. "All that history, walking in places and seeing sites where such monumental events took place thousands of years ago was absolutely unbelievable. We soaked it up like sponges. I understand so much more now about what it means to be Jewish, and where we came from, than I ever thought possible."

One of the more popular features of *birthright israel* is known as *mifgash*. Meaning "encounter," *mifgash* brings Canadians together with their Israeli counterparts – all of whom are currently Israeli soldiers.

"For many of us, *mifgash* had an especially meaningful and emotional impact," says Shaun Hoffman, an 18-year-old Torontonian. "We, as Jews, know that Israel is a luxury we cannot take for granted. To meet with these incredible young men and women who are responsible for defending this tiny nation amidst a sea of Arab nations, and really get to know them, laugh with them, cry with them, was unbelievably wonderful."

For 20-year-old Michael Mitnik of Toronto, the *birthright israel* experience was best defined by the following anecdote.

"We all trekked to the top of Masada early in the morning as the sun rose and once we got to the top, we all, in unison, shouted the word 'hope.' The echo that came back to us didn't even sound like our voices, what we all heard were the voices of past generations yelling it back to us. It was unreal," says Mitnik.

Bronfman mingles with bri participants

Charles R. Bronfman, the Canadian philanthropist behind *birthright israel* recently took time out of his schedule to spend a few hours chatting with Toronto participants whom he helped send to Israel. Bronfman got up close and personal with approximately 300 participants, as he addressed the group for Oneg Shabbat at the Southern Wall in the Old City. Later during the 10-day trip, he delivered a message of hope and solidarity to the group during an emotional visit to a military cemetery in Jerusalem.

"It is because of all of you here today that *birthright israel* lives. As you learn more about yourselves as Jews, and about your relationship with Israel, the future for all of us will be that much stronger," Bronfman told the group at Mount Herzel Military Cemetery.

(left) Charles R. Bronfman.

Preparing for a busy winter

Following on the heels of its most successful summer *birthright israel* program ever, Canada-Israel Experience (CIE) *birthright* organizers are not resting on their laurels; quite the contrary as the winter program starts to heat up.

If you are between the ages of 18 and 26, and have still not taken part in a *birthright israel* trip, the upcoming winter program offers some new and exciting ways to enjoy Israel for 10 days absolutely free of charge. Here are your choices:

In November, there's a special UJA Federation "GAP" *birthright israel* trip with an itinerary especially for Graduates, Associates and Professionals aged 23-26. This age-specific trip is geared specifically for individuals who are interested in learning more about their own Jewish community and how they can become involved. This unique program will also include participation in the General Assembly (GA) of Jewish leaders from communities across North America and the opportunity to meet other young leaders from around the world.

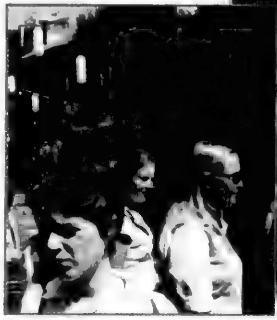
Escape the December snow with the choice of two trips - the CIE *birthright israel* journey which offers you the sunrise at Masada, archeological digging in the Israeli desert, touring the Old City of Jerusalem, and rafting down the Jordan River, or the Anguish to Hope – Joint Poland/Israel Experience (ages 18-22), designed for university-aged individuals interested in traveling to both Israel and Europe and learning about the Holocaust. Eligible applicants must be CIE *birthright israel* participants who have not participated on the March of the Living.

In January, ring in the New Year with the CIE "GAP" *birthright israel* trip, while February offers the CIE *birthright israel* Reading Week Special.

For more information about CIE *birthright israel* programs, call 416-398-6931 or 1-800-567-ISRAEL (4722) or contact info@canadaisraelexperience.com. Visit the CIE website at www.israelforfree.com

A boost for Israeli economy

The thousands of young Jewish adults who make their way to Israel on the 10-day *birthright israel* trip are not the only ones benefiting. In fact, using Israel's beauty as an outdoor classroom has also paid tremendous dividends for the Israeli economy.



Over 8,000 *birthright israel* participants from 25 countries and 190 campuses visited Israel as part of the 2003 *birthright israel* summer season. To date, *birthright israel* has infused approximately $70 million into the Israeli economy, an estimated $13.5 million this summer alone.

Perhaps nobody is happier to see these statistics than Avi Rosenthal, Director, Israel Hotel Association. "Tourism is a major branch of the Israel economy that has suffered a lot because of the geopolitical situation," says Rosenthal. "The increase in *birthright israel* tourists will perhaps bring us to a turning point where hotels can rehire staff and increase employment all over the country."

The expected financial contributions to the Israeli economy by *birthright israel* winter 2003 participants are:

- 70 airline flights, 95% of them on El Al
- 4,400 days of work for tour guides, security guards and medics
- 45,000 paid visits to Israeli tourism sites
- 67,500 overnights in Israeli hotels
- 135,000 meals
- $1.8 million in souvenir purchases

"Not only does the program contribute to Jewish solidarity with the State of Israel," adds Rosenthal, "but it has made a significant economic contribution to the country."

What is birthright israel?

UJA Federation of Greater Toronto sponsors the *birthright israel* initiative with the Government of Israel and a consortium of major international philanthropists. *birthright israel* provides Jewish young adults - ages 18 to 26 - with a free 10-day educational journey of discovery to Israel. Since its inception in 2000, over 48,000 have participated worldwide in *birthright israel* trips, close to 7,000 from Canada.

An inspiring experience

Many participants have called *birthright israel* a life-changing experience. For two young Canadian women, Johanna Herman and Jenny Hazan, that statement could not be truer.

The July 2002 trip taken by Johanna Herman, a 22-year-old Torontonian about to enter her fourth year at the University of Toronto, sparked a dormant passion for Israel and the Jewish community.

Since her visit to Israel, Herman became active in Israel advocacy, attending different conferences and workshops. She also became Chair of Hillel's Arts and Culture committee, a position that allowed her to bring Israel's artistic achievements to the spotlight. Herman has also been elected Public Relations Coordinator for Hillel at the University of Toronto.

Johanna Herman

"There are so many memorable experiences from *birthright*," says Herman. "The joyful ones include riding camels in the middle of the desert, climbing Masada, seeing the ancient ruins, visiting the Dead Sea and swimming in the Mediterranean. Other memories that carry so much meaning include visiting the Kotel for the first time, going to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum, seeing the Hall of Independence in Tel Aviv, and visiting the burial places of the Rabins and Golda Meir."

A passion for Israel is something that Jenny Hazan is actually living through.

Hazan, 26, grew up in St. Catharines, in one of the city's 160 Jewish families, before moving to Toronto. Despite the fact that her *birthright israel* experience was not originally her choice, she took it to the next level - by making aliyah.

"I had never even heard of *birthright*," says Hazan, a graduate of the journalism program at Queens University in Kingston, who moved to Israel in April 2003. "My dad had applied for me and my sister Lauran, and suddenly we were both going."

Jenny Hazan

Lauran, 28, followed in her footsteps and made aliyah in August of this year.

"My parents were afraid." says Hazan. "They thought that my boyfriend and I were going to get married. My sister was also seriously dating a non-Jewish guy. My whole family was falling apart."

With her boyfriend close to popping the question, Jenny left for Israel as part of the February 2001 *birthright israel* trip, and she's never looked back.

"Being in Israel gave me the opportunity to discover what my purpose was on this planet as a Jew," she says. "Israel is my country, my responsibility, these are my people. After *birthright*, I knew that assimilation was no longer an option – I could not possibly be responsible for hurting something that was already so fragile. I want to help to make Judaism stronger, not weaken it."

Still, at the beginning of Jenny's love affair with Israel, her mother needed a bit of convincing.

"Even during the intifadah, my mother would call me and ask me to get on a plane back to Toronto," says Hazan. "I told her 'no way.' I had become friends with people defending this country, how could I go back to Toronto? Then when she'd ask, 'so, when are you coming home?' I would tell her, 'mom, I am home, the question is, when are *you* coming home, home to Israel?' "

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Advocacy organizations restructured

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Finkelstein said UIAFC has been concerned by Israel's deteriorating public image, the growing anti-Israel agitation at universities and the rise of anti-Semitic incidents since the Palestinian intifadah began in September 2000. A UIAFC emergency cabinet, including Israel Asper, Gerald Schwartz, Larry Tannenbaum, Brent Belzberg, Julia Koschitzky, Stephen Cummings, Stephen Reitman and Ron Stern, was created to look into improving the community response to these issues. GPC International, a government and public relations firm headed by Hershell Ezrin, was hired to review the work of various organizations and consider possible areas of innovation.

Finkelstein said that while discussions are still in their early stages, it appears that organizations such as the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC), Canadian Jewish Congress and Hillel of Greater Toronto (formerly Jewish Campus Services) will be expected to step up their advocacy roles.

"The big issues have been discussed, but not the details," Finkelstein said. "A framework is emerging. We're getting a vision of what to be but a lot of detail has to be looked at… A lot has to do with maximizing resources and how to spend more to do our jobs properly."

While discussions about who does what are still ongoing, outgoing CIC chair Joseph Wilder said "there is a role for the CIC in the future," but, he added, "I'm not sure what the parameters will be."

Along with the CIC board, Wilder is coming to the end of his three-year term, and was not consulted on possible changes to the organization. He believes the emergency cabinet has been talking about "re-jigging" various organizations.

"It's their call, not ours," he said.

While a nominations committee has been appointed to find a new board, "no one has been nominated yet," Wilder said. "I don't think it will have the same independence [as the current board]. The cabinet is assuming some degree of control.

"The cabinet indicated some time ago they want to involve themselves in how all community advocacy is delivered," he said.

Keith Landy, national president of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), said the CJC hopes "to make some proposals [during the discussions] that the cabinet would accept that would permit the CJC to retain certain aspects of its governance. But these aspects we recognize should be more streamlined, more effective and efficient."

CJC is currently charged with community advocacy on domestic concerns such as anti-Semitism.

"For years, advocacy was the poor boy at the table [when community funding was allocated]. That was for good reason," Landy said, pointing to higher priority issues such as Soviet Jewry and supporting development projects in Israel.

But with the emergence of the second intifadah and the recent rise in anti-Semitism, recognition was finally given for greater emphasis on community advocacy, he said.

"I'm confident [CJC] will emerge as a stronger, more robust and ever-vigilant organization," he added.

Finkelstein speculated that to properly implement an enhanced PR offensive, the community may have to double the funds it allocates to advocacy agencies. That would lead to a boost in the number of missions to Israel, particularly those involving "opinion-makers," she said. In the past, only about $30,000 was allocated for these missions, she said, suggesting that as much as $500,000 would be set aside for future missions.

Finkelstein said by the time the UIAFC board meets on Sept. 30, she hopes formal agreements will have been reached with various community organizations across the country.

Earlier this summer, the CIC, the community's lobbying arm on Israel, commissioned a report into the Canadian public's knowledge of Israel and Canada's Mideast policy. The report, prepared by GPC Canada, found that many Canadians did not identify with Israel and were not aware of the shared values of Canadian and Israeli society. That attitude worked against a more favourable government policy to Israel, said Shimon Fogel, CIC's chief executive officer.

The CIC has taken steps in the last year to boost its advocacy efforts. In June 2002, it saw its funding boosted by 70 per cent and it began hiring personnel and co-ordinating larger and more frequent missions to Israel of parliamentarians and their key staff, Fogel said.

Kelowna Jews flee from fire

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Nycole Yanow was one of the luckier evacuees. She and her husband, who live in Gallagher's Canyon, had several hours to prepare for the evacuation, relocate antiques to safer premises and consider what they wanted to pack.

"Kelowna is just an incredible town, and it's quite something to see how the community has worked together," she said. "Everyone becomes a volunteer, and we've been fed, accommodated, received vouchers and treated like royalty. It's made me love Kelowna more than ever."

Virtually all the evacuees were accommodated by friends in the community, Zidle said.

"We've been in touch with 99 per cent of the evacuees to find out if they need anything."

The OJCC would have provided financial assistance or accommodation, but none was necessary, he said.

Zidle added he has received calls of concern from representatives of the Canadian Jewish Congress and United Israel Appeal, also with offers of assistance.

Sam Larry, the congregation's spiritual leader, who organized a Friday night service in the centre's Beth Shalom sanctuary Aug. 29, said people in the community are much closer to each other than they were before the crisis.

"Hopefully the service will create some kind of closure for those that have been traumatized, because everyone that's been touched by the fire has been emotionally effected," he said.

During the fire's strongest days, residents in the area had to wear face masks or stay at home to protect themselves from the fumes.

"Those with breathing problems had great difficulty," said Zidle.

At the time this report was filed, the fire was 60 per cent contained, and many residents were being allowed home.

Despite the devastation, Yanow remained optimistic.

"When something is about to be taken away from you, you learn how much you love it," she said. "This place will bounce right back after the fatigue and anxiety subsides."

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IDF will keep up heat until PA cracks down

By ZE'EV SCHIFF
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

Analysis

The only thing that can possibly reduce the scope of Israel Defence Forces (IDF) attack operations in the West Bank and Gaza is serious, sustained action against the terror infrastructure by the Palestinian Authority (PA). If the PA doesn't make such a move, the IDF will continue its attacks on Hamas' and Islamic Jihad's leadership and terrorist networks.

Although Israel doesn't want to cause harm to the general Palestinian population, it will be impossible in IDF operations to avoid harming figures associated with Hamas' social-religious networks.

Israel might discuss a truce toward the end of the crackdown on the terrorist organizations.

It came to light recently that during negotiations between PA Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas, Hamas and Islamic Jihad, the Islamic organizations agreed to accept a truce only after Abbas promised not to harm their terror infrastructures. Israel refuses to accept such an arrangement.

Much now depends upon anti-terror actions taken by PA Security Minister Mohammed Dahlan and preventive security leaders in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The recent series of IDF attacks on Hamas leaders and operatives has reinforced a warning Israel has issued in the past: If Palestinians do not take firm steps against terror, Israel will do so itself using more drastic measures. The scope and intensity of Palestinian actions against the terror infrastructure will influence the nature of Israel's attacks against terrorists. Should the PA's activity against that infrastructure slacken, the IDF will intensify its anti-terror operations, possibly including attacks on the highest leadership stratum of Hamas.

The targets chosen by Israel in anti-terror operations have changed. Army forces strike against terror operatives and also against leaders from the militant Islamic organizations. This mixture of targets is meant to deter the terrorist organizations at all levels.

Therefore, it is not crucially important to Israel whether or not a missile fired from a helicopter is entirely accurate, or whether the target and his bodyguards escape. Ideally, the missile should hit these targets, but the overall purpose is to let Hamas know that the IDF is on its tail.

In addition, Israel would achieve a measure of success if Hamas operatives follow their organization's orders and walk only in narrow alleys disguised as women, or ride alone in cars and refrain from telephone calls.

The brunt of Abbas' talks have been with Hamas and Islamic Jihad, and not with the Fatah organization. Absurdly, Abbas has been unable to arrange a truce with the very organization he emerged from. PA President Yasser Arafat's meddling is largely to blame for this lack of an agreement with Fatah. Should Abbas and Dahlan insist that Arafat relinquish control of key parts of the PA security and intelligence infrastructure, it might lead the way for Abbas to bring Fatah under control.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon confers with his Palestinian counterpart in this file photo.

U.S. wants Israel to make gestures to Palestinian Authority

By ALUF BENN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — The United States is pressing Israel to make "positive" gestures toward the Palestinians along with the military measures it is taking against terrorism.

In a message to Jerusalem from high-ranking administration officials, the Americans said that Israel need not desist from its policy of assassinating terror operatives, but it should also take steps that prove Israel's good intentions toward the Palestinians.

The administration is now focused on restoring the status quo that existed before the Jerusalem bus massacre last week and applying pressure on Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas to take steps against the terror organizations.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon met last week with Republican congressmen, to whom he praised U.S. road map inspector John Wolf and Ambassador to Israel Dan Kurtzer.

Sharon said that they have difficult jobs but deserve all the support they can get, because American monitoring of the road map is the only way it will be implemented.

The prime minister called for ongoing, uncompromising pressure on the Palestinian Authority, particularly in the economic sphere, to persuade it to act against terror.

"I am committed to the road map and want to proceed, but unless the Palestinians meet their obligations – a war on terror and the dismantling of the terror infrastructure – it is impossible to make progress," he said.

He also said that unless the Palestinians give up the right of return and recognize that the Jewish people have a right to a Jewish state, it will be impossible to achieve a solution.

The administration does not intend to send any senior officials to the region to calm the situation between Israel and the Palestinians.

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Israeli tourism makes a comeback

By LOOLWA KHAZZOOM
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV – A man lies on the ground in front of this no-frills guest house in Jerusalem as three young women rush toward him.

Reaching into large red bags, one pulls out a brace and snaps it on the young man's neck. Another pulls out a strap and ties his feet together, while the third pulls out bandages and wraps them around the man's arms.

The young Magen David Adom volunteers have made it to graduation day.

These graduates of the Israeli EMT course are among the thousands of Diaspora Jews coming to Israel this summer on youth and tour programs.

Despite nearly three years of intermittent terrorism, the number of tourists coming to Israel is again on the rise.

"The world situation has become less safe," said Michael Freeman, director in Israel of the Federation of Zionist Youth, which, along with Young Judaea, sponsored the EMT course. "Why not come to Israel? It's no more or less dangerous than anywhere else in the world these days – New York, Bali, Russia."

The EMT program has more participants this summer than ever, Freeman says. He attributes the increase to the new perception of Israel as comparatively safer, and to the program's reputation for safety and security.

"Parents have come to trust our name," he said.

The number of visitors in Zionist youth tourist groups to Israel has almost rebounded to figures from the year 2000, according to Zvi Levran, director of Jewish Experience of Israel.

But the number of other tourists is still down, however.

"Many organizations that appeal to unaffiliated or less affiliated populations – those not as committed to Israel – have not gotten back to their earlier numbers,"Levran said.

In general, however, the recent trend has been an increase in tourism to Israel.

"We're starting to see pent-up interest – Jews and Christians who have wanted to come to Israel but have not done so because of the situation," said Ari Marom, director of North American operations at Israel's Tourism Ministry.

Before the Aug. 19 Jerusalem bus bombing, the situation had become relatively stable, and anxiety about the Gulf War had passed, he said. "The Jerusalem bombing will begin to impact Israel tourism this fall," he predicted.

Meanwhile, countries around the world have sent a higher number of tourists to Israel this year than last.

"There is a nice percentage of increase," Marom said. "But you have to keep it in proportion."

In 2000, 3.2 million tourists visited the Jewish state. In 2002, there were fewer than 900,000.

This summer, Levran said, "there was a 100 per cent increase in Israel-experience programs."

That's both good news and bad news. The good news is the increase. The bad news is that the drop in tourism from 2000 to 2002 was so severe that even a 100 per cent increase this year hasn't brought tourism back to its pre-intifadah levels.

At its nadir since the start of the Palestinian intifadah in September 2000, the number of youths visiting Israel was down 92 per cent, meaning that only 800 youngsters came instead of 10,000.

That figure of 800 "has been more than doubled this year," Levran said, "but still it's only 2,000 in comparison to 10,000."

A number of additional factors have kept tourists away, including the global economic recession, anti-Israel boycotts in Europe and fear of travel after Sept. 11.

Travel from East Asia and Latin America is way down from 2000, partly because of changed airline routing, according to Marom.

"From South America, you have to change flights in Europe or the United States, and that in itself is a main reason for not coming," Marom said.

Numerous European airlines either reduced or eliminated flights to Israel, making it more difficult for potential tourists to get here.

European Christian groups that came during the past three years often made their presence known publicly as a way of showing solidarity with the Jewish state.

In fact, when violence heats up, Christian tourists from the United States often are slower to cancel their plans than Jewish tourists, but afterward the Christians "are much harder to get back," Marom noted.

Typically, Jews make up less than 50 per cent of tourists to Israel. In 2002, however, Jews well exceeded the 50 per cent mark.

Those who came to Israel this summer included tourists on organized tours, people visiting family in Israel and those coming to explore on their own. Jews made up the majority of the latter two groups.

Some tour groups, like those that work in conjunction with the Jewish Agency for Israel, are veritable security experts, Levran and Freeman said.

At 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day, leaders of Jewish Agency-affiliated programs are in touch with a "situation room" that is connected to police and army surveillance units.

Groups are advised on where it's safe and unsafe to travel on any given day. All groups are accompanied by a guard on outings.

With the use of global-positioning devices, parents can know where their children are at any given moment – something that's not possible "when kids are in their own city in the Unietd States," Levran pointed out.

Youths on the Magen David Adom volunteer program said they were not afraid, even as they prepared to accompany paramedics on calls that could take them into scenes of bloodshed.

"I feel that as a Jew, it's necessary to contribute to the country," said Adam Benjamin – who, with his friend Rafael Broch, arranged for 18 others youngsters from England to participate in the MDA program. "If that means facing things that Israelis have to face on a daily basis, why should I not?"

Non-Jewish friends back home, however, often have trouble understanding the reasons for visiting Israel these days.

"My non-Jewish friends in England think I'm mad coming here," Lisa Shama said.

Just days ago, she watched her instructors on television as they attended to victims of a suicide bombing.

Later that night she heard a firsthand account of what had happened. "I think what English people don't understand is that despite the bombs, normal life still carries on," Tal Heymann said.

Broch agreed. "You can either get on with your life just as Israelis do, or sink back into the Galut," he said, referring to the Diaspora. "That's not the kind of Jew I want to be."

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The Week in Israel

Aug. 25

- An Israeli-Arab orchestra conducted by Daniel Barenboim, performed in Rabat Morocco. Tight security was imposed for the occasion.

Aug. 26

- The IDF discovered a warehouse of weapons in Nablus. The discovery was the third such find since Israeli forces entered the city last week.

Aug. 27

- Treasury officials predicted Wednesday that Israel's economy will grow by 2.5 per cent next year, with the unemployment rate climbing to 11.2 per cent, some 300,000 people. Treasury economists expect an average annual inflation rate of 1.1-1.2 per cent in 2003-2004, with an inflation rate close to zero for 2003.

Aug. 28

- Palestinians fired four Qassem rockets into Israel, one of which landed in Ashkelon's southern industrial zone. This is the first time that rockets have landed this far north. No one was injured.
- The payback of a loan by one of Ariel Sharon's sons to South African businessman Cyril Kern, is increasing suspicion that the prime minister himself may have been involved in illegal activities.

Aug. 29

- Hamdi Kalakh, a Hamas military leader in Gaza was killed in a rocket attack against him; three other Palestinians were wounded in the attack in the southern Gaza town of Khan Yunis. Kalakh was involved in mortar attacks on Gush Katif settlements in the Gaza Strip, Israel Radio reported.
- Shalom Hamelech, 25, from the community of Homesh was killed and his pregnant wife suffered moderate wounds in a drive-by shooting attack east of Ramallah. The Al Aksa Martyrs brigade claimed credit for the attack.

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Prisoner swap deal not reached with Hezbollah

If completed will not include information on Ron Arad

By URI ASH
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Israeli security officials said last week no prisoner swap deal had been forged with Hezbollah, but they were "cautiously optimistic" that a deal would materialize in the "near future." According to one report, the key to the impending deal has been Israel's willingness to abandon any connection between missing Israeli air force navigator Ron Arad and two Lebanese men it has detained, Sheikh Abd al Karim Obeid and Mustafa Dirani.

The Beirut daily *A-Safir* disclosed that German mediator Ernst Uhrlau had managed to resolve several points that had been in dispute between Israel and Hezbollah. The most divisive issue involved Israel's insistence on conditioning the release of Obeid and Dirani, who have been held for 14 and nine years respectively, on Hezbollah's disclosure of information about Arad. Israel, the *A-Safir* report suggests, has now abandoned this position.

According to a well-placed Israeli security official, "The deal has yet to be completed, but unlike in past instances, this time, we definitely have cause to be carefully optimistic."

The official acknowledged that if there is an exchange, it will not include information on Arad, whose plane was brought down in Lebanon in October 1986.

Details culled from Israeli security sources last week established that talks with Hezbollah had recently accelerated, with Uhrlau's mediation. The contacts began at Hezbollah's initiative, after the Shi'ite organization indicated it would be willing to make a deal involving the release of captured Israeli businessman Elhanan Tannenbaum.

Israel agreed to the talks, but only on condition that Hezbollah agree to the return of three Israel Defence Forces soldiers captured in October 2000 near the Lebanese border (the IDF has classified the three – St.-Sgt. Benny Avraham, St.-Sgt. Omar Suad and Sgt. Adi Avitan – as fallen soldiers whose places of burial are unknown).

The first stage in the talks was completed last Monday, when Israel returned the bodies of two Hezbollah guerrillas who were killed in clashes with the IDF in southern Lebanon. The men were buried in their native Lebanon village, Dibbine.

In exchange for the bodies, Hezbollah allowed Uhrlau to meet with Tannenbaum.

The German mediator reported to Israel that Tannenbaum was not in good health, so Israeli security officials decided to speed up talks for a prisoner release.

Tami Arad, wife of the missing navigator, criticized Maj.-Gen. (res.) Ilan Biran, who is co-ordinating Israel's efforts on behalf of its missing persons. Breaking a decade of silence, Tami Arad was interviewed on Israel Radio last week, angrily accusing Biran of treating her husband as though he is just "a page of history." She said the release of Obeid and Dirani at this stage, in the absence of disclosure about her husband's fate, would constitute Israel's abandonment of efforts to save him.

International Red Cross delegate Francois Bellon met with the family of MIA Benny Avraham last Wednesday for more than an hour at their Petach Tikvah home. Bellon stressed that he was not party to the negotiations, which were conducted by a German envoy.

"Bellon is preparing the ground in case the negotiations end favourably. He told us it should take days or weeks, not months," Haim Avraham, Benny's father, said afterward.

Meanwhile the London-based Arabic-language newspaper *Al-Hayat* reported that the deal being brokered would not include Arad.

22% of Israeli families suffer from poor nutrition

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM – About 22 per cent of Israeli families are too poor to regularly buy food or maintain a balanced diet essential to body function and childhood development, according to a study released earlier this year by the American Jewish Distribution Committee-Brookdale Institute and the Israeli Health Ministry.

Some 400,000 families suffer from what researchers call "nutritional insecurity" caused by economic distress. The findings are based on a survey of 1,400 families and is the first of its kind in Israel.

Researchers defined nutritional insecurity as eating smaller portions, skipping meals, and in extreme cases, not eating for a whole day. Nutritional insecurity is furthered by eating monotonous food that is high in carbohydrates and lacking in meat, dairy products, vegetables and fruit.

Situation has deteriorated in past two years

Fourteen per cent of families are deemed moderately insecure and eight per cent suffer from severe insecurity. A family's situation is considered moderate when the parents deprive themselves of food to ensure the children get what they need. In families whose situation is severe, neither the children nor the parents have enough food.

Some 80 per cent of the nutritionally insecure families reported a deterioration in their situation in the past two years due to the economic troubles.

About 60 per cent of the nutritionally insecure are Jewish families, 20 per cent are Arab families and 20 per cent are new immigrant families.

In related findings, one in five conscripts to the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) comes from a family living beneath the poverty line, said IDF Deputy Chief of Staff Gabi Ashkenazi, citing data from the most recent draft.

Ashkenazi said steps to improve the situation include providing the soldiers with weekly packages containing essential items.

The army is also giving military store coupons to IDF commanders, which they can distribute to needy soldiers.

While 90 per cent of the conscripts expressed a desire to serve in fighting units, Ashkenazi said there is no doubt that poverty reduces a soldier's motivation.

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Israel grapples with West Bank security fence

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Mideast Analysis

Israel's resolve to build a security fence through the West Bank and around Jerusalem has been bolstered by the bloody events of recent weeks.

As a result of the Aug. 19 suicide bombing in Jerusalem, Israel's assassination of Hamas leader Ismail Abu Shanab in the Gaza Strip and Hamas' renunciation of the ceasefire, the *hudna*, Israel is likely to complete the state-of-the-art barrier sooner rather than later.

The fence, which is designed to keep terrorists out of Israel, is a twisting mix of barbed-wire fencing, concrete walls, electronic sensors and guard towers. It meanders along the old Green Line but also juts into the West Bank.

The first phase, a 147 kilometre stretch in the northern West Bank, was completed at the end of July, a month into the shaky truce. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Defence Minister Shaul Mofaz are currently discussing the second phase, construction of which has yet to start.

The fence, which is likely to cost more than $1 billion (US) when finished, has triggered a welter of controversy and acrimony.

Instead of strictly following the boundary of the Green Line, the former border between Israel and the territories, it sometimes cuts deeply into the West Bank.

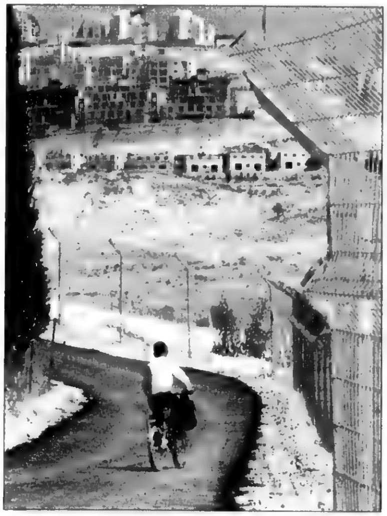
These intrusions, which are designed to place Jewish settlements on the Israeli side of the fence, affect the Palestinians directly.

According to a joint report released by the European Union, the United States, the United Nations, the World Bank and Norway, the bulk of the land used for the first portion of the fence was confiscated from Palestinians.

In addition, its path is such that thousands of Palestinian villagers have been cut off from arable lands, schools and social services, while the town of Qalqilya has been isolated from the West Bank.

The Palestinians, who refer to the fence as an "apartheid wall" and a new "Berlin wall," claim that Israel is unilaterally creating facts on the ground and thus a new permanent border. The Israeli government denies this accusation, saying that the fence is a temporary measure, and will not be needed if Israel and the Palestinian Authority sign a peace treaty.

Nevertheless, the planned route of the fence troubles the United States, Israel's chief ally.


A Palestinian boy rides his bicycle next to a security fence constructed by the Israeli army to separate Bethlehem from Jerusalem. **[RNS/Reuters photo]**

Washington, which has no objection to the fence in principle, is particularly concerned that one section will extend as far east as Ariel, the second largest Jewish settlement in the West Bank.

At his last meeting in Washington with Sharon, President George W. Bush described the routing as "a problem," saying that the fence will break the territorial contiguity of a future Palestinian state.

Hammering home the point, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said that the fence " is developing in a way that will make it very difficult to reach the next stage of the road map." He was referring, of course, to the internationally sponsored Mideast peace plan, which envisages a two-state solution by 2005.

Edgar Bronfman, the president of the World Jewish Congress, has joined the debate. In a letter to Bush on the eve of Sharon's recent visit, Bronfman wrote that the route of the fence is problematic.

Given Washington's reservations over its routing, Israel has agreed not to continue building the fence until the two sides reach an agreement.

Bowing to a U.S. request, Sharon has asked officials to present him with a revised route that protrudes less into Palestinian areas. Mofaz, however, appears to be adhering to the position that the fence should be erected east of settlements such as Ariel and Immanuel.

The concept of a fence to physically separate Israel from the West Bank has been brewing since the outbreak of Palestinian suicide bombings in 1994, the year Israel built a barrier to enclose the Gaza Strip. No suicide bomber has ever penetrated it.

The idea of building a fence through the West Bank gained currency after the eruption of the second Palestinian uprising in the autumn of 2000. Initially, Jewish settlers in the territories opposed a fence, thinking it would undermine their claim to the West Bank. But in a switch of tactics, they convinced Sharon to turn the fence to their advantage by rerouting it.

Now it is left to Sharon to choose a final route.

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Researchers working on improved Alzheimer's drug

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

The Israeli professor who invented Exelon, one of the two major drugs prescribed for the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease, is now collaborating with McGill University to research an improved medication.

Marta Weinstock-Rosin, a Hebrew University of Jerusalem pharmacology professor, has been on sabbatical at McGill working with noted neuroscientist Dr. Claudio Cuello on the new drug which has the preliminary name of TV-3326.

Weinstock-Rosin said TV-3326 has an antioxidant effect, which should slow down the development of Alzheimer's at an early stage. Free radical damage is associated with the neuronal loss that signals a person is predisposed to developing the disease.

"This drug clearly has a protective effect against oxidation in animals," said Weinstock-Rosin, who cautioned that TV-3326 may be years away from commercial production. She is careful not to raise the expectations of desperate patients and their families. Teva Pharmaceuticals, Israel's leading drug company, has matched a $100,000 grant from the Israeli government to fund research on the new drug.

> ***Ideally, the new drug will allow intervention at an early enough stage to prevent the onset of dementia***

The safety of TV-3326 is now being tested on healthy individuals in the first of three phases of clinical trials.

Ideally, the new drug will allow intervention at an early enough stage to prevent the onset of dementia. Magentic resonance imaging can detect the subtle changes in the brain that indicate susceptibility. TV-3326 will act more slowly than Exelon, taking two hours to kick in and thereby reducing the side-effects of nausea and vomiting some suffer with Exelon, Weinstock-Rosin said.

TV-3326 also has the advantage of being an antidepressant. Not only are those with Alzheimer's prone to depression, but the depressed elderly have a fairly high likelihood of developing cognitive impairments after a few years, she said. It may also be beneficial in the treatment of Parkinson's disease, which is sometimes present with Alzheimer's in the same individual, even though the neurons affected are in different parts of the brain.

Weinstock-Rosin and Cuello will continue their work together after she returns to Israel this month. She will send the brains of mice and rats to Montreal, so that Cuello's lab can analyze the nerve connections.

These rodents have been genetically altered to induce some of the pathology of Alzheimer's. The animals do not get the disease naturally.

Exelon, which is manufactured by the Swiss company Novartis, was approved for use in Europe in 1998, and in Canada and the United States in 2000. Worldwide sales have reached the billions of dollars, but this has not made Weinstock-Rosin rich; the royalties are paid to Hebrew University.

Both Exelon and its main competitor, Aricept, can improve the memory of people with mild to moderate Alzheimer's, and slow down progression of the disease. "Some patients respond to both drugs, some respond to neither. Some do not respond to Aricept but do to Exelon. The reverse, however, has never been shown," Weinstock-Rosin said.

"According to the published data, Exelon also has a positive effect on behaviour aberration, such as paranoia and agitation."

Chemically, Exelon is rivastigmine, an inhibitor of cholinesterase, an enzyme that breaks down the neurotransmitter acetylcholine, which has a role in memory and cognition. People with Alzheimer's have dramatically low levels of acetylcholine.

Weinstock-Rosin, who immigrated to Israel from Britain in 1969, has been a professor at Hebrew University since 1977. Since 1987, she has held the Leon and Minna Deutsch Chair of Psychopharmacology in Hebrew University's faculty of medicine, endowed by Montrealers. Minna Deutsch, 92, is a psychiatrist who worked at the Douglas Hospital for many years.

Despite the advances, Weinstock-Rosin said many doctors remain convinced that little can be done to alleviate Alzheimer's and therefore "don't bother" to get their patients tested for brain changes, let alone prescribe medication.

"We have had fights about this in Israel. It took two years of arguing to have Exelon and Aricept covered by the national health program, and [coverage] was only given initially when the person could not take care of himself, and that is too late."

It took a great deal of work, including trials with 3,000 patients, to prove to government authorities that the drugs must be prescribed as early as possible to do any good, she said.

What they were doing was false economy, she points out. Medicating Alzheimer's patients can delay by at least a year to 18 months the need for institutionalization, which costs the public purse far more.

Weinstock-Rosin, who has been in pharmacological research for 45 years, said watching her mother-in-law disintegrate from the Alzheimer's was one of the influences on her work. (Her husband Dr. Arnold Rosin, former chief of geriatrics at the Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, now runs a network of day centres for Alzheimer's sufferers living at home in Jerusalem, call Melabev.)

While the TV-3326 may have a protective effect, Weinstock-Rosin says it is impossible to invent a drug that would reverse Alzheimer's because once cells have died, they cannot be regenerated.

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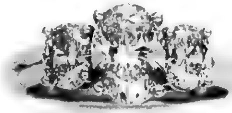

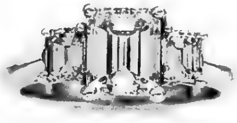

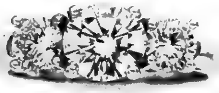

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BEAUTY SHOP

By CAROL WISE

Makeup News: Sexy is the attitude for fall. The colour palette radiates a sense of femininity with a lot of chic. Eyes are smoky, yet hints of colour are everywhere. Cheeks are muted but well defined, and lips and nails are still gleaming. It's going to be a seductive season, so get ready fabulous girls and have some fun.

The latest skin beautifier at **SpaMedica** (66 Avenue Rd., Toronto) is the *FotoFacial RF* wrinkle system. It's a great addition to the regular FotoFacial that incorporates a diode laser and radio-frequency energy and positively improves the skin, says Dr. Stephen Mulholland, director of SpaMedica.

The FotoFacial RF program involves five or six treatments over 15 weeks, he says. You can expect up to a 70 per cent improvement in fine to moderate wrinkles, discolouration and blood vessels, and a tightening of the skin. Each treatment takes about 30 minutes and patients can return to work almost immediately. This procedure provides outstanding results!

Kiehl's, the New York beauty bar, opened its first Toronto store at 407 Queen St. The store reflects an old world apothecary style mixed with modern functionality, which characterizes the no-nonsense company. The product is gentle, natural and very effective. The store buzzes with patrons and there are free samples galore.

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It all began in 1851with John Kiehl, who sold pharmaceutical cures. In 1921, the Morse family took over and Kiehl's entered the beauty arena. In 2000, **L'Oreal** bought the company and gave the gang the quirky quality image it has today.

CAROL'S TIPS

SKIN CARE: Minimize pores with **Clinique's** *Pore Minimizing Lotion*. It's lightweight, oil-free and minimizes the appearance of pores immediately. Over the long term, it strengthens the pore wall for a lasting effect.

Extra-firming Body Care from **Clarin's** contains effective skin-firming benefits that are great for the more mature skin.

Vichy's *Purete Thermale* is a calming cleansing solution that's great for sensitive eyes and face. It removes makeup without rubbing. Also from **Vichy** is the *Normaderm* collection that is excellent for acne-prone skin.

Christian Dior's *Nutri-Move* is a deep comfort moisturizer with Progressive Nutrition Diffusion Technology. This advanced cocktail will contribute directly to the activity of the skin lipids and help prevent moisture loss. Minimize fine lip lines with **Dior's** *Capture Levres*. This incredible potion smooths lip contours and helps keep lipstick from bleeding.

Luminous shine from Estee Lauder.

Neo-Strata introduces *Moisture Infusion Replenishing Cream* and an *Ultra-Replenishing Mask*. Both include highly effective ingredients to help restore moisture balance.

Estee Lauder's *Idealist Micro-D Deep Thermal Refinisher* is a gentle alternative to micro-dermabrasion. It renews the skin's texture and tone as well as minimizing the appearance of pore size and fine lines. Check out **Lauder's** *Re-Nutriv Ultimate Lifting Eye Crème* – it's soft as silk.

L'Oreal *Plentitude* becomes **L'Oreal** *Paris Dermo-Expertise* – a renewed skin care line with superb products to meet all skin care needs at all ages. Check out the cleansing cloths; they are fantastic!

FOUNDATION: A new moisturizing tint from **MAC** – *Select Tint SPF 15* – goes on invisibly, hydrates, conditions and gives your skin that flawless look.

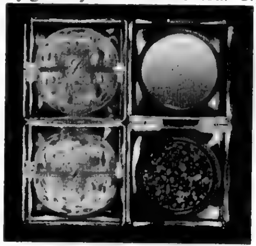
Say goodbye to shadowy areas and signs of fatigue with **Clarin's** *Instant Light Perfecting Touch* – easy to apply, and it really works. Also from **Clarin's** is a great new creamy compact foundation that gives medium coverage.

Illuminating Touch, an amazing limited edition from **Lancaster**, creates radiance with a sheen of pearl.

Shiseido's corrective *Concealer* compact is designed with two shades of concealing creams and a setting powder – say good-bye to imperfections in just seconds.

Ideal Matte Refinishing Makeup from **Lauder** is light as air with a delicious soufflé texture that creates a flawless, velvety finish.

Chanel's *Teint Compact Crème Universal SPF 15* glides onto the skin like a halo of light. It contains a multi-vitamin boost for a soft focus effect that minimizes fine lines and blemishes.



Sensational Drama Collection.

CHEEKS: Chanel's silky cheek colour in the *Be-Bob* suits just about any skin tone and looks as natural as can be.

Lise Watier treats us with *Twinkle* from their *Fall Divine Collection*. The copper micro-shimmer is dazzling.

NARS *Lovejoy* blush is a cool copper with a gorgeous gold shimmer.

LIPS: You must try **Chanel's** *Infrarouge* – whisper-light lipstick called *Sweet Sixteen* – stunning! **Chanel's** lip kit with four fabulous shades is also a limited edition and not to be missed.

Timbuktu lipstick from **NARS** is a Bordeaux wine shade that is quite provocative.

Clinique's *Glosswear for Lips Cream Shine* has a very high percentage of pigment for long-lasting colour. The texture is lightweight with intense full-on colour each time.

Juicy Rouge from **Lancome** is a remarkable formula that extends brilliance as a result of a patented Waterfix agent that causes the colour to adhere and last longer.

Pure Colour Crystal Glass with liquid prisms is another delight from **Estee Lauder**. The colour of the gloss changes with the light. Colour pigments and liquid crystals impart a luminous shine. **Estee Lauder's** *Pure Colour Lip Vinyl* gloss stick is another winner. It's a lipstick with the shine of gloss.

Lancaster's *Tuscany Vista* collection for fall includes four new *Rouge Grace* shades. The case is stunning and your lips will feel wrapped in a velvety veil of softness. To enhance the total look, use **Lancaster's** *Lip Contour* pencil in their latest colours of beige, brick or prune.

Caryl Baker Visage introduces a new vitamin C stick that is full of vitamin C and E to heal parched lips and contains an SPF 15 for protection.

Shiseido *The Makeup* introduces three fabulous new shades of lip gloss that are translucent and can be worn alone or to highlight any favorite colour.

MAC's new *Go Lightly Collection* includes amplified Crème Lipsticks with a moisturizing hit of soymilk and soybean extract.

L'Oreal Paris presents *Glam shine* – a liquid-gel lipcolour with a multi-faceted finish to create a volumizing effect.

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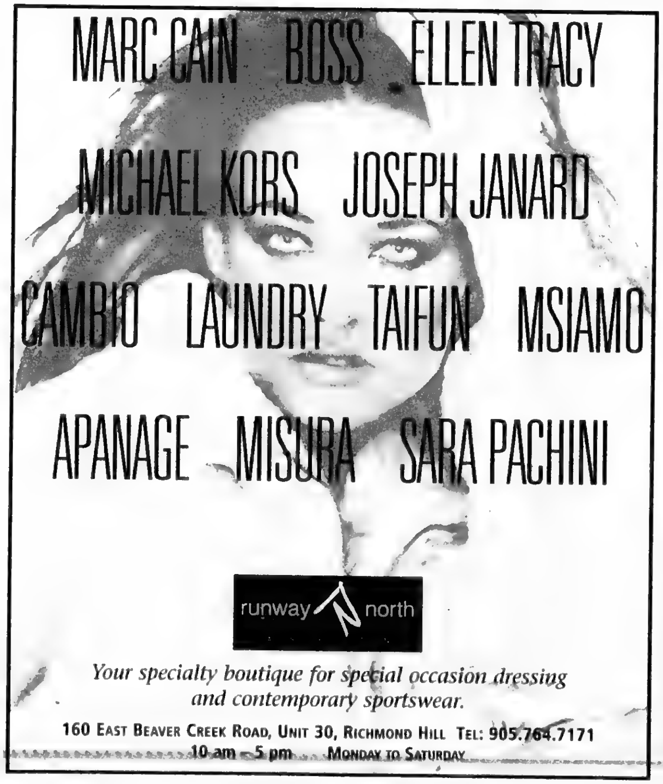

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Jeans de Chanel harmonies four variations of blue that all echo the denim weave – including a gold topstitch.

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EYES: Chanel's *Correcteur Eclat* is a great and easy to use cover-up that erases dark spots, redness and shadows under the eyes. Stunning, also from **Chanel**, is its limited edition Star Product called *Jeans de Chanel*. Harmonizing four variations of blue that all echo the denim weave, it even has a gold topstitch—simply irresistible.

Lise Watier's waterproof eyeliner is special, with no fading or smudging.

NARS's *Arctic Eye Shadow Duo* is a great combo of garnet and gunmetal frost.

For thick and lifted lashes, try **Revlon's** *Lash Fantasy*. It is a primer and mascara in one container. The nourishing primer claims to create five times the volume.

Estee Lauder presents a pairing of two new *Pure Colour Eyeshadow* shades – one dark with a lighter shade surrounding it in concentric circles. Look for them in the fall Drama Collection. This collection also presents four speckle coloured shadows housed in an ice cube container – just sensational. If your eyelashes are getting a little thin, try **Lauder's** *Lash Therapy* to strengthen them. Wear it alone or with a coat of mascara. The more you use it the stronger your lashes will become.

Lancome introduces an all-day creme eye colour and base that is long wearing and waterproof. It's easy to apply and as light as a feather.

Mascara and eyeliner duo from **Marcelle** is quite handy and a perfect little traveller.

Diorliner in two new shades this season is a great way to really enhance the size of your eyes and create a very provocative look. **Dior** also launches individual eye shadow compacts available in 16 dreamy shades.

Shiseido *The Makeup* presents six new creamy eye shadow duos. They can be applied to the eyes or face for a lustrous finish and are totally fade resistant and gorgeous. Check out **Shiseido** *The Makeup's* new mascara; it's an advanced volume mascara that delivers thick lashes with waterproof protection.

NAILS: Top your nails with fabulous new shades from **Chanel**. *Image Rose* and *Crystal Blue* are perfect to finish off your denim look.

Lancome presents a lacquered shine in red for the hands of a femme fatale – simply gorgeous.

Revlon introduces a delicious spin on the classic French manicure. Their *French Twist* collection includes soft, coloured pastel sheers that can be mixed and matched.

HAIR: Pump up the volume with *Volumactive Treatment Gel* from **Kerastase Resistance Line**. It's a light leave-in gel – perfect for fine hair. It actually protects your hair from the blowdryer.

Longer hair will be the trend this season, says **Cristina Marra**, a stylist at **Terry Ritcey Salon** (122 Yorkville Ave., 416-927-0624). She also informs us that bold, chunky highlights are still popular. The difference this fall will be that they are hidden beneath the hair, which helps to add depth and texture, yet can be exposed for fun and drama.

Robyn Alex, also from the **Ritcey Salon**, agrees long hair is the way to go. She is styling more hair past the shoulder with wispy, flicky layering from the bangs to the back of the head. Rich shiny browns and auburns are taking front stage over the blondes. Even natural blondes are opting for creamier shades, Alex says.

Both stylists are making extensive use of *Nurti- Huille* and *Anti Frizz* from **Kerastase's** *Oleo-Relax* line. Both these products protect and give hair huge shine. One more mention for Robyn – she shapes the best eyebrows in town!

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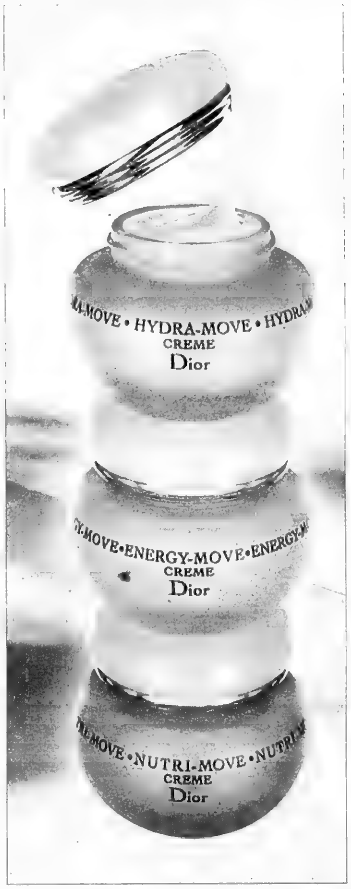
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Revlon introduces Lash Fantasy Mascara.

Lancaster's Tuscany Vista collection and Lip Contour pencils.

FRAGRANCE: Clinique *Simply* is a light oriental scent that creates an aura of comfort, serenity and pureness.

Discover *Lily Dior*, the good-luck fragrance composed around the innocent bloom, lily-of-the-valley. This limited edition is fresh, yet romantically bold.

Kenneth Cole launches *BLACK-Kenneth Cole New York*. The combination of energetic herbs with spices and sensual woods makes this scent very masculine.

Chanel's classic *Number Five* scent is now available in convenient refillable spray – the purse size is great and the scent even better.

Estee Lauder introduces *Beyond Paradise*, a fragrance fantasy that has a zesty freshness and opens with a bursting floral scent. The bottle looks like an elongated raindrop with a prismatic spectrum of colour—exquisite.

Chanel's classic Number Five scent.

For your special guy, **Issey Miyake** provides the perfect fragrance tool to envelop the exquisite scent. The name *L'Eau d'Issey Pour Homme* for travel, available in stunning 30-ml brushed aluminum bottles with refills available.

Jean Paul Gaultier pampers us with *Fragranced Body Glow Balm*. It's captivating and looks more like a powder compact than a scent.

Clarin's introduces *Cabaret*, a new scent with an exceptional, woody-floral fragrance with an ambery inflection. It's mellow and very sensual.

Echo is the new fragrance for men from **Davidoff**. It's like a burst of clean energy with a woody fragrance laced with a little spice.

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Go for fit and like what you wear

By ELAINE COHEN
Business and Supplements Co-ordinator

Professional image consultant Brenda Kinsel specializes in showing women how to build fashionable wardrobes that flatter their figures and exude confidence. Among her clients are physicians, lawyers, entrepreneurs, writers, and real estate agents of varied ages.

As owner of Inside Out, a style and wardrobe consulting company in California, Kinsel has been advising clients and contributing articles to major publications since 1985.

A popular guest on *Oprah Winfrey* and Fox News, Kinsel's chatty approach commands attention. Initially, Kinsel earned a degree in education and the teaching component shines through in her repartee. A hands-on entrepreneur, she makes a point of marching into dressing rooms and instructing clients how to choose well-fitting garments. Consequently, they learn how to build fashionable wardrobes that look chic and feel great.

Now, Kinsel puts readers through the paces in her latest book. Aptly titled *In the Dressing Room with Brenda*, the softcover text is distributed by Raincoast Books in Canada. It is enhanced with illustrations by graphic designer Jenny McFee Phillips. Readers will benefit from Kinsel's extensive research and 20 years of hands-on experience.

Unlike her previous monograph, *40 Over 40: 40 Things Every Woman Over 40 Needs to Know About Getting Dressed*, Kinsel's current book is directed to a heterogeneous target market. She addresses young mothers caring for infants as well as senior executives. Similarly, she offers pointers for sizes ranging from zero petite to woman's 3x.

The author says clothes mark the journey of our lives, reflect important events, and make unimportant ones memorable. The 23 chapters are laced with humorous quips. Kinsel advises women to clean their closets and get rid of clothes that don't fit, are out of date, and are unappealing.

She lists "Bren's Rules for Dressing". The following is a sampling. Love what you wear and wear what you love. Don't save anything for special occasions. Start each day with well-fitting underwear. Keep your fashion moving because not moving makes you look freeze-framed in a particular year. For example, big football shoulder pads from the 1980s and the oversized layer look from the early 1990s make a woman look dated.

A popular guest on Oprah Winfrey and Fox News

Kinsel clues-in women on body proportions and what apparel suits each shape. Go for fit, not size. The characteristics of a good fit are garments that follow the shape of the body with no indications of stress or wrinkling. The shoulder seam should sit on top of the shoulder. The curves at the neckline, armholes, hips and waistline should follow the natural contours of the body without binding or gaping. The length of the sleeves and hem should be smooth and even. The garment should fall at the most flattering point on the figure. Kinsel praises "the new frontier in fabrics" lauding Lycra for leeway in fit.

"A wardrobe is a fine-tuned machine," says Kinsel. "Like your car, it needs check-ups and adjustments to keep purring."

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A model with chutzpah

By DAVID SILVERBERG
Special to The CJN

What sets Shani Feldman apart from other models is her Jewish chutzpah.

"You have to be assertive and organized" to be a model, the 22-year-old Torontonian says. "Don't be shy about asking for water at a shoot or saying, 'You wanna dye my hair blue? Forget it!'"

Shani Feldman's acquaintances are often stumped by her ethnicity. The model's background is Polish-Antiguan.

What also sets Feldman apart from the other models at "cattle calls" ("Picture 1,000 women vying for one job," she explains) is her Polish-Antiguan background. Acquaintances are stumped by her ethnicity: some have guessed she is from Brazil, others have guessed Jamaica.

A glance into Feldman's room exposes the fashion freak. Her walls are plastered with pictures of male and female models, and beautiful celebrities from Brandy to Will Smith. Feldman also cuts out photos that entice the shopaholic in her. Pointing at one picture, she gushes, "That blue wedding dress, I'll be wearing that soon."

To her delight, Feldman is converting her passion for clothes into runway success. In 2002, Feldman made $30,000 from her shows, in which she modelled for such companies as Urban Outfitters and Balenciaga (when she was in Paris). She has travelled to Milan, Spain and New York, and has worked with Hugo Boss, Holt Renfrew, Nike, Franco Mirabelli and *Elle* Canada.

It has been a humbling journey for the girl "everyone used to call skinny," Feldman says.

Things got off to a shaky start when she began working at Elite Model Management at 16. She developed an infection from make-up that stuck to her eyes. She was told her hips were half an inch too big. But Feldman continued with the photo shoots and began nabbing showcases soon after her first meeting with Elite. She was told she had a "look," that vague term saved for the exotically beautiful.

Feldman is quick to shatter Hollywood-fed myths about models.

"We all don't do cocaine and starve ourselves… In fact, some model friends and I gorge on McDonald's when we're really hungry, like any other person."

Feldman is represented by B & M Models, a company that "is excited when you get a job, and they're not just looking blah," she says.

Modelling work requires patience and dedication, she says, so it's satisfying when someone appreciates the hours and the hard work.

While she has paraded clothing lines for fashion aficionados and posed in catalogues for companies such as Sears, Feldman doesn't see modelling as a full-time career path. But she's happy to be waist-deep in eyeliner and flashbulbs for now.

"Travelling in Paris and Spain, everything paid for… Who wouldn't love that?" she says. "But I want to go back to school, maybe take fashion or business."

For models like Feldman, who view the gigs as part thrill and part overkill, the double-dose of fun and income override such obstacles as pushy stylists, competitive attitudes and superficial values. But it always comes down to those boxes of magazines, those models she admires.

"I love fashion and I've always loved fashion magazines," Feldman says. "Usually, I love this job."

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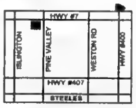

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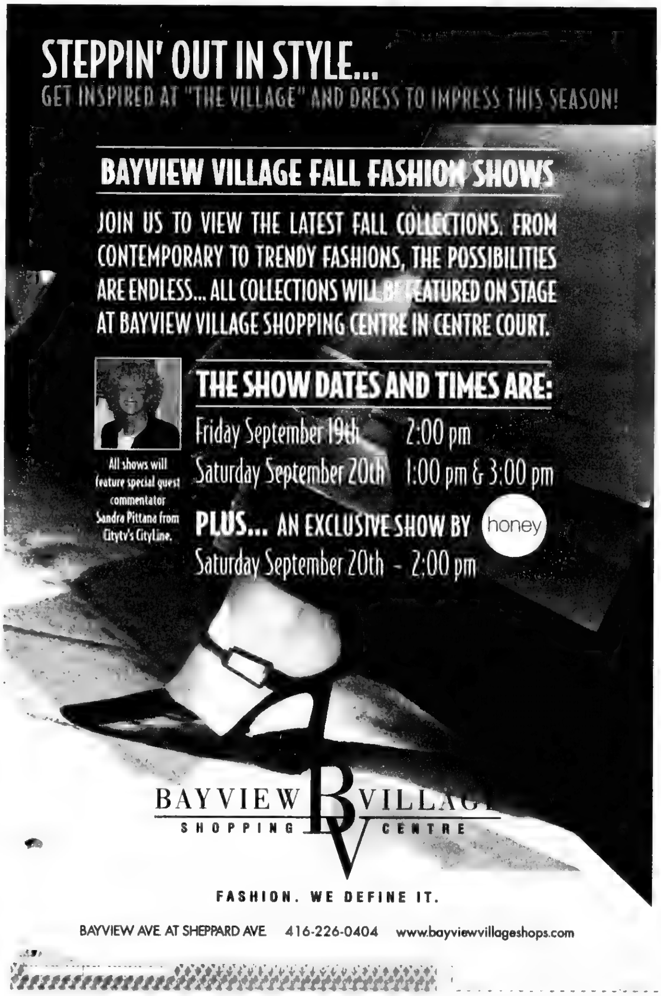

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Campus Fashion

By ANITA SZABADI-GOTTESMAN
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As the long summer days wind down, many students are packing up and moving out for the first time. Whether just beginning a vocational or technical program, taking a bachelor's degree or specializing at a higher level, for many, this is their first foray away from home to the on-campus experience. Preparations are lengthy and require much research to find appropriate housing and make final moving arrangements.

Daniel Salem, 19, a former Dawson College Student in Montreal, will be attending Ryerson University in Toronto, where he will major in Radio and Television Arts. This will be his first move away from home.

Salem has opted to live in student residence. His must-have personal items include his golf clubs and hockey equipment.

"I have to find out about extra storage for my golf clubs and hockey equipment because I want to have them available to me in Toronto," he says. He will also pack his tennis racket for the occasional game.

Salem's clothing requirements are much less stringent. "I am easygoing about what I wear," he says. "I grab whatever is in my closet."

A confirmed casual dresser, he looks to comfort first for campus wear. "Most days I'll just throw on a pair of sweatpants," stresses Salem. "If I want to create a better first impression, I'll grab a pair of jeans and a cotton sweater."

He prefers the laid-back style of Old Navy, Abercrombie and Nike. He shops on his own and accepts hand-me-downs from his cousin. "I look for what I like and what is comfortable," he says. He will also pack his two black suits with dress shirts and ties, "just in case."

"I don't want to be stuck not having an item of clothing if I'm invited to a bar mitzvah or wedding," says Salem, "I want to be safe." Not one to read fashion magazines, Salem says he likes to start his own trends.

Erica Bishen, 20, is set to begin her second year in general arts studies at the University of British Columbia (UBC) and will be returning to the dorms.

Packing up after spending the summer on the waterfront at the Samuel Bronfman Y Country Camp in the Laurentians and heading back to school is always a challenge for Bishen. She wants to take everything possible with her and is faced with airline weight restrictions.

"Luckily, my parents travelled with me [to UBC] last year, so they were able to take a lot of my things in their luggage," she says.

Bishen says her style is casual chic. Her luggage is full of comfortable, good-quality clothing, including a full range of pajama pants, sweats, T-shirts and sweatshirts. A confessed "bad shopper," she picks up things when she needs them. "I am definitely not a recreational shopper," she says.

She doesn't look for brands, although she admits that often quality and comfort come with a brand name. Bishen's fashion passion is accessorizing. "I like earrings and necklaces. My preferred outfit is a pair of sweatpants, a hoody and a 'statement necklace.'"

Bishen has followed this year's fashion trend of large rhinestone necklaces and seashell-inspired pieces. She always wears multiple earrings, combining diamond studs and small hoops in several piercings. She prefers one good quality watch and sports a Swiss Army model.

Bishen will pack her bathing suit to keep up her swimming skills while away. Her only regret is that she has no room for her piano.

French Dressing Jeanswear – a brand for women over 35.

By FRANCES GOODMAN PELLATT
Special to The CJN

Jeans, a favourite mode of dress for farm workers and cowboys, have long been in the fashion forefront with avant-garde styling adopted by movie stars, the rich and famous, teenagers and older folk. Montreal designer Donald Johannesson has taken this fashion craze to new heights with petite and regular size styles.

Since 1985, he has been designing the French Dressing Jeanswear line – a brand name that makes women over the age of 35 look at jeans in a different way. An award-winner with more than 30 years in the fashion industry, Johannesson says he uses "lines, curves and angles to bring you comfortable jeanswear and a flattering fit."

His fall/winter collection is new and bold. Inspired by styles from the four corners of the world, it includes fashions in a rainbow of 12 colours, from frosted blues to peppery reds, olive greens and lush purples. The stretch fabrics include textured solids and stripes, and the styles can be mixed and matched to suit your mood or the occasion.

A stretch Houndstooth blazer with matching skirt takes you to the office and beyond. The twill western jacket in brick, camel or black, and the stretch Houndstooth L-pocket flares topped with a poplin menswear-style shirt, are perfect for running around doing weekend shopping and visiting friends. And the dark indigo crosshatch denim frock coat over matching straight-leg pants is ideal for an afternoon date.

In sizes 2 to 20, with relaxed, easy and natural fits in stretchy materials that are mostly 97 per cent cotton and three per cent spandex, French Dressing Jeanswear flatters every figure. The styling is classic and the choice of fabrics lets you feel comfortable and ready for any occasion.

French Dressing Jeanswear president Len Miller's business philosophy is to stay focused.

French Dressing Jeanswear is a division of Keystone Industries 1970 Ltd., which was started by the late David Mindlin in 1908. In 1967, Mindlin's nephew Len Miller joined the firm and over the ensuing years, there have been several partners working with him. Three years ago, Miller was able to buy out his partners with the help of the Fonds de Solidarité FTQ and Venture Capital Fund, and he has not looked back since.

"Our volume has nearly doubled over the last three years, and our major thrust is French Dressing Jeanswear with a line of jeans, vests, shorts, skirts, capris, shirts and now knit tops, all in washable cotton-based stretch fabrics," says Miller who is president of the company of 325 employees with facilities in Thetford Mines and in Ville St. Laurent.

In addition to the French Dressing Jeanswear line, Keystone Industries also manufactures jeans under private labels for North American companies.

About six years ago, members of the French Dressing Jeanswear division became interested in supporting breast cancer research. In 1997, Miller opened a corporate Breast Cancer Awareness and Research Fund to which the company has been contributing 50 cents for every pair of French Dressing Jeanswear jeans sold. To date, more than $1 million has been donated to Canadian and American charities working to combat the disease.

"We're dedicated to helping not only the research into finding a cure for breast cancer, but also to raising awareness," says Miller, and during the month of October, French Dressing Jeanswear and hundreds of supportive retailers across Canada and the United States will ask women to "Try the Fit – Help the Cause."

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French Dressing Jeanswear is available in independent ladieswear boutiques and small independent regional chain stores across Canada and the United States. To view the fall line, visit the Web site at www.frenchdressingjeans.com.

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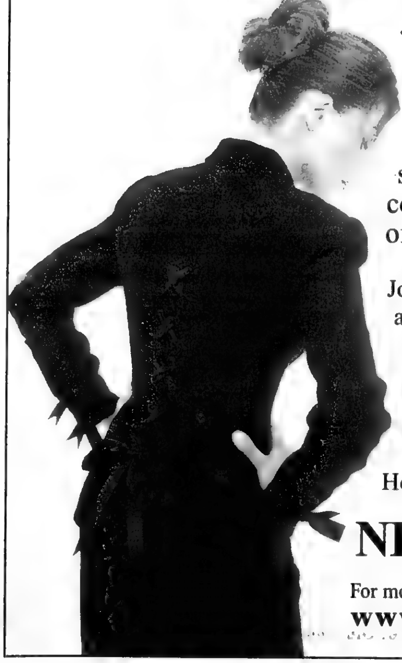

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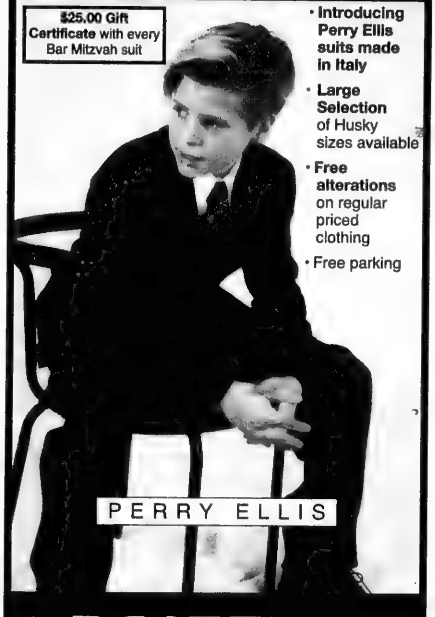

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Starting university with style

By RANDI BERGMAN
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This fall brings about a much-anticipated change for me and thousands of other Canadians. Yes, it's finally time for university. It's finally time to break away from regular programming and embark on a journey all our own.

Whether you're petrified or excited, I guarantee it'll be a wild ride, full of interesting people and new surroundings.

But amidst this newfound chaos, one question arises. With all the confusion in the air, where does one find time for style? The answer: there must always be a time for style.

At this fragile time in a young individual's blossoming career, style can be a defining factor in what makes or breaks a person. Now is the time to re-invent yourself and really go for broke, although hopefully not literally.

Don't hesitate to follow your heart's desire. How many times have you seen a fabulous shirt or accessory, but have been too shy to buy it for fear of not fitting in with the rest of your cookie-cutter peers?

Well now is the time to overcome that fear. Go for it! Attempt to develop your own sense of style. It's easier than you think. Once you change that reserved attitude about clothing, creativity will come easily to you.

There are so many wonderful trends out there this fall. Whether it be mod or the revamped tomboy, you can find a niche that is uniquely your own.

This fall, don't get caught in the sea of polo shirts and white tanks. Rather, make yourself a self-proclaimed guru of style. But most of all, don't forget a laid-back attitude. If you have fun with your clothes, chances are you'll have an awesome time wearing them.

The only free-standing women's Boss store in North America

By MATTHEW WISE
Special to The CJN

Nestled within the majestic cobblestone corridors of historic Old York Lane in trendy Yorkville is Toronto's newest slice of Italian couture.

Open since last fall, the new Hugo Boss store at 138 Cumberland St. is the only free-standing women's Boss store in North America.

The sales staff is friendly and stylish, with an approachableness and product knowledge that make for an enjoyable browsing experience.

It goes without saying that the clothes are stunning, but the accessories are even more so. Watches, purses and the most gorgeous eyewear add a whole new dimension to the already impressive lineup, and are a perfect complement to the clothing collection.

The watches range from sharp silver to soft pastels.

The eyewear tends to be streamlined and frameless, and is as comfortable as it is funky.

This season, the jackets are mostly short, cut narrow and lean, with colours and patterns ranging from alluring cigar brown to deep, mineral green. The suit jackets are mostly fitted and the skirts are knee-length with a traditional A-line.

Details take a cue from corsets and lingerie: hook and eye closures on jackets, heavy darting and stitching on blouses and dresses that bring emphasis to fit. Evening options include tulle dresses with brown leather paillettes and stone -washed crepe dresses with handkerchief hems.

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Business Profile

Fifty years of instant memories for Auto-Photo Canada

By ANITA SZABADI-GOTTESMAN
Special to The CJN

When Clark Kent needed a place to change into his Superman outfit in the blockbuster feature film, he used a photo booth supplied by Auto-Photo Canada Ltd. Familiar to most of us as a quick stop for photos, Auto-Photo Canada is celebrating its 50th anniversary as a Canadian leader in the instant photo business.

In 1950, Samuel Grostern brought the new concept of instant photo booths from New York City to Canada. His company has remained in the hands of his family, with Sam's son George, 66, and grandson Jeff, 40, at the helm today.

"I was 16 when my father started the business and I began working in the shop handling shipping and repairs," says George Grosten. "You could say I grew up in the business."

A chartered accountant by profession, George worked independently for many years and bought the company from his father in 1976.

Sam remained active in the company until his death last year at the age of 94. He lived long enough to enjoy his grandson Jeff's entry into the business. Also a chartered accountant, Jeff worked for many years as the comptroller for a necktie manufacturing company, joining his father and grandfather 10 years ago.

The Grosterns have grown Auto-Photo Canada into the primary operator of automatic photo booths across Canada, with over 500 units located in most major malls.

"We have photo booths from Victoria, Vancouver Island right acrosss the country to Newfoundland," says Jeff.

With modest beginnings in the old Woolworth store chain, Auto-Photo Canada instant photo booths can now be found at the premier retail spots throughout the country including, to name just a few, the Pepsi Forum and Fairview Pointe Claire in Montreal, Yorkdale Mall and the Eaton Centre in Toronto, the West Edmonton Mall to the Pacific Centre in Vancouver.

Most malls house one to four machines strategically placed in high-traffic areas such as entrances and exits and near the food courts. The enormous West Edmonton Mall contains 15 photo booths. Both the Montreal Metro and the Toronto Transit Commission in Toronto have several machines located throughout their transit network. Over the last several years, Auto-Photo Canada has also pioneered instant sketch and portrait studio machines, as well as "hair illusion units" that allow hair salon customers to test various colours and styles when making a change.

Both the technology and accessibility of automatic photo booths have changed dramatically in the last 50 years. As kids, we glammed it up with friends at the mall and waited for what seemed an endless amount of time for a strip of four small black and white photos to emerge. Today's machines provide almost instant colour photos or black and white sketched portraits. Traditional black and white photos are also still available for passport- quality pictures.

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Father and son George and Jeff Grostern of Auto-Photo Canada Ltd.

"We provide an instant high- quality photo," says Jeff Grostern. "It is a true developed photo that will not fade and that will endure forever."

Auto-Photo Canada has carved out a niche for itself as the designer photo booth supplier for Canada. Each of its booths is customized to match the décor of the mall.

"We sit down with each mall manager to design the specific booth for the mall in question," Jeff says. "When the mall redecorates, we redo the photo both."

Auto-Photo Canada's head office is located in the Royalmount industrial park in Montreal's west end. The company's team is rounded out by a full-support staff of 20, including technicians and carpenters. Its 12,000-square-foot warehouse has a dizzying array of photo booths, including some dating back to the company's inception in the 1950s.

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A capital intensive business, each booth costs approximately $20,000. The units are custom built and then rented with a built-in service contract. Preferably installed in high-traffic areas, there is constant follow-up and the booths are continuously visited by the service team to ensure breakdowns are minimized.

"Our technicians are on the road six days a week, seven if necessary," says George Grostern. "Jeff and I also make service calls when needed, we still run when necessary."

While many of their roles overlap, Jeff specializes in marketing and sales and oversees much of production. George is quick to point out that when Jeff came on board, he immediately computerized the accounting system.

"While we both do everything, I appreciate Jeff's younger contacts and perspective," says George, who works in marketing research. Always looking for new venues in which to place the Auto-Photo units, he attends many trade shows and walks around malls scouting potential venues.

"I love malls and I am a great mall-walker," says George. "I am always looking for new locations and looking to improve upon the placement of existing machines."

Auto-Photo Canada is also always looking for new markets. It has recently expanded to include supplying photo booths for bar mitzvahs, weddings and other special events. And *Superman* isn't the only famous project it has worked on.

"We are often called by movie production companies to supply our booths for feature films," says Jeff. "Most recently, one of our booths was featured in a Backstreet Boys music video."

For another recent project, the company teamed up with a local cinema operator to create a custom-designed photo booth that resembled a large box of popcorn.

But Auto-Photo Canada isn't stopping at the local market.

"Tradtionally within our industry, there is one major company in each country," says Jeff. "We are now ready to forge ahead into the American marketplace."

The Grosterns are confident in their expansion goals.

"Everybody uses our machines because our quality is unsurpassed," says Jeff. "While every photographer is our competitor, the ease of use and quality of our finished photos make us the common man's Karsh of photography."

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Toronto International Film Festival presents three Israeli movies

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Three Israeli movies and one film set in Israel are scheduled to be screened at this year's Toronto International Film Festival.

Rosenstrasse **is about a unique incident in Nazi Germany.**

The festival, which opens on Sept. 4, is presenting Nir Bergman's *Broken Wings*, Amos Gitai's *Alila* and Ra'anan Alexandrowicz's *James' Journey to Jerusalem*.

In addition, *Outcry*, an exploration of Ethiopian Jews in Israel, will be shown.

The festival is also screening Margarethe Von Trotta's German-language film, *Rosenstrasse*, which focuses on a little-known incident in Berlin in 1943 in which a group of Jewish forced labourers were saved by their Christian wives.

Broken Wings **was a big winner at Israel's 2002 Academy Awards.**

Broken Wings, which won nine prizes at Israel's 2002 Academy Awards, revolves around a widow and her four children still mourning the death of their husband and father.

An intimate drama about a Haifa family dealing with an abrupt loss, *Broken Wings* concentrates on private human experiences rather than the political turmoil usually associated with contemporary Israel.

Featuring a cast of mostly unknown actors, *Broken Wings* marks Bergman's feature debut as a director.

In *Alila*, Gitai – the director of *Kippur* and *Kedma* – looks at Israeli society through the mundane lives of several residents of a small apartment complex.

At the centre of the film is Ezra, an unhappy contractor working at the complex. Ezra's wife treats him with contempt and his son, due to be inducted into the army, barely acknowledges him.

Rosenstrasse, named after an obscure street in eastern Berlin, tells the story of three women whose identities are linked to a unique event in the annals of Nazi Germany.

After purging Berlin of virtually all its Jewish residents, the Nazis decided to round up Jewish workers who had been spared by virtue of their marriage to gentiles.

Their wives, in an unprecedented move, protested. The Nazis relented.

In *Rosenstrasse*, Von Trotta recaps this event in a film that bridges family histories and stories of love.

James, the son of an African preacher, is at the centre of *James' Journey to Jerusalem*.

On behalf of a congregation of devout Christians back home, James visits Israel, imagining that it must be a Garden of Eden. But when he arrives in Israel, James' illusions are shattered. He is thrown into prison as an illegal immigrant. A cynical labour contractor bails him out, and James learns about life in Israel.

A film that bridges family histories and stories of love

Destau Damtou's *Outcry*, set in 2010, delves into the heart of the Jewish Ethiopian community in Israel.

Damtou's film is billed as a a meditation on race, power and inequality.

Through black and white abstractions and a cacophony of sounds, Phil Solomon's *Psalm 111: Night of the Meek* evokes the historical moments leading up to the Holocaust.

In François Dupeyron's French film, *Monsieur Ibrahim*, which takes place in Paris in the early 1960s, the Egyptian actor Omar Sharif plays a Muslim grocer who becomes a father figure to a Jewish boy.

And in another French film, *Bon Voyage*, director Jean-Paul Rappenau recreates the Nazi occupation of France. It stars Isabelle Adjani and Gérard Depardieu.

Siddiq Barmak's *Osama*, the first film shot in Afghanistan since the ouster of the Islamic fundamentalist Taliban regime in 2001, is a drama that turns on a 12-year-old girl who must disguise herself as a boy in order to find a job in a repressive, puritanical society.

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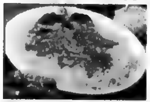

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Young Toronto filmmakers get their big break

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Two recent graduates of York University's film and video program have pulled off an amazing coup.

Their movie has been accepted by the Toronto International Film Festival, which runs from Sept. 4-13.

Ezra Krybus, 23, and Matthew Miller, 22, both of Toronto, recently learned that their 13-minute short, *The School*, was selected for the festival's Perspective Canada's program.

Screening dates are Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 9:30 p.m. and Friday, Sept. 12 at 8:45 a.m. at the Royal Ontario Museum.

Based on a short story by Donald Barthelme, *The School*, a dark comedic fable about the nature of death, will also be shown at the Los Angeles International Short Film Festival, the Atlantic Film Festival and the Manhattan Short Film Festival.

"I suppose we were a little surprised that the film has taken off so quickly," said Krybus. "When you're submerged in the filmmaking process, the end seems so far away. Festivals are the last thing on your mind."

The pair wrote and directed the movie as a fourth-year school project. Having previously worked together on a short drama called *Sundown*, they felt they needed to do something "more daring, something with humour, something with an edge."

They completed a script, assembled a crew and started filming last October. Since *The School* was funded entirely by students, their budget was extremely tight: $9,000.

Asked when he was first attracted to cinema, Krybus replied, "I dreamed of being an actor when I was young. I guess I didn't even realize that there were people working behind the camera."

Krybus, who attended Thornhill Secoindary and Vaughan Secondary, added: "I grew up on movies, though I really came close to studying theatre at university. At the last minute, I figured that if I went to film school I would learn how movies are made. At least I would learn a craft. I guess I just got the bug, because now there's nothing else I'd rather be doing."

Miller was drawn to the stage, having been involved in a high school theatre group after attending Thornlea Secondary School.

But, Miller said, "as I grew older and I began watching the classic American films of the 1970s, I realized I had to make movies. I became obsessed with film, watching a movie every day for my last few years of high school."

Famous directors have influenced both him and Krybus.

"Over the last few years, I've become very fond of the work of the late Polish filmmaker Krzysztof Kieslowski [*Red, White, Blue*]," said Krybus. "He had a way of structuring his films around a single idea and thus made them feel fully whole and alive."

Miller, who has been influenced by *The Simpsons*, Woody Allen and Stanley Kubrick, credits his parents, Sol and Myra, with having given him the confidence and courage to pursue a career in a difficult field.

Miller said he wants to remain a filmmaker in Canada, but will consider moving to Europe or the United States if he cannot achieve his goals here.

Krybus agreed, claiming he is not driven by the fame and fortune of Hollywood.

"I'd love to work in Canada, this is my home, but the problem is that there are not many people making films here. I want people to see my work, and if that means I have to move, then that's a sacrifice I'd be willing to make. Hopefully, that won't be the case."

Speaking for himself and Miller, Krybus said he has no idea whether *The School* will affect their respective careers.

"Some filmmakers keep pushing on and others fade into obscurity pretty quickly. It's a tough business, and many things have to fall into place for you to be successful. We just want to make movies. You make one so you can make the next one – that's how it works."

Krybus and Miller are already looking ahead.

They have written a script in collaboration with Sascha Drews for *The Drizzle*, a dark fable now in pre-production in Germany.

The pair is also finishing a screenplay called *The Portage*. "It's a cautionary tale about young children lost out in the wilderness," explained Krybus.

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Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

QUIRKY BIO-MEMOIR OF MORDECAI RICHLER COMING IN OCTOBER

Montreal literary journalist **Joel Yanofsky** has written a quirky, obsessive book about the late author **Mordecai Richler** titled *Mordecai & Me: An Appreciation of A Kind*. Its publisher, Alberta's Red Deer Press, has described it as "an intimate, gossipy book" that at times resembles a "literary stalking."

In the forthcoming book, Yanofsky writes of going on a sort of quest in the year after Richler's death and tells how he consulted with a rabbi, a psychiatrist, a dream analyst and others in his search for the man behind the literary legend. He also tours Richler's old St. Urbain Street neighbourhood and visits the Bronfman mansion before reaching the conclusion that "Mordecai Richler was the most interesting character Mordecai Richler never wrote about."

The book is due for publication in October. Also on Red Deer's fall list is a revised and expanded edition of Victoria writer **Stephen Scobie's** *Alias Bob Dylan Revisited*, which first appeared in 1991.

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Names in the News: Singer-songwriter **Tsufit**, a former litigation lawyer who is also a mother of four, found several years ago, after the release of her CD *Under A Mediterranean Sky*, that many people were approaching her for advice on producing and marketing CDs of their own.

As a result, she has launched a new business called Follow That Dream, through which she advises would-be business entrepreneurs and delivers motivational talks, helping people to realize their business plans especially in the areas of marketing and promotion. Tsufit performed recently at the Mill Race Festival of Traditional Folk Music in southern Ontario.

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Music at Winchevsky: The Cranbrooke Friendship Club presents Soviet-trained soprano **Miriam Eskin** as she performs *An Afternoon of Jewish Music*, consisting of favourite Yiddish and Hebrew melodies as well as popular Broadway tunes.

A longtime soloist with the Yiddish Music Theatre in Moscow, Eskin played the title role in the Israeli Yiddish production of *My Fair Lady* to sold-out houses across Europe in 1989. She currently teaches voice and sings as a soloist with the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir.

Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. $10 includes light lunch. Monday, Sept. 14, 12:30 p.m.

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For Children: The annual Hear Here funfest features rides, games, performers, a petting zoo and other attractions for children, with proceeds aiding hearing-impaired children. Green Acres Outdoor Education Centre, 11123 Kennedy Rd. (north of Major Mackenzie), Markham. Free admission. Sunday, Sept. 7, 11 to 4 p.m. rain or shine. 416-364-2264.

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Arts in Brief

- Markham Little Theatre presents *The Man With The Plastic Sandwich*, by **Roger Karshner**, directed by **Mark Nathanielsz**. "This is the tale of one man's travels down life's highway… without leaving his favourite park bench." Markham Theatre for Performing Arts, 171 Town Centre Blvd. $20. Sept. 10 to 13, 8 p.m. 905-305-7469.
- The Pomegranate Guild presents The Jewish Textile Art Festival, featuring exhibits, demonstrations and vendors. Admission free. Reena Foundation Bldg., 927 Clark Ave., Thornhill. Sunday, Sept. 14, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The Morris Winchevsky School celebrates its 75th anniversary with *Klez-more!*, a concert featuring **the Klezmer Swingtet** and others. Isabel Bader Theatre, 93 Charles St. W. $35-$25. Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m. 416-789-5502.
- **Louis Laberge-Cote** and **Keiko Ninomiya** are the joint recipients of the 2003 Paula Citron fFIDA award. Toronto dance critic **Paula Citron** inaugurated the cash prize in 1996 to recognize the accomplishments of independent choreographers.
- Na'amat Canada presents Jerusalem-based singer **Barbara Gryfe Hakuk** for a women's only concert of Broadway tunes and Hebrew and Yiddish favourites. Proceeds to go to Na'amat-affiliated daycares in Israel.

Tickets ($18, $10 seniors) available through Na'amat Canada, 272 Codsell Ave., 416-636-5424. Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m.

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At the Galleries

- "Through Others' Eyes" is an innovative photo exhibit created by Israeli Arab and Jewish youth participants at the Art Center of Givat Haviva. Miles Nadal JCC, Sept. 16 to 22. Opening reception Tuesday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m.
- "The Faces of Israel," a "sensitive and timeless exhibition of Israel faces" photographed by **Sid Shoub**, runs Sept. 14 to Oct. 17 in the atrium of the Koffler Center of the Arts. Opening reception Sept. 14, 2 to 4 p.m. with the Israel consul general in attendance. Bathurst Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. Free.

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BY BILL GLADSTONE

MIAMI-COZUMEL CRUISE IS GEARED TO GENEALOGISTS

A genealogical cruise offered by the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) departs Miami aboard Carnival's M/S Fascination on Mon., Dec. 1 and makes port calls in Key West, Fla., and Cozumel before returning to Miami on Dec. 5.

While at sea, participants will have the opportunity to attend lectures and consult with experienced Jewish genealogists and others pursuing similar research. Lectures will cover a wide range of subjects, including resources available online and at the Latter Day Saints (LDS) Family History Library and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Daniel Schlyter and Peter Lande, specialists associated with the two above-mentioned institutions respectively, are among the scheduled speakers. Shipboard computers will be available to allow participants to search online databases.

Lectures and informal sessions have been scheduled around the port calls so that participants can fully enjoy the visits to Key West and Cozumel. Registration fo the IAJGS's first-ever genealogical cruise is limited to 300. Details available at www.iajgs.org.

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China Through Jewish Eyes: Toronto travel agent Harriet Morton has announced the resumption of a Tour East Holidays tour of Jewish and other sites in China, which is slated to depart in the fall under her personal escort.

The tour begins in Shanghai, involves a cruise along the Yangtze River to the Three Gorges area, takes in Kaifeng and the famed terra cotta warriors of Xian, and finishes in Beijing, where participants share Shabbat services and dinner with the local congregration and walk the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City.

Travel is by Cathay Pacific. The 15-day package runs Oct. 26 to Nov. 9 and costs $5,259 per person (double) from Toronto; extensions are available. 416-960-5549 or 416-929-0888, ext. 228.

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Antique Judaica Road Show: Have you ever wondered where the Shabbat candlesticks your grandmother gave you came from? Or thought about that Kiddush cup you picked up at a flea market all those years ago? What about the value of that old silver dreidel?

On Sept. 21, Chicago's Spertus Museum offers an innovative program modeled after the popular television phenomenon *Antiques Road Show*.

Bill's Antique Judaica Road Show features Bill Gross, a leading Judaica collector and expert on Jewish sacred objects. He will survey items brought to him by members of the public and offer opinions and evaluations.

The event marks the opening of Tradition and Transformation: Treasures from the Spertus Museum, an exhibition designed to demonstrate how Jewish sacred art connects us to our past while filling our present with splendour. Spertus Museum, 618 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago. Sept. 15 to Dec. 28. www.spertus.edu.

The idea of an Antique Judaica Road Show is intriguing and one hopes someone might want to stage such an event in Canadian cities like Toronto and Montreal.

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Salt Lake City: As of this writing, several spots are still available for the annual Jewish Genealogical Trip to Salt Lake City, run by veteran professional genealogists Eileen Polakoff and Gary Mokotoff of New York.

Participation is being limited to 40 registrants. Experience levels range from absolute beginners to advanced researchers, all of whom will have open access to the 2.5 million microfilm reels of records at the LDS Family History Library. Oct. 30 to Nov. 6. Details at www.avotaynu.com/slctrip.htm.

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Travel Briefs

- The exhibition "Anne Frank the Writer: An Unfinished Story" has been extended through Dec. 12 at the U.S. Holocaust and Memorial Museum in Washington DC.
- Current exhibitions in London include "The Art of Chess" at the Gilbert Collection in Somerset House until Sept. 28; "Shakespeare in Art" at the Dulwich Picture Gallery in South London until Oct. 19; and "Turner and Venice" at the Tate Gallery until Jan. 11, 2004.
- Toronto's Delta Chelsea Hotel has added a four-storey indoor waterslide. The heated corkscrew is encased in a glass tower and is part of a new "family fun zone" designed to keep children occupied during their stay.
- "Shaping History" is an exhibition of photographs, documents and artifacts from the Chicago Jewish Archives that traces the history of the city's Jewish women from the founding of the National Council of Jewish Women in 1893 to the present. Spertus Museum, Chicago. Until Oct. 31.

Artist influenced by strength of Israel

By ELYSSE ZAREK

CJN Intern

Two Toronto artists are holding an art exhibit, called "Openings and Closures", at the Women's Art Association Gallery Sept. 4 to 7.

Israeli-born Irit Lepkin's ceramics are influenced by the flowing, organic shapes found in nature, but she credits the "hardship and strength of Israel and everyday life" for helping her illustrate her main themes of conflict and change.

The irony of her work, she said in an artist statement, is that "soft clay is being used as a vehicle for the harsh reality of my subject matter."

Lepkin comes from an artistic family. Her father is a jeweller and her mother is a sculptor.

She said her biggest influence was the time she spent in the Middle East. Among her photographs are shots of Petra, Jordan and Tzfat, Israel.

Painter Marjorie Moeser's series, called Ventanas (windows), takes its name from her rectangular window and door shapes. Her fascination is creating a three-dimensional image on a two-dimensional surface.

"I'm constantly interested in the power of a painter to create the illusion of three dimensions on a two-dimensional surface," she said. She uses oil, acrylic and mixed media on canvas, and occasionally does photography.

Moeser began her artistic career as a landscape painter. Three years ago, she shifted her focus to abstract works. Now she paints in New Mexico and the south of France, and her choice of colours – vibrant blues, turquoises and reds – shows the influence the landscapes have on her work.

"I love the light and architecture, the culture of both places," she said. "The land really spoke to me in both those places."

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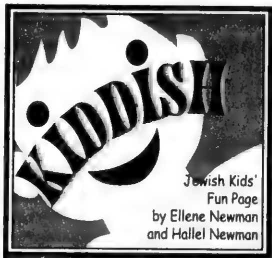

Jewish Kids' Fun Page
by Ellene Newman
and Hallel Newman

HOOLIGANS

inspired by Gemarah Brachos 10a

Rabbi Meir and his wife Bruria were both talmudic scholars. They lived in Israel circa 150 CE.

"Meir, I must disagree with you. For there to be 48 or fewer Shofar blasts in the Temple daily the Sukkot holiday would have to occur on a Friday. That would put Yom Kippur on a Sunday, and you know the High Court would add a day to the preceding month to avoid that. In fact..."

Rabbi Meir and his wife Bruria's supper and talmudic debate were abruptly interrupted as a brick came sailing through the open window.

Bruria jerked back in shock as the vase in front of her shattered. Muffled laughter came from outside. Rabbi Meir jumped out of his chair and burst out of the house. Three hooligans were running away into a dark alley.

"You!" he demanded.

They turned around. "You want somethin', Rabbi?" one of them hissed. Then they turned and vanished into the alley.

Disconsolate, Rabbi Meir re-entered his house. Bruria was sweeping up the shattered vase fragments. He picked up the spring wildflowers the vase had contained, which their children had picked that morning.

"I don't know what to do, Bruria. This is the third time this week they've done something. And it's only Tuesday! They stole the wheels off our wagon and chased the children away from the well. Our life is becoming unliveable."

He sighed, and stood in contemplation. Then he looked upwards. "Please, God, take away the lives of these men who have nothing better to do with their lives than antagonize innocent people. Please..."

"Meir, what are you saying! Do you think it's right to pray that the wicked should die? Does it say in Psalms* that the *sinners* should vanish? No, it says that *sins* should vanish. Why don't you pray that they repent from their wicked ways?"

"Bruria, you're so right. What would I do without you?"

Rabbi Meir looked heavenward again, and began a slightly modified prayer. "Please, God, bring these misguided people to the proper path of Torah and good deeds. Bring purpose to their lives, and give them..."

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Bruria was sweeping up the autumn leaves that had blown into the house when she heard someone knocking on the door. She opened the door and saw three men standing there uncomfortably. Two of them were holding wagon wheels, and one held a brand new vase.

"Uh, we're the ones who were, uh, bothering you a while ago, and lately we've been feeling, you know, bad about it."

Rabbi Meir looked up as he placed two candles in their brass candlesticks. "We're just about to leave for Rosh Hashanah services. Would you all like to join us?"

Rabbi Meir put the wheels in a corner and Bruria put the new vase on the table just where the old one had been. Then she said a blessing as she lit the candles, and with her husband and children — and three guests — set off to pray for a good and sweet year.

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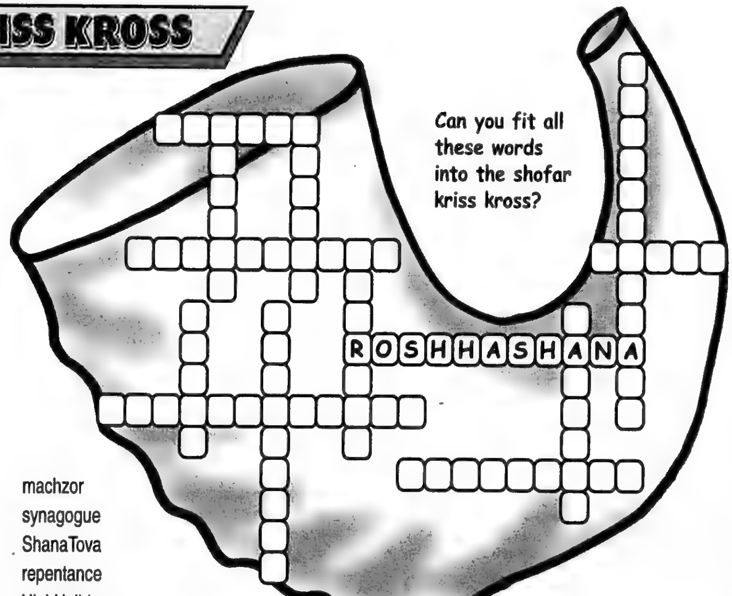
* *Bruria's reference is to Psalms 104:35.*

KRISS KROSS



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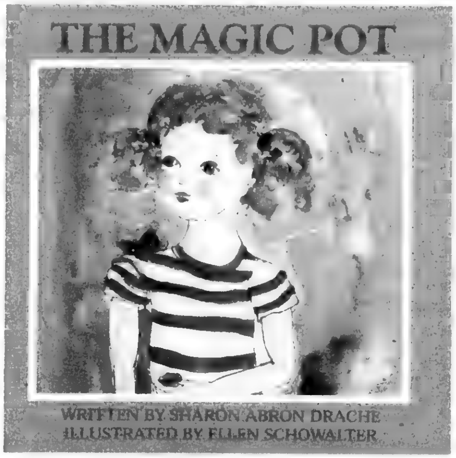
The magic of love

By **LEILA SPEISMAN**
Staff Reporter

You have probably heard people say, "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder." That means we all have a different idea of what beauty is and we decide for our own reasons.


THE MAGIC POT
WRITTEN BY SHARON ABRON DRACHE
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The saying came true in Sharon Drache's new book, *The Magic Pot* (L'Dor Vador Publications, 2003, with illustrations by Ellen Schowalter).

Rifkeh was seven years old. She loved her grandmother, Bubbe Malke, very much, "because she was the kindest and most generous human being that Rifkeh knew." The little girl "saw her grandmother as a healthy, beautiful woman."

To other people, though, Bubbe Malke was a very short woman whose body had shrunk with arthritis, whose skin was wrinkled and who had very thin hair. In fact, they saw her as "ill and unattractive."

Bubbe Malke and Zayde were very poor. They lived in the back half of the third floor of a sixplex, and Zayde had to work two jobs.

Every Sunday, Rifkeh used to spend the morning with her grandmother. They would talk, and Bubbe Malke would make her famous chicken fricassee to eat for lunch.

One Sunday in May something different happened. Rifkeh brought Bubbe Malke a present – a "delicate copper-enamelled bird [that] hung from a chain by a loop through its upper right wing." Rifkeh's mother had bought the chain, but Rifkeh made the bird, a dove, all by herself.

Bubbe Malke was thrilled, and said that after she made the fricassee, she would change her clothes, put on the necklace, and they would "enjoy a sumptuous meal to celebrate the occasion."

But when Rifkeh looked into the pot, which was very very tiny, all she saw was "a single chicken leg and three *pupeks* (gizzards) swimming in the sweet tomato sauce."

That hardly seemed enough to eat for lunch and Rifkeh was upset.

Bubbe set the table with her best ivory damask tablecloth with matching napkins, two place settings of her best silverware, her Shabbat candlesticks with short white candles in them, and her good dishes, which she used only for special occasions and holy days.

Finally, she put on the necklace. When she did, something miraculous happened. Her apron became a plump velvet pillow. Her kitchen chair turned into a golden, jewelled throne, and the small pot of stew became a large soup tureen with a diamond studded silver serving spoon, filled with "the sweetest, most delicious, chunky chicken stew."

Best of all, Bubbe Malke became much taller and was dressed in a beautiful blue brocade gown. Her hair had turned thick and silver-blue, and it was decorated with tortoise shell combs.

Now, of course, none of these things had really happened. What did happen was that Rifkeh's act of kindness in giving her grandmother the necklace, and the love that flowed between the two of them, made everything appear wonderful.

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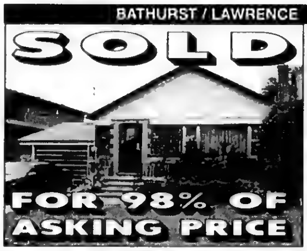

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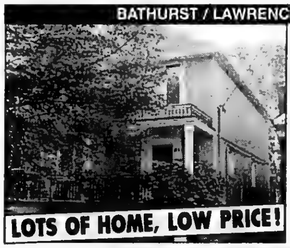

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Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
MORRIS LAZAR ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 7th, 10:00 a.m.
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late

JACK TEACHMAN ז"ל

will take place

Sunday, Sept. 7th,
11:00 a.m.

Lambton Cemetery
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late

MORRIS TEPER ז"ל

will take place

Sunday, Sept. 7th,
10:00 a.m.

Dawes Road Cemetery
Drildzer Section

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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late

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will take place

Sun., September 7th,
1:00 p.m.

Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Community Section EEEE

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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late

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Seifert ordered held pending extradition

VANCOUVER — A British Columbia Supreme Court judge last week ordered Nazi war criminal Michael Seifert taken into custody pending his possible extradition to Italy.

Seifert, a former guard at an SS camp, will be jailed pending a decision by the federal minister of justice whether to extradite him to Italy, where he was convicted in absentia of 11 murders at the Bolzano concentration camp.

In a 92-page decision, Judge Selwyn Romilly found there was sufficient evidence to commit Seifert into custody on seven of nine murder counts involving a total of nine people. An Italian military court heard evidence that Seifert starved a 15-year-old prisoner to death, gouged out a prisoner's eyes, beat prisoners before shooting them and tortured a woman before killing her and her daughter.

Defence lawyer Doug Christie, who has also defended Holocaust deniers Ernst Zundel and Jim Keegstra, argued much of the evidence against his client was circumstantial and would not stand up in a Canadian court. Christie said Seifert would appeal the judge's order. Seifert, 79, could also appeal the minister's extradition order, should it be issued.

Jewish organizations applauded the judge's decision. Canadian Jewish Congress spokesman Jack Silverstone said "it's a very positive step. There haven't been any extraditions of suspected Nazi war criminals since Helmut Rauca in the early 1980s, so it's an important achievement.

"It's taken a long time to get to his point. We hope the process will move forward as quickly as possible."

B'nai Brith Canada welcomed the court decision, stating it "marks the end of a long battle to bring Seifert to justice."

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Horse trainer overcomes gambling obsession

By HARLAN C. ABBEY
Special to The CJN

FORT ERIE, Ont. — What a bar mitzvah day...hobnobbing with Don *Get Smart* Adams, Elizabeth *Bewitched* Montgomery, Richard *Dr. Kildare* Chamberlain, and other Hollywood stars.

Ron Pearson, 48, will never forget that day. The only problem is that the post-temple get-together took place in the clubhouse of the Hollywood Park Racetrack and the exposure to the gambling element almost took his life.

"I held a gun to my head for a few minutes," he admitted, as he discussed his years as a compulsive gambler during a recent interview at the Fort Erie Racetrack, where he now trains three horses owned by his longtime girlfriend, Lisa Schrauth.

"I was mostly betting on races," he continued. "I hocked my golf clubs, I stole from my grandfather's wallet.... I worked nights so I could go to the track days. Many times I was down to my last $2, built it up to a couple of thousand, and lost it all again."

Pearson's maternal great-grandfather was a "renowned rabbi named Bauman." But his more recent family history was pure Hollywood. His grandfather invented the cinemascope wide-angle movie lens. His father Robert – from whom he was estranged for some 20 years – was a film editor for the movie *Towering Inferno*, for the *MASH* and *Wild Wild West* TV series and for an Emmy-nominated TV film on boxing champion Joe Louis.

As a youngster, Pearson was an outstanding baseball player, which became a point of friction with his father: "In one Little League game I struck out 17 of the 18 batters, but Dad kept nagging me about the one boy who grounded out."

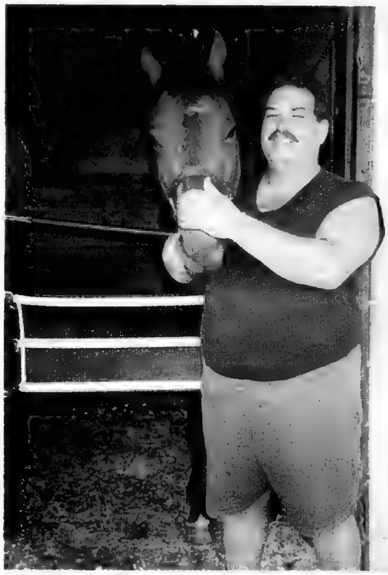
Pearson played winter league baseball well enough to be invited to the San Francisco Giants spring training, "But every winter I'd do something to hurt my arm."

In one of his games, he pitched against Kurt Russell, a good minor league second baseman who resumed his acting career after an injury cut short his baseball career. "I killed the ball that game," Pearson recalled.

"At the same time, I was gambling and I think the reason was just that I needed to feel something."

At age 22 he joined the navy and helped the navy team win the All-Service Softball Championship. Pearson worked the night shift as a data systems technician so he could go to the races in the afternoon. After discharge, "I tried sales, because everyone told me I was a great salesman. But I couldn't love the product forever."

Pearson, who as a teenager worked on the backstretch to help his gambling habit, decided to return to racing. He bought a horse at Del Mar for $1,000 (US) and took it to Texas to race: "In his first start he was third, but he didn't win until 27 more races. I didn't want to lose him in a claiming race so I kept running him over his value. He finally won at the $10,000 level – after I learned all that I didn't know about training horses. He won two or three more times and then was claimed for $5,000."


Ron Pearson and Shelter's No Fool

"For a while, I was too nervous to work for a more-experienced trainer, but finally I did. And I tried the Gamblers Anonymous program a couple of times before it finally took."

Ridding himself of his gambling habit ended the estrangement with his father: "I spent 30 years as a total jerk, but you have to forgive yourself and others. I told my dad 'You did it out of love, you thought it was right.' Now he calls and asks how the horses are doing.

"My mother was always behind me. The greatest thrill of my life was to buy her a new heat pump for $4,000."

After two months of racing at Fort Erie, Pearson's small stable already had a win with Shelter's No Fool and a second by Bevie's Dare. Summer Special recently finished fourth on a weekend when Shelter's No Fool was second and Bevie's Dare was third.

But, most important, Ron Pearson has found peace of mind: "I could be richer, but I couldn't be happier. It's nice to wake up and feel I deserve something good in life."

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Israel home game ban unlikely to be lifted

By DORON BERGERFREUND
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Israel Football Association (IFA) chair Gavri Levi last week played down the chances of a return to international football in Israel in the near future. European soccer's governing body, UEFA, was due to discuss the issue when it convened in Monaco after *The CJN* went to press.

"A week or two ago I was sure UEFA would sanction a return to international soccer in Israel, but the collapse of the ceasefire has of course caused enormous damage... At the moment it would be preferable for us if the issue wasn't raised," Levi said.

The recent suicide bus bombing in Jerusalem wasn't the first time a terrorist attack had prevented an end to the ban on European games being played in Israel, Levi noted.

"A year ago in Istanbul, I had been about to persuade UEFA to positively consider the issue," Levi said. "But the bombing on Allenby Street an hour after UEFA had decided to send envoys here to examine the situation caused enormous embarrassment."

The IFA believes UEFA will delay for another few weeks any decision on lifting the ban, which was imposed close to two years ago after an attack on a Tel Aviv restaurant frequented by footballers.

At the end of July, just before Maccabi Tel Aviv's Champions League qualifier against the Slovakian team, Zilina, UEFA delayed a decision on the ban, saying it needed more time to evaluate developments in the region.

Two weeks ago, just hours prior to the suicide bombing in Jerusalem that left 21 people dead, UEFA once again postponed its decision.

Intense diplomatic pressure had been applied on UEFA to lift the ban, and while the cease-fire was in place a return to international football in Israel appeared to have been on the cards.

Now that the ceasefire has collapsed, Levi's pessimism seems well founded.

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The hypocrisy of comfort

In memory of the Jews who died on the #2 bus in Jerusalem Aug. 19

Left, right, centre

By AVRUM ROSENSWEIG

Why aren't more Jews angrier? Why aren't more Jews active?

When was it that we allowed a few irresponsible corporations to dump toxic chemicals into our waters, so that our country's beautiful lakes are polluted? Where did our sky go? Weren't you surprised when the lights went off, and the incredible vastness of voluminous stars shone down on us?

How is it that we who live in one of the greatest times in history, in perhaps the most wealthy country and continent ever, watch while innocent villagers in dozens of countries around the world are raped and slaughtered?

Where is our anger? Where is our willingness to act? Why has success made so many of us relaxed?

Our lives are short. We exist for but a night in the calendar of history. Ask yourself then, what are you doing for Israel and the Jewish people while you are alive? Are you really sacrificing for the betterment of the Jewish state and Israelis? Have you travelled there in the last five years, spent money on Israeli goods, invested in Israeli companies? Have you considered opening a branch of your business in Israel, or perhaps supplementing your condominium in Florida with one in Netanya?

What have you done for the Jews of Argentina and the former Soviet Union? Have you sighed deeply, and then acted on behalf of elderly Jews subsisting on potato skins in Kiev, or formerly middle-class Jewish families now living in shantytowns outside of Buenos Aires?

The Torah does not state that we should always walk around in sack-clothes and ashes. We are told to be joyful and celebrate the beauty of the world. The Torah has countless laws on how to treat one's trees and surroundings. It's OK to teach your children how to ski, do a pirouette, play hockey and swim.

But we are also told, "If the community is in trouble, a person must not say, 'I will go home, and eat and drink, and my soul will be at peace'" (Talmud, Ta'anit). We are commanded to be aware of the world around us and take care of its widows, orphans and the impoverished.

As Rosh Hashanah approaches, consider your role in the world. Ask yourself if you are investing resources toward the betterment of it, and not just with cash. Look at your hands for the calluses.

With e-mail, the Internet, strong, free governments, the free press and great financial resources available to us, there is no reason why evil cannot be neutralized so its ugly head is buried in the proverbial sand forever. Ask Craig Kilburger, from Scarborough, who at 13 years old started a group called Free the Children and put child labour on the world's map.

One logical outcome of all the Holocaust education we have invested in might be for more Jews to take action on behalf of the widows in Kiev, the children in Uganda with growling stomachs and the impoverished in Argentina and their weakening pleas for help.

We are a rich nation with an almost unlimited freedom to challenge imbalances. Adopt an inequity and beat it. You can. We can. It's Jewish.

The more valuable the thing, the more effort it demands. – Saadia Gaon

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1/4 cup Kalamata olives
1/4 cup fresh basil leaves, chopped fine
1 tblsp. fresh marjoram leaves, chopped fine

In a bowl whisk together vinegar, garlic paste, and pepper to taste and whisk in oil until emulsified. Add remaining ingredients and salt to taste and toss to combine well. Let salad stand at room temperature 15 minutes to allow bread to soak up some dressing. Serves 2.

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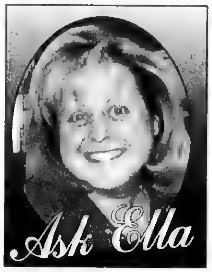

Dear Ella,

My parents are wonderful people, but they are both Holocaust survivors and are still not confident when it comes to the English language.

They have a tendency to hear things incorrectly and are too embarrassed to admit they didn't quite understand.

The most dangerous place this happens is in doctors' offices, and I am the one who accompanies them to each visit.

At their age, between the two of them, there are at least one or two appointments every week.

I have a brother who also takes an interest in them, but by telephone only. I am the one who has to take time away from my family and job to handle everything because I'm "the daughter."

I need my brother to stand up to the plate and do his part. How should I handle this?

Daughter Does All

Dear Daughter Does All,

You sound like a loving and responsible daughter. Families are very complex and each has its own dynamics. It's not unusual for parents to lean more heavily on their daughters.

The lucky thing is that you do have a sibling. The fact that he calls regularly suggests to me that he cares. It's not a far reach to take him that extra step to getting more involved.

You've been handling things so well he may not realize you are unhappy with the situation. He is comfortable that things are getting done and your parents are well cared for by someone he trusts impeccably – you!

Sit down with him and set up some rules without being confrontational, as by now you've probably built up some resentment. Work out a deal. Maybe he can handle your dad's doctors visits and you handle your mom's, or he can take one week and you take the other. However you work it out, let him know how you are feeling and draw the line.

Give him the chance to step up to the plate. It's amazing what people will do when they have to.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

(Answers to the crossword are on page 50.)

Israel's Beautiful Hues
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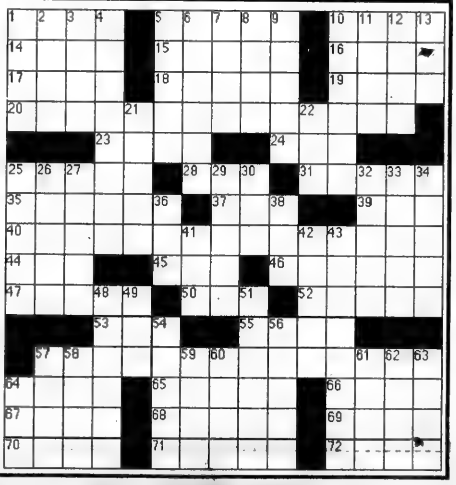
Across
1. Hang, move in a lax manner
5. Newman, Midler, or Hawn
10. First public stock sales
14. A draw
15. Gallows item
16. Bad, demented Roman emperor
17. Ship deck or kitchen items
18. Disinterested, spiritless
19. Calf's meat
20. "Yellow (or other)" one might argue for a most-loved hue, "is the ______" (4 words)
23. ____ north, vis-a-vis earth's axis
24. Turf
25. Aharo's brother
28. Magen David Adom's color
31. Nut, from the palm of same name
35. Vapid, characterless
37. "__, I served a term" (HMS Pinafore)
39. Hello, in Honduras
40. Nomi Shemer song, describing Israel's capital
44. Mineral resource
45. Good, in Gedera
46. Hauled
47. Sounding line, on the Seine
50. Where URL's are found
52. Colours of some horses in Israel (and elsewhere)
53. Teric starter
55. The News Hour ____ PBS
57. The Halutzim _______ (a way to say Israel's pioneers made the desert bloom - 3 words)
64. Matzah ball or chicken
65. Hackneyed
66. Eros
67. Scandinavian
68. Hyperactive or bugged
69. Baseball team
70. Team or gang ending
71. Great quips
72. Feat

Down
1. Mary had a little one
2. Nebraska Native American
3. "... ___ have kissed", Edna St. Vincent Millay
4. That you would not (Biblical English)
5. Pear
6. Anthracite freighter
7. All, in Alicante
8. Bad luck ending for L
9. Renovations
10. Enter by force
11. Skin a fruit
12. Recited, not written
13. David's son's name, for short
21. Salad green
22. ___ watch
25. African-American flannel amulet bags
26. Colorado county or junior college
27. Police cars, ambulances have one
29. French student
30. Horse mother
32. _____ horn, if you care to boast
33. DeGeneres
34. Alan and Cheryl
36. Consume
38. "What's up, ___?"
41. David ___, British political cartoonist, to whom Sigmund Freud wrote, "A Jewish refugee from Vienna, (I admire) your glorious art and your inexorable, unfailing criticism."
42. Danish island group (var.)
43. World's largest island (Danish sp.)
48. More within, or below
49. Dir., Rishon Letzion to Jerusalem
51. Like a certain herb at Passover
54. This could be a band-leader's cue
56. Small roofed structures
57. Billy or nanny
58. Ancient Norwegian poem
59. Ireland's ancient and poetic name
60. ___ straits
61. Friend, in France
62. Not a one
63. ___ Scott Decision
64. 1960's protest grp.



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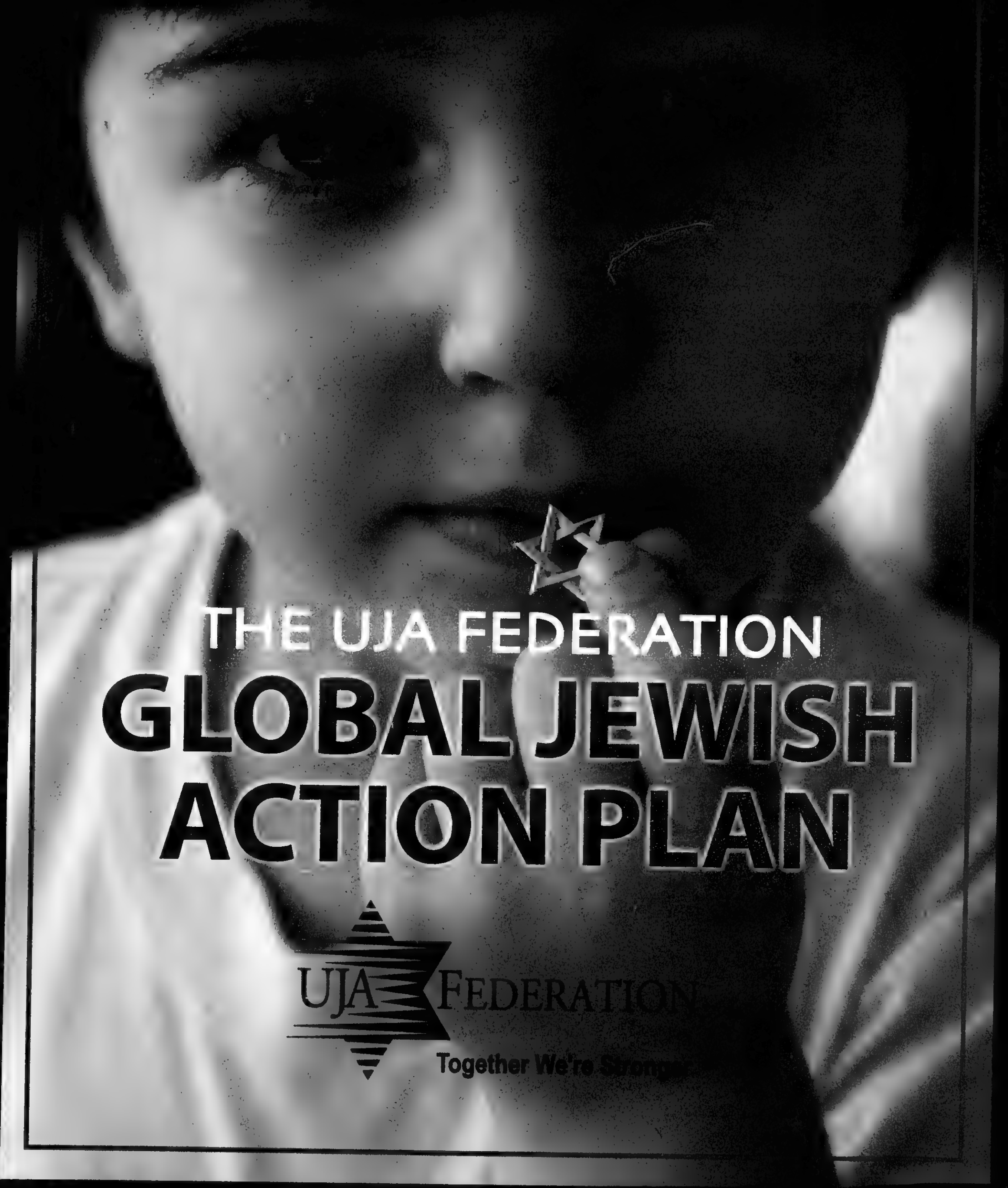

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Daunting challenges confront today's Jewish world. In response, UJA Federation is expanding the emergency projects that we funded last year. All Campaign 2004 contributions beyond those required for our core needs will be allocated to **three strategic initiatives.**

THREE URGENT NEEDS

1. Financial support for Israel's deteriorating social service network, including additional help for children whose parents were killed in terror attacks.
2. Stepped up efforts to combat a worldwide wave of anti-Israel and anti-Semitic hatred, through the new national Israel Emergency Cabinet.
3. Education and training for our next Jewish generation to answer those who preach anti-Israel and anti-Semitic hatred.

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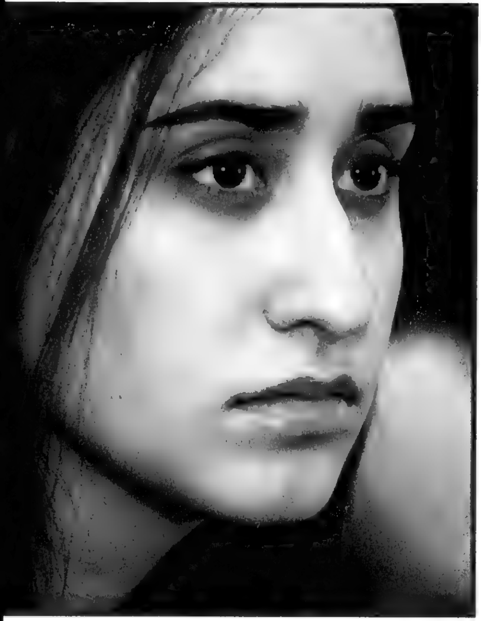

1. PROTECTING ISRAEL'S SOCIAL SERVICES

Israel's social service system is strained to the limit. Approximately 40% of Israel's children are suffering from some form of post-traumatic stress disorder. At least 300,000 Israelis are out of work. Government benefits have been cut for many of Israel's vulnerable and most Israelis report a reduced standard of living. Without our help, Israel simply cannot afford the cost of recovering from her worst recession ever, escalating security needs, the pursuit of peace and full funding for social welfare services. **Additional UJA Federation Campaign 2004 donations will help to maintain the survival of vital human services** such as payments to young people who have lost one or more parents in terror attacks, trauma centres, summer camps, day care facilities, after-school programs and services for Israel's most vulnerable.

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Yifat Aluf, Gilo

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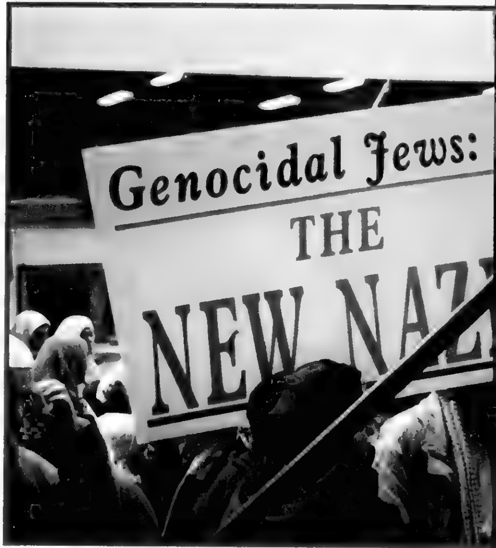
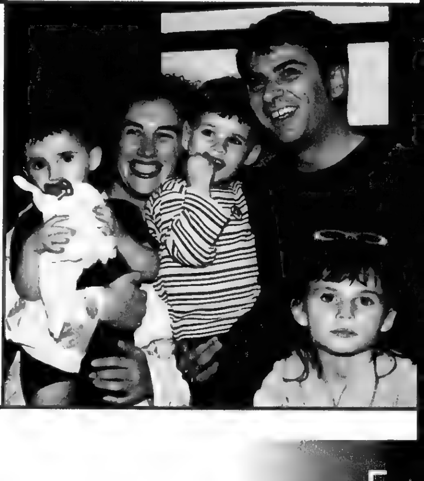
Malicious anti-Israel and anti-Semitic activity has soared to levels unseen since World War II. Last year, the number of violent anti-Semitic incidents worldwide rose by 36%. In Canada, schools, synagogues and cemeteries have been vandalized or defaced. Over the past two years, three bombings of Jewish facilities have occurred in Edmonton alone. Rabbis and other visibly Jewish individuals are being assaulted throughout Europe. Through the new Israel Emergency Cabinet, **Campaign 2004 will help to counter this distressing anti-Israel and anti-Semitic tide**, through, among other initiatives, building partnerships with non-Jewish community leaders.



FROM THE FRONT LINES OF ANTI-SEMITISM

Before moving to Israel in January 2003, I lived in Paris with my wife and three children, where I owned a successful hair salon. It became commonplace for my clients to make anti-Semitic comments right in front of me. Buses in Jewish neighborhoods were pelted with stones; anti-Israel graffiti was found all over the walls. One day, my daughter told me that children at her school played a game called 'Palestinians.' They chose one child to be the Israeli, and threw stones at him. That was when I knew there was no future for my family in France. And that is why your help is so urgent.

Hanan Elkayam, Ashdod



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3. EMPOWERING A NEW JEWISH GENERATION

For many Jewish university students, the challenge of responding to attacks against Israel and confronting intimidation on campus is a daily occurrence. Universities are curtailing contacts with Israeli academics. Canadian campus organizations, such as Hillel, funded by UJA Federation, frequently repel vigorous efforts to prevent Israelis and sympathizers with Israel from speaking. **UJA Federation Campaign 2004 proceeds will be invested in programs for students to learn how to confidently defend Israel**. The new Wolfond Centre for Jewish Campus Life, at the University of Toronto, will include an expertly staffed and fully equipped Israel Advocacy Centre as part of its spacious, multifunctional facility. Campaign 2004 donations will also provide Israel education for high school students and help to send Jewish young people on powerful Israel experience programs, with life-long impact, such as *birthright Israel.*

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HELPING STUDENTS FEEL SAFE

Jewish students are feeling more intimidated and anxious than ever about standing up for what they believe. In the hallways, they fear confrontation just for being Jewish. In the classroom, students are worried about answering professors or teaching assistants who make inappropriate comments about Israel. Jewish students need to feel safe on campus. They need the answers and training necessary to take a proud stand in support of Israel and the Jewish world.

Aliza Libman

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MEETING CORE COMMUNITY NEEDS

In addition to funding urgent, special needs during these troubling times, your gift to UJA Federation Campaign 2004 will help thousands of Jews in our own community and those who live under difficult circumstances around the world.

- This year, UJA Federation is investing an unprecedented $11 million in Jewish education for 17,000 children in the day and supplementary school system. Nearly $8 million will provide tuition subsidies to parents who can't afford full fees at Jewish day schools.
- In partnership with community agencies, UJA Federation support is assisting our most vulnerable by helping more than 1000 households meet their daily needs; financing counseling services for over 400 abused women and children and enabling more than 600 children with special requirements to experience Jewish summer camp.
- UJA Federation provides substantial financial support for critical Israeli and overseas programs, such as aliyah from countries of distress and immigrant absorption.

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First day back at school

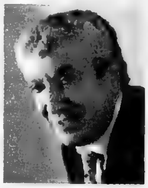
Some 570,000 Israeli pupils in more than 1,150 kindergartens and elementary schools will be able to study in a secure environment thanks to a special security enhancement program of the Israel Emergency Campaign of the United Jewish Communities (UJC). This year, the sum of $8 million (US) has been allocated by the UJC for this purpose. From left, UJC President Steve Hoffman, UJC Israel Director Nachman Shai, and Jeff Kaye, director of financial resource development for the Jewish Agency, join students on the first day of school at Batich Kindergarten in Talpiot, Jerusalem. *[Israel Sun photo]*

Canadian helps preserve Libyan Jewish heritage

By MIRIAM SHAVIV
CJN Israel Bureau

TEL AVIV — A stern-looking, middle aged man with a Turkish fez and a twirly mustache in soft charcoal. A shy-looking bride and her groom, posing awkwardly with a passing Allied soldier during World War II. Two wealthy teenage brothers in modern three-piece suits, having their formal portraits taken at the turn of the century.

These are just some of the portraits in a new exhibition about Libyan Jewry, which opened late last month at the Centre for the Heritage of Libyan Jews in Or Yehuda, a suburb of Tel Aviv. The NIS 100,000 needed to refurbish the wing of the museum, and to sponsor the exhibition, was donated by a Canadian Jew of Libyan descent, Walter Arbib.



Walter Arbib

"The Libyan community was one of the oldest in the region, but we were forced to leave the country," Arbib says. "They tried to cancel our history, even building a highway on top of our cemetery. We need a place to show the community is still alive and vibrant."

The opening of the "Faces Tell The Story" exhibit was attended by some 400 people – more than twice as many as expected – including the Italian ambassador to Israel, former Canadian ambassador to Tehran Ken Taylor, and representatives of the Canadian embassy.

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Israeli medical discoveries

One fights West Nile, one helps predict lung cancer

By YUVAL DROR
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Medical researchers in Israel last week reported two findings that have potentially far-reaching health benefits.

Two scientists have come up with a revolutionary new drug that they believe will slow down the spread of West Nile fever among those already infected with the virus.

The drug – Omr-IgG-am – was developed jointly by Prof. Bracha Rager, former Health Ministry chief scientist and senior staff member at the health science faculty's department of microbiology and immunology at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Be'er Sheva, and David Ben-Natan of the Nes Tziona Biological Institute.

Omr-IgG-am, which is manufactured by Omrix, a biopharmaceuticals company that has research and development facilities at the Weizmann Science Park in Nes Tziona, is based on immunoglobulin, a protein group found in the blood's liquid component.

"This group contains all the antibodies that a human develops in his lifetime once he is exposed to bacteria, viruses and the like," Rager said.

The researchers succeeded in isolating the "defensive antibodies" produced from a group of proteins taken from Israeli blood donors who had come in contact with the virus. The antibodies were injected into rats who had been infected with the West Nile virus. The fact that the rats survived the disease

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Students to Israel

TORONTO — Four Canadians are among 51 recent graduates of United Synagogue Youth, the high school wing of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, who are heading to Israel for the next nine months to study, tour, volunteer and learn new leadership techniques as part of USY's *Nativ* program. The Canadians are Leora Kimmel of Ottawa, Rachel Hindel of Toronto, David Goldberg of Hamilton and Rosa Blumenfeld of Vancouver.

ISRAEL

Shalom in Morocco

JERUSALEM — Morocco may re-establish some diplomatic ties with Israel. The two countries established a team to work toward reinstating ties, which were curtailed after the start of the Palestinian intifadah in September 2000. The deal came after a meeting last week in Morocco between Moroccan King Mohammed VI and Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom. Morocco played a major behind-the-scenes role in Israeli-Palestinian peace efforts in the 1990s.

Arad Alive?

JERUSALEM — Ron Arad, the Israeli navigator captured when his plane was shot down over Lebanon in 1986, is likely still alive, a new report says. There is no evidence to refute the assumption he is still alive, according to a study presented to army chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Moshe Ya'alon. After bailing out of his jet, he was believed to have been captured and held by pro-Iranian troops in Lebanon. The last word that he was alive was received in 1987.

WORLD

Iranian Denied Bail

LONDON — An Iranian diplomat arrested in England in connection with the 1994 car bombing of Argentina's main Jewish community centre was denied bail late last month. The Iranian government, which denies involvement in the bombing and has threatened sanctions over the arrest of Hadi Soleimanpour, offered nearly $800,000 (US) in bail, and Soleimanpour's family offered another $300,000, Reuters reported. Argentina accuses Soleimanpour, 47, of involvement in the bombing of the AMIA centre that killed 85 people, and wants him extradited from Britain.

Balfour Released

BEIRUT — A Lebanese court last week cleared a Canadian missionary of charges of spying for Israel. The court found Bruce Balfour guilty of stirring religious strife, but sentenced him to time served. Prosecutors had accused Balfour, who was arrested in July, of spying on Hezbollah for Israel. He arrived back in Canada late last week. His organization, Cedars of Lebanon, is dedicated to reviving Lebanon's cedar forests.

New Claims Deadline

NEW YORK — The International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims is extending the deadline for potential claimants to check its lists of unclaimed policies and file a claim. The new deadline is Dec. 31. Details on the claims process, including a copy of the form, can be found on the Web at www.icheic.org, or by calling 1-800-496-1974.

Pollard in Court

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Convicted spy Jonathan Pollard appeared in a U.S. court last week for a hearing requested by his lawyers to reduce his sentence and set him free. The former U.S. Navy analyst was convicted in 1987 of passing secret documents to Israel and sentenced to life in jail. His lawyers argued that Pollard, 49, received ineffective counsel from his original lawyer at his trial, when he pleaded guilty, and from another lawyer in his first appeal in the early 1990s. It's not known when the judge will rule.

New Probe Launched into Police Conduct

JERUSALEM — Israeli officials have launched a new probe into police behaviour in the killing of 12 Israeli Arabs and a Palestinian in riots that occured October 2000.

The Justice Ministry's Police Investigation Department launched the inquiry following the release last week of the Orr Commission report into the riots.

The Orr report was critical of Ehud Barak, Israel's prime minister at the time, saying he had not been sufficiently aware of the potentially explosive situation in the Arab sector, but did not find that his actions should prevent him from serving again as prime minister.

The report accused the former internal security minister, Shlomo Ben-Ami, of a "significant failure" in not preparing police for wide-scale Arab riots, and recommended that he not serve again in the post.

The commission also criticized police, including former commander Yehuda Wilk, for their relations with the Arab sector, and also criticized Arab Knesset members Azmi Beshara and Abdulmalik Dehamshe, along with Islamic Movement leader Raed Salah, for inciting violence, but it did not recommend sanctions against them.

Barak established the Orr Commission after the riots by Israeli Arabs – part of protests in solidarity with Palestinians in the early days of the intifadah – turned deadly.

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Education tax credit key issue in Ont. election

Eves, McGuinty, Hampton running for premier's office

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

What's old is still new: funding of private, faith-based schools – or more accurately, the Equity in Education Tax Credit – is emerging as a hot-button issue for the Jewish community in the Oct. 2 provincial election called last week by Premier Ernie Eves.

The future of the measure hangs in the balance in the vote, as Liberal leader Dalton McGuinty, who is ahead in the polls, has vowed to scrap the credit.

Introduced by the Conservatives in the 2001 budget, the tax credit provides parents of children in Jewish day schools with some relief. To be phased in over the next five years, the credit was designed to be worth up to $3,500 per child annually by 2006.

It's a major plank in the Tory platform, appealing especially to voters in ridings with large Jewish populations.

"It's a make-it-or break-it issue for us," said Simon Rosenblum of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region.

McGuinty, who told a CJC Ontario executive meeting in 1998 that he had no ideological opposition to public funding of private schools, has come out firmly against the tax credit, claiming it will drain up to $500 million a year from the public and separate school systems.

He and other Liberals have pledged to repeal the measure, which would put its Jewish advocates back to square one.

But not all Jewish families support the credit. Those with children in public schools have made their opposition to it known.

To gauge where candidates stand on the credit and other issues, CJC has sent a questionnaire to all party hopefuls in 15 ridings. It asks six questions of candidates seeking election in ridings in Hamilton, Kitchener-Waterloo, Ottawa, London, Kingston, Thunder Bay, Sudbury and Windsor.

In the Toronto area, questionnaires have been sent to ridings with the highest concentration of Jewish voters: Don Valley East, Eglinton-Lawrence, St. Paul's, Thornhill, Vaughan-King-Aurora, Willowdale and York Centre.

The question on the tax credit reads: "Do you agree that this tax measure be continued or that it not be removed until an alternative acceptable to the parties involved be implemented?"

Other questions probe candidates on infusing $250 million into home health care, which would return funding to 1998 levels; the establishment of a provincial hate crimes registry; boosting the shelter allowance component of social assistance; relaxing restrictions on eligibility for special-needs students; and increasing the budgets of police services.

The results will be published in the Sept. 27 issue of *The CJN*. "People will draw their own conclusions," Rosenblum said.

Pundits are predicting some tight races in several Toronto-area ridings.

- In Don Valley East, incumbent Liberal David Caplan, 38, first elected to the legislature in 1997, could face a stiff challenge from Tory Paul Sutherland, a Toronto city councillor and former deputy mayor of North York. In the last vote, Caplan was hailed as a giant killer for defeating then education minister Dave Johnson. Also running is the New Democrats' Murphy Browne, a community and labour activist.
- In Eglinton-Lawrence, Corrine Korzen has already made history for being the first Orthodox woman to seek election as an MPP. A lawyer and former teacher, Korzen, a Tory, faces an uphill struggle against popular Liberal incumbent Mike Colle. Robin Alter, a psychologist and teacher, will carry the NDP banner. The riding has a small Jewish population, but it includes the Bathurst-Lawrence area, with its high concentration of Orthodox residents, many of whom have become signed-up members of the federal Canadian Alliance party.

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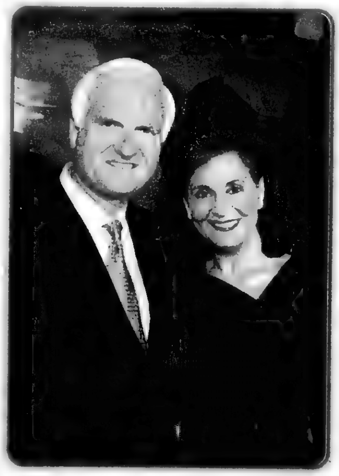

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Renée and Eli bear witness to the triumph of the human spirit. Instead of succumbing to despair, their Holocaust survivor parents picked up the pieces of their shattered lives and successfully reconstructed them. Oscar and Magda Reichner in New York and Bill and Judith Rubinstein in Toronto. Eli was born in a Displaced Persons' Camp in northern Italy, and arrived in Canada with his parents as an infant in October 1948. Today, Eli is a partner in his family's firm, H&R Developments and President of H&R Development's Property Management Division, following his earlier career as a lecturer in the Religious Studies Department at the University of Toronto.

Renée was born and raised in New York City, and came to live in Toronto when she married Eli. They have four children - Tamar and her husband Jonathan Koschitzky live in Israel with their four children; Ilan is married to Dana Schwerdt and they live in New York; Erez and Hadassa. They are proud, knowledgeable and traditionally observant Jews who are at the same time fully attuned to and comfortable in the world at large.

Eli is the National President of Canadian Friends of Yeshiva University. He has served as President of the Bnei Akiva Schools in Toronto, and as President of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He is also a past officer of Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region, and has been actively involved with many other community groups and organizations. He co-chaired the Task Force on Assimilation, Intermarriage and Jewish Identity in Ontario for CJC. In 1987, Eli established Canadel Development Limited which has since been involved in significant real estate projects in Israel. Canadel just recently received the 2003 Israel Trade Award in recognition of the company's "outstanding contribution to strengthening investments in Israel".

Renée served for over a decade as the President of the Canadian Friends of Ezrath Nashim Herzog Hospital in Jerusalem. Over the years, many other organizations have benefitted from Renée's dynamic talent and enthusiasm, including the Israel Biotechnical Institute, Emunah Women of Toronto, the Canadian Friends of Shaare Zedek Hospital, the Canadian Friends of Laniado Hospital, Kosher Meals on Wheels, Tikvah Layeled, Zichron Menachem, Mekorot Institute, Sasson VeSimcha, and the Hebrew Academy for Special Children (HASC). Renée has also been a volunteer for many years with the Women's Chevra Kadisha in Toronto.

The Rubinsteins, both as individuals and as a family, have demonstrated in so many ways their exceptional devotion to serving the needs of our community and of the people of Israel. Jewish National Fund and our community are proud to pay tribute to them.

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Two years later...

From the editor's desk

Many of us were disappointed, even shocked, when Prime Minister Jean Chrétien speculated that the United States might have somehow brought the atrocities of 9/11 upon itself because of the resentment the superpower engenders in certain parts of the world as a result of its incomparable wealth and its aggressive policies.

To be sure, the prime minister condemned terrorism and terrorists. But still, his musings, in effect, lent support to the "root cause" apologists who prefer to blame the targets of terrorists rather than the terrorists themselves for taking innocent life.

Two years have elapsed since that unbelievably horrific day when humanity was mocked by bloodlusting hatred.

Irrational, xenophobic, impervious to the penetration of modern thought, or even to the goodwill gestures of fellow human beings, the hatred is all-consuming. Among like thinkers, it has spread throughout the four corners of the globe like a contagion, targeting the big Satan, i.e., the United States and the democratic West, and the little Satan, i.e., Israel and the Jews.

Ironically, but not surprisingly, many of the people who embrace these foul hatreds also embrace the "root cause" theories regarding terrorism. They cannot see the inconsistencies and the contradictions in their beliefs, for such is the blinding nature of hate.

A study released by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) earlier this month, titled *Unravelling Anti-Semitic 9/11 Conspiracy Theories*, eloquently but alarmingly, illustrates the point.

Root cause theorists, in great measure, blame the attacks of 9/11 upon the Middle East policies of the United States. If the U.S. were not so pro-Israel, they believe, the attacks against America would not have happened.

And yet, some of these very same root cause proponents also believe that Israelis and Jews actually perpetrated the 9/11 attacks.

According to the report, the idea of Jewish or Israeli involvement in 9/11 has gained widespread acceptance in the Arab and Muslim world, parts of Europe and even in the United States.

"The 9/11 attacks have fuelled an entire new genre of anti-Semitic conspiracy theories leading to an environment where rumours about Jews are finding acceptance in the mainstream," said Abraham H. Foxman, ADL national director, when the report was released on Sept. 2.

The "Big Lie," as the ADL calls the conspiracy theories, "shows no signs of diminishing. In fact, it is finding new acceptance every day. That is not just disturbing," Foxman said, "but tragic, because we cannot win the war against terrorism without first winning over the hearts and minds of people in the Arab world who accept anti-Semitic 9/11 conspiracies as fact."

The report also suggests that these latest calumnies against Jews have brought together a disparate group of Jew-haters who are using the Big Lie to plant an entirely fresh field of anti-Semitism.

The report chronicles the spread of the Big Lie, as well as "the more recent manifestations and permutations." It concludes, inter alia:

- "The Big Lie has united American far-right extremists and white supremacists and elements within the Arab and Muslim world that are exchanging and repeating information, ideas and conspiracy theories.
- "The conspiracy theories are essentially updated versions of classical anti-Semitic canards, claiming that Jews are inherently evil and intent on manipulating and controlling world events to their own benefit… essentially a modern reiteration of the anti-Semitic *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.
- "Sept. 11 conspiracies have spawned an entire industry that includes anti-Semitic books, pamphlets, videotapes, Web sites and speakers.
- "Sept. 11 conspiracies have laid the foundation for the proliferation of similar conspiracy theories about other global disasters. For example, some conspiracy theorists claim Israel was complicit in the destruction of Space Shuttle Columbia and suggest that shuttle astronaut Col. Ilan Ramon was actually a 'spy' for Israel. Others blame Jews and Israelis for 'pushing' the U.S. into war against Saddam Hussein.
- "The accusation that Jews plotted the attacks has fuelled more traditional canards about Jews, including those claiming that Jews have a 'master plan' for world domination, and that Jews use the blood of non-Jews to make holiday breads and pastries (blood libel)."

Ground Zero

Seventy years after the Nazis came to power, 58 years after they were defeated, the ADL reports the following: "Never in the history of the Jewish people has one terrible lie about 'Jewish control' spread so quickly… The Big Lie has been repeated by imams, the press and government officials in the Arab world, and is contributing to disturbing and dangerous mutation in global anti-Semitism."

How terribly sad. *–MBD*

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CO-OPERATIVE EFFORT: A workshop for repairing orthopedic equipment, opened in Huambo, Angola, earlier this month. The opening was the culmination of more than a year of co-operation between Angola and the Israeli aid organization Yad Sarah, whose 6,000 volunteers and small paid staff lend medical equipment and provide a wide range of home care support services. The joint effort and aid were initiated and financed by the Israeli Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Israeli embassy in Angola. A team from Yad Sarah went to Angola this summer to set up the workshop and instruct the local team. Now the largest voluntary organization in Israel, Yad Sarah was founded in 1976 by current Jerusalem mayor Uri Lupolianski.

[Isranet photo]

Israeli consul Ben Hillel returns to Israel

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Zehavit Ben Hillel, Israeli consul in Toronto for the past three years, is about to return to Israel now that her term here is over, but Toronto – and Montreal – will still occupy many of her non-work hours.

The Nes Tziona native plans to complete her Master's degree at Hebrew University's Institute for Contemporary Jewry on the subject of Montreal Jews who migrated to Toronto and their assimilation into the community here. She will also continue to work for Israel's foreign ministry, full-time, initiating a new European desk in its *hasbarah*/public affairs department.

Ben Hillel said she is "psyched" about returning to her studies. She was always intrigued by the relationship of North American Jews and their Israeli counterparts, and she was struck by the number of people in Toronto's organized Jewish community who told her they were originally from Montreal.

"Demography fascinates me," she said. "I like to read a table and take so much information out of it."

Ben Hillel was scheduled to leave Toronto Aug. 31, but a last-minute staffing decision extended her stay by two weeks. Her scheduled replacement, Ofir Gendelman, was reassigned to Ottawa; and Avraham Lev-Louis, Ben Hillel's counterpart at Israel's embassy in Ottawa, is taking over her position as second-in-command at the Israeli consulate in Toronto.

Zehavit Ben Hillel

The reason for the change may have to do with the increased volume of work in the Toronto office, as evidenced by frequent interruptions during a recent interview, with Ben Hillel excusing herself to sign documents and answer questions. The number of olim from Toronto, she noted, has increased "tremendously," she said.

"I had a wonderful three years," Ben Hillel said, although the onset of the current intifadah in September 2000, two months after she arrived from a posting in Peru, meant an abrupt change in focus.

"I thought the whole emphasis of my work here would be different. I thought I would be more involved in cultural events. Instead I found myself dealing with *hasbarah* and the press. Everything going on in Israel took most of my time."

Coincidentally, her extended stay means she has been in town for the Toronto International Film Festival, which has four Israeli films this year.

"I'm very happy that even though things are hectic politically, we find the time and the resources for this. We call it '*Yisrael hayafah*' [Beautiful Israel], and we really believe that. It's a term we use to put aside politics and conflict, and put on our agenda all the scientific and cultural achievements in the last 55 years. There's so much more to Israel."

Ben Hillel said she is still optimistic about peace. "This is our home – every person in the community knows that Israel is his home. If it's going to take five or 10 more years, we'll work hard… Maybe we're a little more realistic now, knowing what we're dealing with."

It warmed her heart, she said, to see how the Toronto Jewish community has supported Israel during her stay here.

CUBAN BRIS: The Canadian Friends of Cuban Jewry (CFCJ) recently welcomed back Rabbi Menachem Grunblat, left, and Rabbi David Birman, right, from the group's 79th mission to Cuba. The rabbis were head counsellors of the organization's 10th annual summer camp in Havana, where two campers were circumcised by a mohel flown to the island. The boys are holding signs proclaiming their new Hebrew names, Moshe and Mordechai. The CFCJ is preparing for its 80th mission in time for the High Holy Days.

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Toronto *shuk* draws thousands

By ELYSSE ZAREK
Special to The CJN

Deep in the heart of Spadina Village, nestled in a tree-lined park, the smell of barbecued hamburgers and fresh falafels filled the air. Dozens of hands beat rhythmically on the drums, while merchants hawked their wares in the *shuk*, or marketplace.

Several thousand people gathered in Suydam Park at Spadina and Strathearn roads on Sunday for the second annual Shuk in the Park, an outdoor event featuring Israeli goods, live music and kosher food. The weather was perfect: sunny and warm.

Jointly organized by Olive Branch for Israel and Reviving Eden, all the proceeds went to Orr Shalom, an Israeli welfare organization that provides foster homes for children in need.

Olive Branch founder Grae Sibelman was the driving force behind Shuk. Dressed in a bright blue t-shirt with "Shuk Team" emblazoned across the front and "Drama Queen PhD" on the back, with a blaring walkie-talkie pinned to her hip, she said planning for the event was a full-time job. But unlike last year, when her team threw it together in six weeks, this year they worked with Reviving Eden and had three months to plan the event.

And unlike last year's Shuk, which imported Israeli goods directly to Toronto, this year's organizers used Israeli products that were already in Canada. Among the vendors were Mitzy and Allan Pollock, who were selling t-shirts with Hebrew slogans.

"It's a great day for [Shuk in the Park]," said Mitzy. By mid-afternoon, they had already sold most of the children's shirts. "We're hoping to sell all the shirts today… otherwise we'll bring them out at the next event and sell them then."

A throng of ladies surrounded Marshall Duskes, who drove down from Montreal with his sister Jessica to sell his Ahava creams and soaps.

"We're doing good business," Duskes said. Ahava products are hard to find – most Ahava users ask family or friends who are visiting Israel to buy bottles for them – so people were stocking up, he explained.

The Shuk also included a nargila rental, live music by Toronto and Montreal bands and arts and crafts.

Event organizer and Reviving Eden founder Leah Gitterman, 25, was thrilled with the turnout.

"This makes us really happy," she said, surveying the scene from the corner of the park, beneath a towering tree planted in her grandfather's memory. "This is wonderful.

"Israel has a lot to show of its culture and we wanted to bring Israeli culture to Toronto," she said. "We wanted to raise money for Orr Shalom and we wanted to bring the community together, because we really need that right now."

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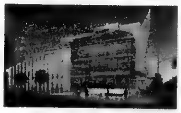

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Moral obscenity

The three-week blitzkrieg by the evangelical Jews for Jesus Christians to convert Jews in the Greater Toronto Area away from Judaism ends on Sunday. The Toronto campaign is part of a five-year, worldwide program launched by this group in 2001 to target communities with more than 25,000 Jews.

Some individuals, Christians and Jews, while perhaps annoyed with the aggressive proselytizing, prefer to simply accept the annoyance as the price of the evangelicals' right to freedom of speech. The evangelicals, of course, claim merely to be acting out of love, indeed, responding to a higher call.

The former attitude is misguided; the latter, a stare-in-your-face deceit.

Let there be no misunderstanding or mistaking the import of this high-handed campaign. These evangelicals are actively trying to eliminate adherence to the Jewish faith. In this, they are the inheritors of the early church fathers who abhorred Jewish institutions; they are the legatees of every Inquisitor who sought to root out Jewish practices; they are, in a profound way, partners in persecution with every tyrant who decided to rid his kingdom of Jews.

That there are Christians today still committed to the odious dogma of de-Judaizing the Jews is as breathtakingly disheartening as it is deplorable. Only in the blackest region of an evil heart is it acceptable to believe that our vast earth should be bereft of Jews. Do these oxymoronically named Jews for Jesus not see that their dogma lodges them squarely in that same black space?

Typical of the tasteless tactics of the evangelicals was the placement last week of a large billboard in the heart of a heavily Jewish neighbourhood, known to be populated by many survivors of Hitler. The billboard prominently featured the kindly, doe-eyed face of a older woman, identified as a survivor, alongside a plea to the public to "hear her story."

The use and placement of that sign was insensitive and offensive in the extreme. It exploited the empathetic associations most of us have for survivors even as it targeted those very same survivors, many of whom, undoubtedly, might have been confused by the suggestion on the billboard. Thanks, however, to the complaints of an outraged public and to the intervention of the Canadian Jewish Congress, the billboard was removed within 24 hours.

To target the Jewish religion in this manner and in any manner, is simply unacceptable. It is an affront to all Jews. But to do so at a time when fundamentalists of another stripe are literally targeting Jewish lives and when anti-Semitism is on the rise in many parts of the globe, is a moral obscenity.

We commend and thank all community leaders, professionals and volunteers, especially Jews for Judaism, who have heroically opposed the evangelicals in defence of the Jewish faith.

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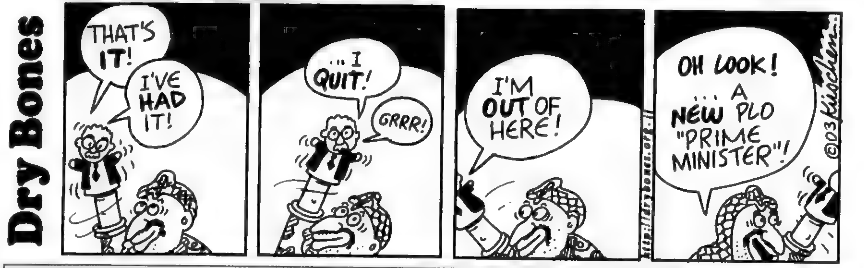
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Support equity funding in education

A provincial election in Ontario has now been called, and with it, the fate of the Equity in Education Tax Credit hangs in balance. The Ontario Jewish community has been struggling for provincial funding of Jewish day schools for decades, and the provincial Conservative party has been the only party that has taken concrete steps to redress this long-standing source of inequity. The Liberal and NDP parties are unfortunately threatening to repeal this funding if elected. As such, it is incumbent upon our community to do all it can to protect this source of funding of our schools, which are so critical to our well-being.

I urge *The CJN* to issue the strongest possible statement in support of the Equity in Education Tax Credit.

Jerrold Landau
Toronto

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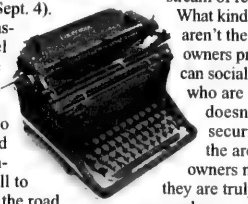
Kirshner shouldn't copy dailies

In his column of Sept. 4, Sheldon Kirshner writes that Israel assassinated Mohammed Sidr in Hebron ("Collapse of the *hudna* may imperil road map," *CJN*, Sept. 4). But as Kirshner should know, Israel did not assassinate this particular terrorist. The Israel Defence Forces set out to arrest him, but he resisted and was killed in the ensuing gun battle. This is no mere quibble over words. It's the kind of mis-statement that's all too common in mainstream media – and the kind of subtle bias that led 65 per cent of respondents to a recent *Globe and Mail* online poll to say they believe Israel would be to blame if the road map peace plan were to fail.



Later in the same article, Kirshner writes, "By way of response [to Israel's killing of Ismail Abu Shanab], Hamas and Islamic Jihad… abandoned the ceasefire."

Why doesn't Kirshner consider the murder of 21 civilians, or any of the other murders and attempted murders he documents in the article, to be a prior abandonment of the ceasefire? In fact, exactly when did Hamas and Islamic Jihad actually observe their own farcical ceasefire?

We have all come to expect that some of the mainstream dailies try to give the appearance of fairness when covering the Middle East conflict while subtly focusing all blame on Israel. What surprises me is that Kirshner is following their example.

Stephen Tannenbaum
Thornhill, Ont.

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Correcting misimpressions

The article on the BJCC Keepsake Video ("BJCC project puts seniors' life stories on videos," *CJN*, Sept. 4) is great exposure for our project, but it may have inadvertently left two misimpressions that I wish to correct.

The release of suppressed emotions is the most delicate area of the interviewing process. Unfortunately, I am there to facilitate the telling of the interviewees' stories and not to counsel them. In speaking to interviewees before the taping, I try to ascertain what they would like to stay away from in the event a subject might be too difficult to talk about.

In addition, the impression may have been created that I personally interviewed thousands of people on behalf of the Shoah Foundation. But, of course, I was only part of the organization that did so.

Janet Klein Slavin
Toronto

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After-Shabbat seating

Leila Speisman's article on kosher restaurants raises many questions ("After-Shabbat eating ban hits eateries," *CJN*, Aug. 28). A kosher business has many restrictions as it is, but to be told when it can seat people and when it must close so that it doesn't lose its kashrut certificate is appalling.

Where are the parents of these "frum" teens who are socializing at these pizza places? If they are "frum," how come they reached their teenage years without knowing that their stream of religious Judaism forbids co-ed interaction? What kind of education did these teens receive? Why aren't the rabbis who are threatening the restaurant owners providing venues for these teens where they can socialize, even separately? And as for the drugs, who are the buyers and who are the sellers? Why doesn't the local community chip in and hire security and work with the police to clean up the area? It seems to me, and I don't know the owners nor have I been into their restaurants, that they are truly the only victims in this mess. Where is personal responsibility? For shame.

Gloria Soban
Thornhill, Ont.

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Egypt's hypocrisy

After a Hamas suicide bomber left 22 Israelis dead on a Jerusalem bus and maimed dozens of others Aug. 19, Egypt sent an envoy to the Israeli government and to the Palestinian Authority (PA) in an effort to keep the road map peace plan intact. The PA then said it would take steps to block the smuggling of arms into Gaza through tunnels from Egypt. The simple question is: why had the Egyptians not sealed the tunnels on their side of the border? Egypt pays lip service to peace while at the same time supplying munitions to the terrorist groups that operate freely in Gaza and the West Bank. This is the same hypocrisy exhibited by the government of Saudi Arabia, which, while maintaining its friendship with the United States, finances terrorist organizations throughout the world and turns a blind eye to the teaching of hatred toward the United States and Israel in its schools and mosques.

Is it any wonder that both Israel and the United States are left to their own devices to eliminate the scourge of terrorism?

Bert Raphael
Toronto

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A decade after Oslo, Israel and Palestinians face a changed world

By LESLIE SUSSER
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

On the face of it, the Oslo peace process failed to achieve a great deal. Ten years after Israelis and Palestinians astounded the world by signing the accords, the two sides are again locked in armed struggle and are raising basic questions about legitimacy and recognition. In terms of conflict resolution, the parties seem to have stumbled back to a pre-Oslo square one.

But the situation today is, in fact, very different than it was a decade ago. Major political and geopolitical changes in the 10 years since Oslo, and the Oslo process itself, have coloured political thinking on both sides.

In Israel, taboos like the concept of a Palestinian state have been irrevocably smashed, while on the Palestinian side there is deeper questioning of the efficacy of the terrorist weapon.

> The dynamics of Oslo clarified for many Israelis the advantages of a two-state solution and the demographic dangers inherent in the present status quo

Perhaps most significantly, profound regional and international developments seem to be playing out in Israel's favour.

In Israel, the vagaries of the Oslo process changed political thinking on the right and the left. The peace process undercut the right's dream of a "greater Israel," while the collapse of the process shattered the left's dream of an idyllic, two-state solution in a "new Middle East."

Before Oslo, the thought of a Likud prime minister agreeing to the establishment of a Palestinian state would have been inconceivable. Indeed, when Oslo was signed, Labor party leaders Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres were careful not to commit themselves to Palestinian statehood for fear of sparking a public outcry.

Now, 10 years later, more than 60 per cent of Israelis – including Likud Prime Minister Ariel Sharon – back the two-state solution.

The failure of the parties to see the Oslo process through led to two significant conclusions on the Israeli side: If there are new agreements, there must be scrupulous third-party monitoring to ensure implementation; but if, ultimately, there is no credible peace partner, Israel should consider unilateral separation from the Palestinians.

President Clinton brings Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat together for a historic handshake after the signing of the Israeli-PLO peace accord at the White House Sept. 13, 1993. **[RNS/Reuters photo]**

The recent peace plan known as the road map provides the third-party supervision the Oslo process lacked. If it, too, fails to gather momentum, calls for unilateral separation will grow in Israel.

The dynamics of Oslo clarified for many Israelis the advantages of a two-state solution and the demographic dangers inherent in the present status quo. Even erstwhile right-wingers, such as the former minister for strategic planning Dan Meridor, now make the classic Labor argument that if it wishes to remain a Jewish and democratic state, Israel must separate politically from the Palestinians before they become a majority between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea.

Though Sharon does not use the demographic terminology, clearly it's in the back of his mind when he says that Israel should not rule over three million Palestinians and he calls for an end to "occupation."

On the Palestinian side, two contradictory post-Oslo strategies emerged that might be used: force Israeli concessions through terror, or abstain from terror and turn international sympathy into pressure on Israel.

Encouraged by the Israeli retreat from Lebanon in May 2000 and what he perceived as Saddam Hussein's growing power in Iraq, Palestinian Authority (PA) President Yasser Arafat opted for violence.

But his strategy imploded. No Arab states joined the struggle, the international community did not step in and Israel made no political concessions. On the contrary, the upshot was a discredited Arafat and a devastated Palestinian economy.

Moreover, after Al-Qaeda's Sept. 11 attacks in the United States, Palestinian terrorism became associated with international terrorism, and Israel was allowed unprecedented freedom of action against the terrorists. Sharon was able to reoccupy Palestinian cities and to embark on a policy of liquidating Hamas terrorist leaders – and there was little international protest.

Mahmoud Abbas, who became PA prime minister in April, led the post-Oslo policy alternative, denouncing Arafat's "militarization" of the intifadah as a huge strategic mistake that played into Israel's hands. Instead, Abbas advocated a strategy of dialogue based on the road map, combined with American pressure on Israel.

Regional developments since Oslo have further weakened the Palestinian position. Most significantly, the threat of a powerful "eastern front" against Israel – made up of Iraq, Syria and Jordan – collapsed. In 1994, a year after Oslo, Jordan made peace with Israel, while Saddam Hussein's ouster in April removed Iraq and left Syria isolated, surrounded by American or pro-American forces in Iraq, Turkey, Jordan and Israel.

Other developments also worked in Israel's favour. Israel's close relationship with Turkey, developed in the wake of the Oslo process, has survived the intifadah; U.S. control of Iraqi oil means a significant decline in the weight of the Arab oil card; and the weakness of the Arab League reflects a decline in the sense of a collective Arab identity.

For the Palestinians, these factors add up to a loss of their "Arab hinterland" and a growing sense of isolation.

Indeed, the Palestinians have had to turn to Iran for arms and financial aid. In January 2002, the Karine A, a ship carrying arms from Iran to the PA, was intercepted by Israel. Today, according to Israeli intelligence sources, Iranian Revolutionary Guards based in Lebanon are transferring arms and funds to Hamas.

Ironically, a decade after Oslo, a non-Arab country – Iran – poses the most serious strategic threat to Israel, promoting Palestinian terror and developing nuclear and other non-conventional weapons with missiles capable of reaching Israel.

For Israel, the American war in Iraq has a crucial bearing. If, over time, the Americans are seen to have won, it will be a major blow to all radical forces in the Middle East. But if they lose, Israel could find itself confronting buoyant radicals from all over the region.

Either way, one thing is certain: Israel's strategic alliance with the United States has become much stronger in the wake of Oslo – a process in which, initially, the Americans were not even involved.

Leslie Susser is the diplomatic correspondent for the Jerusalem Report.

On forgiveness

As we approach the High Holy Days, we are supposed to be preoccupied with notions of forgiveness, of asking for absolution, of clearing our record. It is a difficult season, one made more so by the Sept. 11 facts of human sin and evil. How are we supposed to forgive? How can we beg for absolution? Is amnesty really desirable? Can we be truly forgiven?

Norma Baumel Joseph in Montreal

The month before Rosh Hashanah is awesome, literally. We are to face God with awe and trembling, own up to our own failings and pledge improvement. The notion that we are given this chance annually, the recognition that we are all in need of this opportunity, and the implied acceptance of human fallibility and potential, mark these days with greatness and splendour.

But it is not an easy task. Few of us are capable of a full self assessment, one that is brutally honest and sincere.

Yet that is perhaps not the most difficult requirement of this forgiveness process. Judaism makes a more direct claim on us: we are expected to ask people – friends, family, and foe – to forgive us. Before we can face divine judgment, we require human pardon. Before we face God, we must face each other. Calling people to say "I'm sorry" is embarrassing and disconcerting just when we seek comfort in family rapport and community harmony. It means swallowing pride and resentment. It takes courage and humility.

But, again, that is not the most formidable of our season's demands. I think the most difficult task facing us is the charge to forgive. Just as we ask God to pardon us, we must try to forgive. And here I must confess, I fail. Over the years, I have managed to forgive individuals who harmed or hurt me. Misrepresentations about my character or my work on gender and Judaism, some of which were repeated many years ago in this newspaper, took a long time, but eventually I forgave those who made them. Thus, insults to my person I have struggled with and forgiven.

But I cannot excuse those who harm my family. How can I forgive those who hurt, demean, disrespect or lie about members of my family? I promised to love, protect and respect my husband and children. Forgiving those who violate their integrity is a violation of my own sense of being. I do not think I can even try. If this is a failing, I am sorry.

Forgiving those who damage my larger family, my people, falls into the same category. Forgiving those who maliciously destroy human life is impossible. Forgiving those who murder children in Israel is unconscionable. Amnesty is too perverse.

In this season of confessions, I confess, and I do not know what to do about it. But I cannot forgive.

A campaign of hope, not fear

Vancouver's 2004 Combined Jewish Appeal campaign is underway. Our centres sport banners. Signs bloom on the lawns of our agencies. Pictures, brochures, and online messages from campaign chairs abound. Special events and speakers fill our calendars.

Jean M. Gerber in Vancouver

What's the message? That Jewish life is woe and trouble, that we face worse-than-ever threats to Israel and imminent cross-burnings on our nice suburban lawns. Is this the reality of Jewish life? Is this what we must sell to raise money?

What I am about to say is not a criticism of the volunteers who strive to raise money for Israel, overseas and local needs. I don't want to downplay the tzedakah needs of these three centres of Jewish life. But aren't we forgetting some basic marketing strategies?

What do we see in TV commercials? We see happy people enjoying the latest widget. Beautiful girls, plenty of beefcake. Even happy cats and dogs!

Consider the theme of our campaign: "What will tomorrow hold if we don't act today?" The answer: trouble and woe.

Headlines speak of a Jewish world in crisis, of millions facing virulent anti-Israel and anti-Semitic sentiment, of physical threats to personal security, of a devastated Israeli economy, of a world where there is no guarantee our children will live in a secure environment, and of the continued erosion of Jewish identity due to assimilation.

I can't forget that Israelis are dying from terror bombings and snipers, and I am not downplaying European and media anti-Semitism. Nor do I deny that Canada's Jewish poverty rate hovers around 20 per cent, or that Argentine Jews face a very nasty local situation.

But, as many Jewish groups in Vancouver did recently, I would rather celebrate a Day of Unity with our local kollel and enjoy "A Fair to Remember" as the opening to our campaign than be told that only through disaster will we become a stronger people. So if, as one campaign leader says, this isn't your mother and father's campaign any more, why don't we see more celebration and less hand-wringing?

We in North America live in the wealthiest, most secure Jewish community in the history of our people. I include the years when we had our own kingdoms, maintained in almost constant states of warfare (including civil wars), that finally disappeared in flames.

Just over 50 years ago, our community was in tatters, as gaunt Holocaust survivors emerged from concentration camps. Now, those same survivors are the backbone of our communities, and we have a Jewish state that maintains its strength and independence.

Fifty years ago, the number of day schools in North America was minuscule, and they usually catered to the ultra-religious. Today, thousands flourish for all denominations. Fifty years ago, few men wore kippot on the street. Now, no one gives it much thought. Fifty years ago, Canadian Jews were begging the government to let in a few Holocaust survivors. Now, we bring Jewish immigrants in freely. Fifty years ago, there were Jewish quotas in universities. Now, few would deny us access to education and jobs. Fifty years ago, Israel struggled against Arab armies and daily attacks. Today, terror attacks do cause terrible heartache and destruction, but Israel now has an army that is second to none and the support of the most powerful nation on earth.

Our experiences and those of our children have been very different than those of previous generations. We can make a difference to poverty levels here and abroad, build our local institutions and help Jews in distress, because we have been blessed.

That's the good news, and we should capitalize on it. Let us remember that the Rambam did not put guilt and ill grace at the top of his ladder of charity, but pretty far down.

We cannot make Judaism attractive to the youth if all we offer them is pain.

"We will not be driven by fear into an age of unreason if we… remember that we are not descended from fearful men," said CBS journalist Edward R. Murrow in a report on U.S. Senator Joe McCarthy in March 1954.

We are not descended from fearful people. Nor should we pretend to be afraid. We have to remember that hope trumps sorrow, and that belief in ourselves trumps fear. Let's celebrate who we are and what we can give. That should open our hearts to the mitzvah of tzedakah that we are commanded to perform.

Weighing for forgiveness

With Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur around the corner, I find myself pondering my personal successes and shortcomings during the year that's about to end. And, like many other people, I start drafting resolutions for the new year.

Stuart Slayen in Winnipeg

Once again, losing weight is near the top of my list. Every Rosh Hashanah since around 5741, I have been resolving to drop a pile of pounds. And each year, immediately after a 4,500-calorie erev Rosh Hashanah dinner, I remind myself that this is the time of year to seek forgiveness and commit to change.

About 22 hours later, while consuming a 4,700-calorie first-day Rosh Hashanah lunch, I insist this year will be different, the year I finally make serious, sustainable progress toward healthy weight loss. A day later, I re-affirm that commitment between bites of a 5,000-calorie, second-day Rosh Hashanah lunch.

The first few days after Rosh Hashanah are always easy. My commitment is strong, I'm optimistic, and I feel like I won't be hungry until at least Pesach. By the time Yom Kippur rolls around, I'm feeling pretty proud of my restraint. Except for a caffeine-withdrawal headache, the fast is always a breeze. I tend to eat too much when it's time to break the fast, but who doesn't?

And then trouble begins. As the weather gets colder, it becomes harder to motivate myself to get to the gym at the JCC. When I do, I find I'm more eager to chat than to lift heavy objects or shvitz through my shirt while pedalling on a bike that doesn't take me anywhere. My vocal chords get a better workout than the rest of me. Accordingly, my winter metabolism remains as productive as the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

As the year drags on, my willingness to go work out ebbs and flows. But I'm always willing to go on a goofy diet. In anticipation of an out-of-town wedding on the Labour Day weekend, I decided to go on the "Cabbage Soup Diet," a one-week program useful for kick-starting a healthy eating program or for shaking off the final few stubborn pounds after a normal diet. In seven days, I lost 12 pounds – and about seven of those came in the first $2\frac{1}{2}$ days. The diet calls for you to consume a lot of cabbage soup and specific foods on each of the diet days. At first, the soup wasn't too bad. But by the ninth bowl of that heinous swill, I was ready to send hate mail to cabbage farmers.

I've also been on the "Carbohydrate Addict's Diet," a bizarre program that allowed me to eat carbohydrates once a day for a period of time not to exceed an hour. In that hour (playfully dubbed "The Gorge Hour" by a friend who has spent a few carb times with me), I could eat whatever I wanted and as much as I wanted. But no carbs for the rest of the day. It felt like a strange way to eat, but I did lose about two pounds a week for three months. I stopped the diet because I started to slip.

I've done hypnosis by tape and with a therapist. I've been to nutritionists. And I've been through Weight Watchers twice. (Their crazy little scheme is to infuse customers with the curious notion that you can lose weight by eating less and exercising more. Odd, but effective.)

Each diet or program I try starts and ends the same way – and it's the same for many weight-challenged people. We start with enthusiasm, and we're rewarded with some success. Then, we drift back into lousy habits and tighter clothes.

During the Yom Kippur confessional, we ask for forgiveness for the sins we have committed with food and drink. I will ask again for that forgiveness, and I will forgive myself, too, for not succeeding this past year. But then it's back to the gym and some healthy habits.

Maybe this time my healthy eating will last until next Rosh Hashanah, when I can regain any weight I've lost in only three holiday meals. Shanah Tovah.

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The Kirshner File

The battle against Al Qaeda is far from over

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

The Islamic fundamentalist group synonymous with international terrorism and the destruction of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001 is down but not out.

Two years to the day since 19 Arab hijackers wreaked havoc in the United States and left the world reeling in shock and anguish, Al Qaeda is weaker, yet it is still very much of a threat to the West and its allies.

Since that black day, Al Qaeda has carried out a series of audacious attacks. And in the past year, Al Qaeda and its affiliates have bombed soft targets in Kenya, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia and Morocco.

In response to the Sept. 11 attacks, which claimed the lives of almost 3,000 civilians, the United States invaded Afghanistan. American power shattered Al Qaeda's base there and unseated the Islamist Taliban regime, which had provided ideological and logistical support to Al Qaeda and its founder, Osama bin Laden.

The United States then launched a concerted campaign to track down Al Qaeda's leadership. Its top two leaders, bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahiri, remain at large, but some of their lieutenants have been caught.

A year ago, U.S. and Pakistani forces captured Ramzi bin al-Shibh – a high-ranking Al Qaeda operative – in Karachi. And in an Israeli-style targeted killing shortly afterward, the United States assassinated a senior Al Qaeda leader in Yemen.

On the heels of this operation, Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri was arrested. He was allegedly one of the planners of the 1998 U.S. embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania and the attack on the U.S.S. Cole in 2000.

Six months ago, Khalid Shaikh Mohammed – bin Laden's chief of operations and the man who allegedly supervised the assault on a Tunisian synagogue in April 2002 that killed 21 people – was captured in Rawalpindi, Pakistan. Walid Ba'Attash, who is said to have played major roles in the Sept. 11 attacks and the bombing of the U.S.S. Cole, was subsequently arrested in Karachi.

Riduan Isamuddin, an important terrorist, was apprehended in Thailand in August. Better known as Hambali, he was the mastermind of the October 2002 bombing in Bali, Indonesia, that killed 202 people, primarily Australian tourists.

In another important development, Richard Reid, a British convert to Islam and an Al Qaeda acolyte who tried to blow up an American Airlines flight with explosives concealed in his sneakers, was sentenced to life imprisonment by a judge in Boston. And in Hamburg, a panel of seven German judges imposed a 15 year sentence on Mounir el-Motassadeq, a Sept. 11 plotter.

Last month, after Kenya rounded up five suspects linked to the November 2002 Al Qaeda attack in Mombasa in which three Israelis were killed, a court in Indonesia condemned to death a garage mechanic, known as Amrozi, for his involvement in the Bali atrocity. He was a member of Jemaah Islamiya, an organization affiliated with Al Qaeda. At around the same time, a court in Morocco sentenced to death four Islamists charged with a wave of suicide attacks in Casablanca last spring.

Despite these setbacks, Al Qaeda remains a lethal organization. It has regrouped and tried to develop a new generation of harder-to-detect explosives, and it has begun a new recruitment drive aimed at bolstering its membership.

By all accounts, the U.S. invasion of Iraq last March has fanned the embers of Islamic radicalism, probably the most dangerous political phenomenon of our times. More important, Al Qaeda, with help from local sympathizers, has resumed terrorist operations.

Within a four-day period in May, suicide bombers struck Saudi Arabia – the home of 15 of the 19 Sept. 11 hijackers – and Morocco. In Riyadh, they targeted three foreign residential compounds, killing 25 civilians. In Casablanca, Morocco's commercial hub, 14 bombers attacked five sites, including a Jewish community centre, and killed 28 bystanders. The assailants belonged to Salafia Jihadia, which is close to Al Qaeda.

There were additional incidents in August.

Jemaah Islamiya bombed the five-star Marriott Hotel in Jakarta, Indonesia's capital, killing 16 people. And in Baghdad, 17 civilians were killed when a car bomb ripped through Jordan's embassy. U.S. officials in Iraq pointed a finger of blame at Ansar al-Islam, which is associated with Al Qaeda. Yet no compelling evidence has emerged to link the old Iraqi regime to Al Qaeda.

During the war in Iraq, U.S. forces wiped out Ansar al-Islam's camps in northeastern Iraq, near the Iranian border. But in the last few months, Ansar al-Islam has reconstituted itself and its surviving members have filtered back into Iraq from Iran.

According to reports, the third-ranking member of Al Qaeda, Saif al-Adel, has found refuge in Iran and is now in Iran's custody. A former Egyptian army officer, he is wanted by the United States in connection with the bombings in Kenya and Tanzania. Saudi authorities claim that he orchestrated the bombings in Riyadh in May. Washington has asked for his extradition, but Iran has refused.

Despite its successes in capturing Al Qaeda operatives, the United States is still vulnerable to mega-terrorism.

The London-based World Markets Research Centre claims that the United States is "the number one target for many terrorist groups," and that "another Sept. 11 style attack in the United States is very likely."

And in a sombre aside, World Markets Research Centre notes the American invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq have exacerbated anti-American feelings in the Muslim world.

Ayman al-Zawahiri

Bin Laden and al-Zawahiri have, of course, exploited these fears. In a recorded message last February, bin Laden urged his followers to strike the United States by all means, including suicide bombings. And in August, al-Zawahiri spoke of imminent assaults against the United States.

The Bush administration regards these warnings with the utmost seriousness.

"The potential for us to be hit again is very real," John Ashcroft, the U.S. attorney-general, said after the al-Zawahiri recording. In tandem with Ashcroft's warning, U.S. President George W. Bush has talked about a "real threat" from Al Qaeda to hijack and/or bomb passenger planes.

Contemplating such possibilities, the United States recently dispatched teams of aviation safety investigators to Europe, Asia and the Middle East to determine whether airports there can be defended against terrorists. Washington fears that terrorists, using shoulder-fired missiles, may attempt to shoot down airliners. It is not an idle fear. Last month, three Americans, including an elderly person of Jewish ancestry, were arrested in a plot to supply Russian missiles to terrorists.

U.S. law enforcement officials earlier announced they had uncovered an Al Qaeda scheme to bring down the Brooklyn Bridge.

Keenly aware of the clear and present danger posed by terrorists, the United States has also sent inspectors to major seaports in Muslim nations. Their mission is to prevent terrorists from using cargo containers to smuggle chemical, biological and nuclear weapons into the United States.

Despite the United States' success in pulverizing Al Qaeda's operational base in Afghanistan, the process of putting that country back together again has only just begun.

The pro-Western government of President Hamid Karzai has little authority, being in control of only Kabul, the capital city, and its surrounding areas. Warlords, many of whom are tacitly supported by the United States, reign supreme outside Kabul.

Security in the rest of this perennially unstable nation, particularly in the south and in the east, is at best tenuous. Lately, Al Qaeda and the Taliban have grown bolder, mounting attacks on the reconstituted Afghan army, ordinary civilians, aid workers, government officials and the foreign troops that patrol Afghanistan. The United States maintains a garrison of 8,000 soldiers, while the International Security and Assistance Force, under the command of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, has 5,000 troops, including 1,900 Canadians.

Due to the chaos still roiling this impoverished country, basic services are in short supply, reconstruction projects are at a virtual standstill and efforts to draft a new constitution have bogged down.

Beyond Afghanistan, there are problems in Indonesia and the southern Philippines, which have become training grounds for Jemaah Islamiya. Saudi Arabia, which has long tolerated Islamic radicalism, has belatedly started to hunt down Al Qaeda sympathizers.

In Iraq, where the American army is engaged in an increasingly bitter guerrilla war with Saddam Hussein loyalists and Islamic radicals, the United States describes its struggle there to win the peace as "the central battle in the war on terrorism."

Al Qaeda is weaker today than it was before the war in Afghanistan. But this resilient terrorist organization and its affiliates are still capable of baring their fangs and causing tremendous damage.

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Greater Toronto Area

Israel launches campaign to boost tourism

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

Pledge cards to be distributed during High Holy Days in synagogues

Israel's Ministry of Tourism is launching a High Holy Day campaign to convince synagogue-goers in North America to visit Israel in the upcoming year.

Worshippers across Canada can expect to find a pledge card on their seats during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur with four tabs they can fold to indicate whether they plan to travel in the next three, six, nine or 12 months.

By filling out the card and sending it to the Israel Government Tourism Office (IGTO) office in Toronto, participants can request information on trips, tour operators, missions and other data that might be useful in planning their trips, said Samara Bordan, manager of marketing and public relations for the IGTO. "It will create an open dialogue with Canadian Jews."

The Project Go Israel campaign is the brainchild of Israeli Tourism Minister Benny Elon, who has set a goal of hosting 1.2 million visitors to Israel in the coming year (September 2003 to September 2004). That would mark a substantial increase in traffic to Israel over 2002, when only 800,000 travellers visited the Jewish state.

"The best way we can access North American Jews is through the synagogue," Elon said.

"This tourism pledge project represents an extremely significant commitment by Canadians who take part," added Dan Shahal, Israel's consul for tourism in Canada.

Tourism in Israel and the broader hospitality industry has taken a severe financial hit thanks to the Palestinian intifadah, as visitors stayed away from Israel in increasing numbers. However, in recent months the statistics appear to be shifting, suggesting the downward trend that dates back to October 2000 may be reversing.

In July 2003, 113,000 tourists entered Israel, up 54 per cent over the same period the year before and slightly greater than July 2001.

Press reports indicated the numbers of incoming tourists in April, May and June were also up, by 17 per cent, 36 per cent and 44 per cent respectively over the same months the year before. As many as 519,900 tourists entered Israel in the first seven months of 2003, a 10 per cent increase over the same period last year.

The Canadian figures are also strong, Bordan said. Flights to Israel over the summer have been full while a number of organization missions have attracted capacity crowds. Close to 1,600 young adults visited Israel as part of the Birthright program – another strong indication interest in the Jewish state is perking up – while in May, 2,956 Canadians visited Israel, up from only 1,973 in May 2002, she said.

"We're building on that momentum, to get people to commit to visiting Israel," Bordan said. "There is no fundraising. It's just asking people to commit to go to Israel and to name a time frame."

By bringing Israel visits to the forefront during the holiday season and offering ways of helping people plan their trips, Jewish Canadians will be enticed into visiting, she added.

A grass roots group of volunteers is being organized to contact the dozens of synagogues that will be asked to participate. These volunteers, co-ordinated by Anne Maurer, will serve as liaison between the IGTO and local communities, Bordan said.

For more information or to make a pledge, visit the Project Go Israel Web site at: www.goisrael.com/canadapledge.

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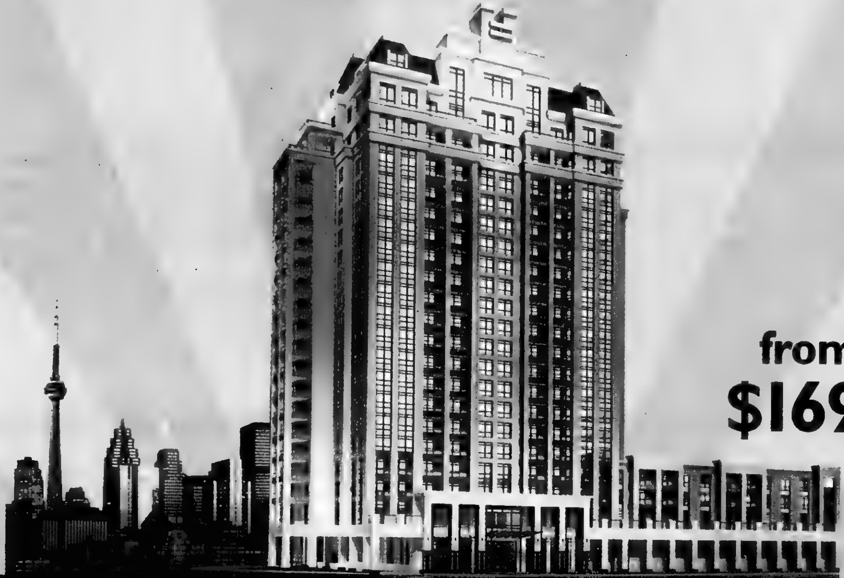

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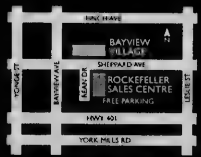
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Chabad Lubavitch sets up Mississauga outpost

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

A townhouse in the Erin Mills section of Mississauga will be the nucleus of an effort to bring awareness of their roots to the Jews of Mississauga.

Rabbi Yitzchok Slavin, 27, his wife Sara, a teacher, and their one-year-old son, Yehoshua, moved to Erin Mills last month, hoping to establish a Jewish presence there.

This, said Rabbi Slavin, is in accord with the wishes of the late Lubavitcher rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, "to bring Yiddishkeit to every single Jew," regardless of his or her background, level of observance or knowledge.

Rabbi Slavin is well-equipped for the task. After attending yeshiva high schools in Paris and New York, he worked as an exchange student in Sydney, Australia, for a year, providing adult education and doing children's programming. He then returned home to get his smichah from the Rabbinical College in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn, N.Y.

He said that he was already familiar with Toronto, because his sister, Dvora Deitsch, is rebbitzen of Chabad Downtown on Bathurst Street, south of St. Clair Avenue.

"There were a lot of phone calls [to Lubavitch headquarters in Thornhill], asking why there is no Chabad centre in Mississauga. Now there will be," Rabbi Slavin said.

He said he has found people very excited about Chabad coming to Mississauga. "They feel it will be a boost for the Jewish community."

He said he and his wife are looking to fill any void they find, especially educationally.

"We want to teach Torah in an exciting way, showing children, and adults, that the Torah life is exciting."

He said they plan to offer day and evening classes for adults, conduct office visits and "lunch-and-learn" classes, and hold classes for children.

They also plan to expose kids to a shofar factory, a matzah bakery and how to make oil on Chanukah.

"It's real hands-on education," he said.

Erindale College, a college of the University of Toronto, is nearby, and Rabbi Slavin said he hopes to seek out Jewish students who study there or live on campus, as well as professors or other staff "regardless of their affiliation."

As well, he said, he plans to visit hospitals, to bring such things as shofars, lulavs and etrogs, and chanukiyot to Jewish patients.

Rabbi Slavin said he plans to eventually branch out to Oakville and Halton Region. As well, he has been in contact with Rabbi Lawrence Englander of the Reform congregation Solel, who, he said, is very open to the idea of some co-operative programming.

While there is some kosher food available at major supermarkets in Erin Mills, Rabbi Slavin hopes to encourage them to bring more out. "Now, Jews mainly have to go to Toronto."

Rabbi Slavin said he believes that showing Jews the beauty of Yiddishkeit in an exciting and meaningful way will help curb the increasing rate of assimilation.

For more information on Chabad in Mississauga, contact Rabbi Slavin at 905-820-4432.

Rabbi Yitzchok Slavin, wife Sara and one-year-old son Yehoshua.

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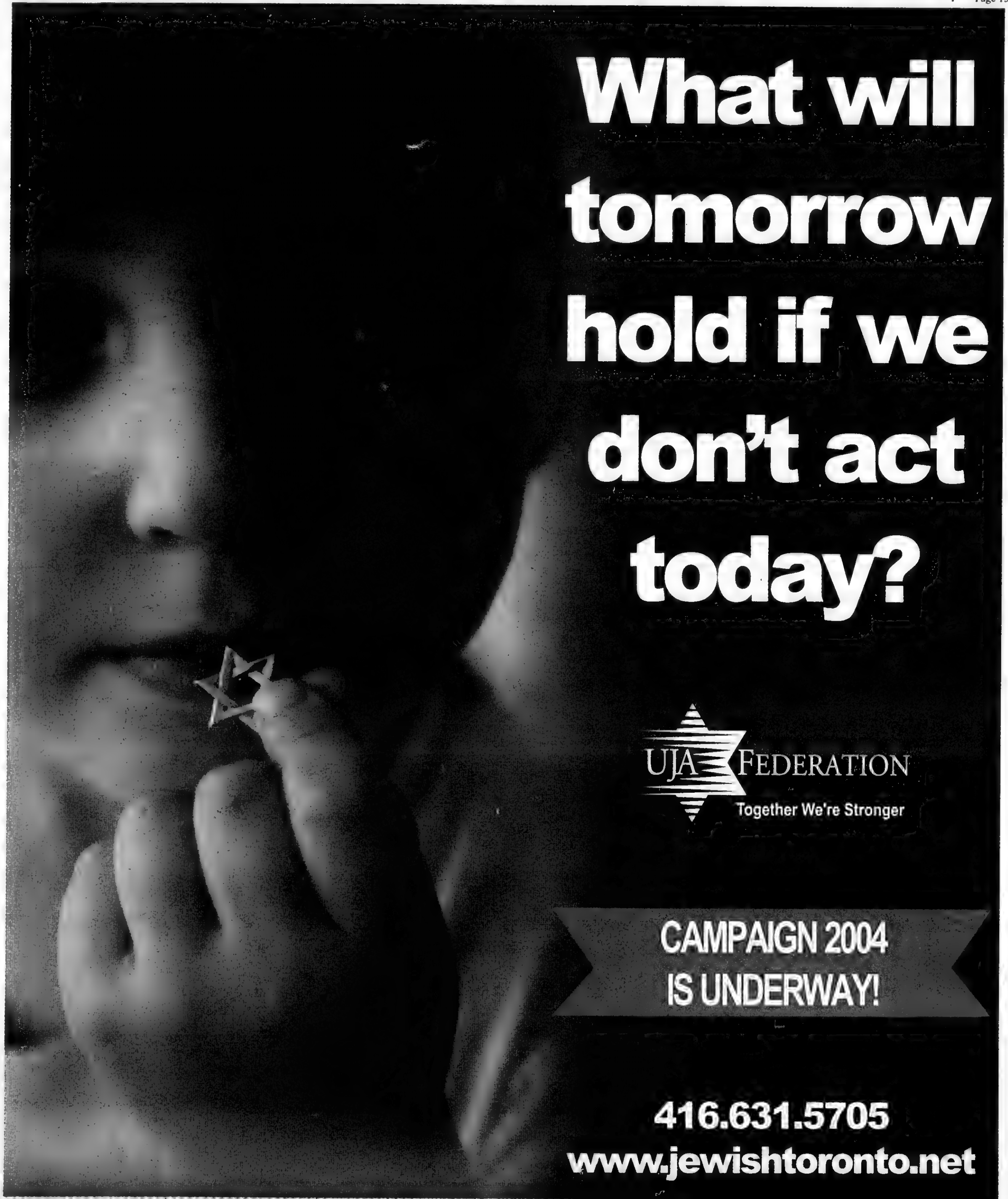
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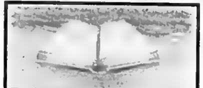
Jewish Life

Some thoughts about 9/11

By RABBI AVRAHAM PLOTKIN



Rabbinic Reflections

A rabbi dies and is waiting in line at the gates of Heaven. Ahead of him is a fellow dressed in sunglasses, a loud shirt, a leather jacket and jeans.

The angel addresses the fellow. "Who are you, so that I may know whether or not to admit you to Heaven?"

He replies, "I'm Joe Cohen, taxi driver, of Noo Yawk City."

The angel consults his list. He smiles and says to the taxi driver, "Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter Heaven."

The taxi driver goes into Heaven with his robe and staff. Now it's the rabbi's turn. He stands erect and booms out, "I am Joseph Snow, rabbi of Congregation Ahavat Shalom for the last 43 years."

The angel consults his list. He says to the rabbi, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter Heaven."

"Just a minute," says the rabbi. "That man was a taxi driver and he gets a silken robe and golden staff. How can this be?"

"Up here, we work by results," says the angel. "While you preached, people slept. While he drove, people prayed."

This story rings true. We are motivated by the world's "taxi drivers" far more than by the rabbis. It seems the human psyche is primarily motivated by fear rather than love. Yet fear is limited and short-term. Love is far more effective and permanent.

On the second anniversary of 9/11, we are reminded of an event of historic proportions that, we are told, changed the world forever. While we saw humanity at its worst, we also saw humanity at its best.

Yet only two years later, all that positive energy seems to have faded and we have returned to our old ways and habits. Why does an event like 9/11 have such a short-term effect? Do we really have such a short memory?

The answer is that 9/11 was about fear and terror. Yes, fear is an effective motivator, but it's also highly flawed, an external force that, like the taxi driver, gets everyone praying fervently, but only until the end of the ride. When the passenger steps out of the taxi, the praying is over.

The most apocalyptic and catastrophic Torah warning is described graphically in this week's reading. The Torah clearly states its root cause: "Because you failed to worship me with joy." The cause of these horrific prognostications is not just simply failure to act according to the Torah, but a failure to maintain a positive attitude. Worship must be accompanied by joy and love.

The shortcomings of fear as our primary motivator are evident in some of the most important areas of Jewish life today:

- **Education:** The old approach of the cheder rabbi tugging at his student's ear for discipline doesn't cut it anymore. The many cheder dropouts over the years have proven its ineffectiveness. Education must be imparted through love and joy for it to succeed.
- **Outreach:** In the last 30 years, there has been an explosion of outreach groups and approaches. Time has shown that those with a joyful, loving approach to Torah and HaShem are far more effective than fear-mongers.
- **Continuity:** It has been proven time and again that warning our children about the tragedy of intermarriage and the evils of anti-Semitism is not enough to get them to care about perpetuating Judaism into the next generation. Children need to be given positive and meaningful reasons for being Jewish.
- **Israel:** Terror attacks should not be the primary trigger for activism and prayers for Israel. We should be thinking about Israel 24/7, even when there is no terror. It's clear why our fear-based connection has dominated recently. Every time we hear about a tragic bombing, our hearts go out to the victims and their families. Yet our relationship to Israel is surely much more than fear-based. Israel is not just the result of thousands of years of Jewish fear and suffering. It is the land we love, given to us by God, whose destiny is intertwined with our own.

One day soon, love and joy will replace fear as the primary motivation of our faith, please God. At that point, there will be no one to fear, people will have a strong knowledge of God, and of course, the rabbis will regain from the taxi drivers their rightful place in Heaven.

Rabbi Plotkin is spiritual leader of Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, Ont.

Guest Voice

A truly historic lawsuit

By RABBI AVI SHAFRAN
Special to The CJN

The loud chortling sound you may have heard last week was the collective mirth of countless Talmud-conversant Jews as they read about a lawsuit being prepared by a group of Egyptian expatriates in Switzerland.

The news came in the form of an interview, published in the Egyptian weekly *Al-Ahram Al-Arabi*, with Nabil Hilmi, dean of the faculty of law at the University of Al-Zaqaziq. The article was translated and made available by the invaluable Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI).

Hilmi's lawsuit is ostensibly being filed against "all the Jews of the world" to recover property allegedly stolen during the Exodus of the Jews from Egypt 3,300 years ago.

Citing the Torah, Hilmi is demanding, presumably on Egypt's behalf, the return of "gold, jewelry, cooking utensils, silver ornaments, clothing and more," not to mention interest thereon, taken by the ancestors of today's Jews "in the middle of the night" – a "clear theft of a host country's resources and treasure, something that fits the morals and character of the Jews."

According to Hilmi's computations, which include an annual doubling in value of the material in question, 1,125 trillion tons of gold are owed by the Jews for each of the 300 tons he estimates was taken. And that doesn't include interest, which he claims, without explanation, should be calculated for 5758 years.

The merriment that greeted the report was born of the fact the Talmud tells of precisely such a claim lodged more than 2,000 years ago in a world court of sorts presided over by none other than Alexander the Great.

The story is recounted in Sanhedrin 91a, where one Geviha ben Pesisa responded on the Jews' behalf. A paraphrase of the excerpt follows: "What is your source ?" Geviha asked the Egyptian representatives. "The Torah," they replied.

"Very well," said Geviha, "I too will invoke the Torah, which says that the Jews spent 430 years laboring in Egypt. Please compensate us for 600,000 men's work for that period of time."

The Egyptians, the Talmud continues, then asked Alexander for three days during which to formulate a response. The recess was granted but the representatives, finding no counter-argument, never returned.

One supposes that Hilmi was unfamiliar with that page of Talmud, and perhaps with the underlying biblical narrative on which it is based.

His gift to us, though, is more than a good laugh. For by sending us to Sanhedrin 91a, he provides us great consolation and hope in these trying times. The very next account on that page concerns yet another historic lawsuit – ancient and yet as timely as tomorrow's headlines.

This suit was filed by "the children of Ishmael and Keturah [Abraham's second wife, identified by the Midrash as Hagar]." Ishmael, of course, is claimed by many Arabs as their ancestor.

The plaintiffs in this suit claimed that Canaan, or the Land of Israel, was really theirs, as the Torah identifies their antecedents, no less than Isaac, to be progeny of Abraham.

Once again, Geviha responded on behalf of the Jews. "Your source?" he asked. "The Torah," they responded. "If so," he continued, "I too will invoke the Torah, which says that Abraham gave 'all that was his to Isaac; and to the children of his concubines [other wives], he gave [only] gifts, and he sent them away from Isaac his son… eastward.'"

Intriguingly, the Talmud mentions no Ishmaelite or Keturite reaction in Alexander's court – not even a request for time to formulate a response. It's almost as if those plaintiffs simply refused to acknowledge the unarguable case that had been presented, as if they were utterly unable to countenance the idea that the Holy Land was in fact bequeathed in its entirety by Abraham to Isaac, who in turn bequeathed it to Jacob, and he, to his children after him, the Jewish people.

According to the Jewish religious tradition, though, the entire world, including Ishmael's descendants, will one day come not only to countenance the idea but to fully embrace it. That day has not yet arrived, to be sure, and it will not be military or political actions in the end that will bring it, but rather our merits as a people.

It will arrive, though. As the prophet Jeremiah tells our Rachel, one of the mothers of the Jewish people: "Restrain your voice from crying and tears from your eyes… for there is hope for you in the end… the children will return to their borders."

Rabbi Shafran is director of public affairs for Agudath Israel of America.

Jewish Life

A clever composite of gifted writers

***Ziff: A Life?* by Alan Lelchuk, Carrol & Graf, $40.95.**

This novel tells the story of Danny Levitan, a once respected novelist, but now half forgotten, who is startled when he receives a publisher's offer to write a biography of Arthur Ziff, his good friend and mentor, the enfant terrible of American letters.

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Levitan is uncertain. The highly successful and talented Ziff, author of such satiric classics as *The Carnal Confessions of Rabbi Shmuel Siegal* and *The Savage Yid*, has incurred the enmity of the Jewish community. Moreover, a concerned Ziff refuses to co-operate in the project and threatens to sue if the book contains false or unproved information.

After much soul searching, Danny undertakes the task and travels to Europe to unearth information about his elusive subject, and to interview a number of his former friends and lovers. Ziff turns out to be a far more complex character than expected. Yes, he was unrelenting in his exposure of the frailties and shortcomings of the Jewish community. Yes, he was a hedonist and womanizer, leaving a trail of broken vows and hearts in his wake. But, as Danny discovers to his surprise, Ziff has secretly helped Jewish and non-Jewish writers in Europe and is writing a positive novel on Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved thousands of Hungarian Jews during the Holocaust.

Trying to confirm information about Ziff's rumoured affair with a famous gentile actress, Danny breaks into his friend's writing studio. There he discovers a concealed memoir of Ziff's secret affair with the daughter of a liberal rabbi, a senior at Brandeis University.

The romance doesn't blossom, but Ziff finds new meaning in Judaism.

"I felt free, for the first time, to pursue real ideas in Judaism, and to witness authentic ways, in being close to Charna," he writes. "I learned for the first time the true meaning of Chassidism, its history of authentic rebellion by means of emotionalism and spontaneity against the armies of mainstream Judaism, rather than the corny weddings and costumes of the current ilk, or its materialistic modern appearance. And while I didn't convert in any outward or notable way, I came to discern and appreciate what Jewishness was about, in its better, pristine forms, not the current suburban bastardizations and euphemisms."

When Danny's biography appears, it is viciously attacked. A rabbi is outraged: "What you have written is a *shanda*, a complete *shanda*! How could you say this lifelong self-hating Jew would ever dream of helping his fellow Jews? Are you *meshugah*? Or simply a front man for this major anti-Semite? Or just a dangerous fool, an assimilated Jewgoy? I once had a conversation with the great I. B. Singer, and when Ziff's name came up, he shook his head in dismay and said, in America, a Jewish artist was no more than a common con artist, a merchant whose only Torah was the dollar bill! Do you think you know more than the great Jewish writer and *chochom*??"

Alan Lelchuk, who is a teacher and the author of *American Mischief* and *Miriam at Thirty-Four*, has written a brilliant novel. *Ziff: A Life?* is entertaining and clever, with unexpected twists of plot. Perhaps most important is the portrayal of Ziff as the composite of a number of gifted Jewish writers who were denounced by the Jewish community, but who felt they were being true to their own experiences. Ziff, who moves from literary rebel to become a more informed and positive Jew, is a literary example of recent young Jewish writers who have found rich, creative resources in their background and culture.

Celebrating Jewish birthdays

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

In just a few short weeks, the Jewish world will be celebrating its 5,764th birthday. Judaism has a rich tradition of birthday celebrations, as we'll see courtesy of the World Wide Web.

The Jewish Highway

At first glance, it seems the Torah does not have a lot to say about birthdays. In their fascinating essay "Birthdays, Jewishly," Lisa Farber Miller and Sandra Widener quote the Encyclopedia Judaica: "The celebration of birthdays is unknown in traditional Jewish ritual." In fact, the encyclopedia says, the only birthday party mentioned in the Bible is for Pharaoh! (Genesis 40:20) **[http://www.ritualwell.org/Rituals/ritual.html?docid=936]**.

Rabbi Yanki Tauber says Judaism traditionally observes the death (yahrzeit) of an individual, while the anniversary of a birth does not get as much attention. This is logical, he says, since a yahrzeit commemorates a lifetime of achievement. But he then suggests that the birth of a child does merit celebrating in our tradition. "Birth marks the point at which your body received and fused with your soul, the point at which you attained your individuality" **[http://www.chabad.org/magazine/article.asp?AID=58234]**.

The Ohr Somayach site mentions several sages who marked their birthdays as auspicious days. "Rabbi Yisrael Lifshitz instructed his children that when one of them has a birthday, the others should visit and bless him. Similarly, distinguished members of Jerusalem's Jewish community used to visit Rabbi Shmuel Salant on his birthday and offer him their blessings" **[http://ohr.edu/ask_db/ask_main.php?id_number=222]**.

The Chabad site goes even further, suggesting that a Jewish birthday can be considered in some ways "a mini-Rosh Hashanah. The Talmud informs us that on our Jewish birthdays our mazel is dominant. The Jewish birthday is the perfect day for reflection about our lives as Jews and is an auspicious time to make new resolutions to perform good deeds and to deepen our commitment to Torah and the role it plays in our lives" **[http://www.chabad.org/calendar/birthday. asp]**.

How can you help your child celebrate their birthday in a Jewish manner? In the "Birthdays, Jewishly" article, Widener and Miller have several suggestions: plan a Shabbat dinner, have a tzedakah party where kids are given extra money to put in a tzedakah box, or start a Saturday slumber party with a havdalah ceremony.

Have you lost track of your Jewish birthday? Don't worry, it's easy to figure out. Just go to the Jewish Birthday calculator and type in the English date and whether you born in the morning, evening or night **[http://www.chabad.org/calendar/birthday.asp?AID=6228]**. And if someone you know is about to celebrate a big day, you can e-mail them a free card with "*Yom huledet samayach*" greetings **[http://www.yourpage.org/yom.html]**.

If you are marking a milestone birthday this year, you may want to check out the wisdom found in Avot 5:24 of Pirkei Avot, the Teachings of our Fathers:

"At five years old a person should study the Scriptures,
at 10 years for the Mishnah,
at 13 for the commandments,
at 15 for the Talmud,
at 18 for the bridechamber,
at 20 for one's life pursuit,
at 30 for authority,
at 40 for discernment,
at 50 for counsel,
at 60 to be an elder,
at 70 for gray hairs,
at 80 for special strength."

I'll leave it to you to check out what it says about turning 90 and 100 **[http://www.shechem.org/torah/avot.ht ml#chap5]**.

While we're on the topic of Jewish aging, one of the most famous blessings that Jews bestow on each other is "*Bis hundert und tzvantzig*" or "*Ad may'yah v'esrim*" – "Until 120." The age of 120 is considered an ideal age to die because Moses was 120 years old when he died (Deut. 34:7) **[http://www.jewfaq.org/moshe.htm]**.

Rabbi Lewis John Eron, director of religious services at Jewish Geriatric Home in Cherry Hill, N.J. has a related story. One Shabbat morning, he announced that a resident of the home was celebrating a milestone birthday and he wished that she live to the age of 120 **[http://www.jrf.org/recondt/vayelech_eron.html]**. A friend of hers said, "No, rabbi, you should wish her 120 years and three months." "Why the extra three months?" the rabbi asked. "Rabbi," she declared, "Don't you want her to enjoy her party?"

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New foundation seeks to protect victims of crime

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

When Lozanne and Joseph Wamback heard that Matti Baranovski had been killed in an attack in a Toronto park, they asked Matti's mother, Olga, if she needed help.

The Wambacks' son, Jonathan, was also the victim of a brutal attack. Last year, they founded the Canadian Crime Victims Foundation (CCVF), a registered charity that works to provide protection for victims of violent crime in Canada.

"We are bonded in tragedy," said Lozanne in a joint interview with Baranovski.

On Nov. 14, 1999, 15-year-old Matti Baranovski was beaten to death in G. Ross Lord Park by a group of teenagers looking for a pack of cigarettes. Meir Mariani and Lee Cochrane, both 20, were convicted of second-degree murder in the case earlier this summer. Daniel Weiz, 22, who had been accused with Mariani and Cochrane, was acquitted.

"My son Matti who was a victim, cannot have a voice," Baranovski said. "He was the witness to a crime but he cannot tell his story."

In her grief, Baranovski spoke of her disappointment with the Canadian justice system.

"I am grateful to a few people who listened to my broken heart – the Wambacks, Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman, director of the Jewish Russian Community Centre, [Toronto city councillor] Mike Feldman, Judy Kennedy, Matti's principal at Northview High School and [Jewish Vocational Services volunteer] Goldie [Steiner] – but the system failed me.

"The courtroom procedures and rules are a game."

"Canadian crime victims are virtually ignored by the very nature of our criminal justice system and, for the most part, left to heal on their own," Lozanne said.

"The CCVF's mission is to empower and provide resources to victims of crime and affect positive change to victims' services in Canada. Our mission is to give victims a voice."

In June 1999, the Wambacks' son, Jonathan, then 15 years old, was beaten in a park near the Wambacks' home in Newmarket. Jonathan managed to escape his attackers, but five of them chased him in a car and trapped him between two houses, where they kicked him repeatedly in the skull. He was in a coma for three months and today has brain damage, walks with a limp and speaks with difficulty.

Joseph said in a separate interview that the foundation supports victims' families by providing them with psychological, emotional and financial support, as well as information about any service providers.

Unfortunately, he said, there are no such providers.

"When you're injured in a crime, there are no support services," he said. "There are no psychologists in Toronto that deal specifically with assaults on young men."

And, Joseph said, "You're encouraged not to talk to the press because it will jeopardize the case" – something he believes is "absolute nonsense.

"Canadians – from all areas – have to speak out" to change things, he said.

The Wamback court case took, with the appeals process, "about three, 3½ years," Joseph said. In that time, of the 14 boys who were involved in the attack, three were charged. Two were convicted of aggravated assault and one got off on a technicality. As well, two of the 14 boys, who were both 19 at the time of the attack – and, therefore, old enough to be charged as adults – were given immunity from prosecution for their testimony against the young offenders.

"[Canadian] society spends more energy and time defending the rights of criminals than on the rights of victims," Joseph said. "That's tyranny."

Fifty-one months since the assault, he said, "We have yet to be contacted by a single service provider." He and Lozanne applied for compensation in September 1999 with the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB), an agency of the provincial Ministry of the Attorney General, but withdrew their claim 42 months later without having received a response. They then filed a complaint with the provincial government and are still waiting for a response from the ombudsman.

Lozanne said through their case, she and her husband found "many flaws" in the new Youth Criminal Justice Act.

Seated from left: Olga Baranovski, Jonathan Wamback, Lozanne Wamback. Standing is Jewish Vocational Services volunteer Goldie Steiner. [Cynthia Gasner photo]

"There is no accountability and no consequences," she said. "We gathered a million signatures to stop the passage of the act," but it was implemented in April 2003.

Through their relationship with hundreds of other victims, including Baranovski – who "has not received a nickel" in compensation, Joseph said – the Wambacks learned that Canadian victims' services and victims' rights "are virtually nonexistent at best, and the systemic revictimization of Canadian crime victims remains unchecked and unaccountable," said Lozanne.

"The existing services for victims provides a lack of resources and mandate to provide the desperately needed services such as psychological counselling, medical intervention, financial assistance for funerals and lost wages, as well as court support and mediation, to name just a few," she said.

Joseph added that it's not simply about services, it's about approach. "Canada does not comply with the UN Convention on Justice Victims [1997] – and Canada is a signatory to that. The word 'victim' doesn't appear in the Charter of Rights," he said.

The Wambacks hope their foundation will "bring awareness and to promote the Canadian and United Nations statements and principles of justice for victims of crime," Lozanne said.

She said the CICB has $80 million "and we don't know of any victims or their families who are receiving any benefits."

The CICB declined to discuss the Wamback case for confidentiality reasons, but Steven Owen, executive assistant to CICB chair Marsha Greenfield, said the only requirement for someone to apply for compensation is that they be the victim of a violent crime in Ontario.

He said the CICB can award compensation even if there isn't a conviction.

But, he said, no compensation can be made while a case is in court.

"If there are criminal proceedings underway, it's the usual practise of the board to await their outcome because the board can then take a conviction as proof that a violent crime did occur," Owens said.

That, Joseph said, is precisely the problem.

"When you're hurt, your child is dying or dead, and your other children need psychological counselling [and other services not covered by OHIP], something must be done immediately.

"We can't wait," he said.

"People believe that the system functions well and they do not realize the failure of the system until they are affected by it," Baranovski said. "My hope is that others will see the failures of the system. I am not fighting for myself. I am fighting for our future."

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Yad Vashem launches jubilee year with ceremony

By **LAUREN KRUGEL**
Special to The CJN

As Yad Vashem, the Holocaust martyrs and heroes remembrance authority, marks its 50th anniversary, it will look to younger generations to pass on the stories of the six million Jews who perished in the Shoah.

Remembering the past, shaping the future, is the theme of Yad Vashem's jubilee year, which will officially begin next week.

There will be an opening ceremony in the Warsaw Ghetto Square, which will be attended by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and President Moshe Katsav.

Later in the week, two commemorative stamps will be dedicated by the Philatelic Service in honour of the milestone event.

Education is key in involving young Jews in Holocaust remembrance, said foreign media liaison Rachel Fadlon, and to that end, Yad Vashem plans to increase its educational outreach from 10 to 40 per cent of its activities this year.

"We're trying to reach out through the educators. That's the way to reach out to kids," said Fadlon.

Yad Vashem has the only international school for Holocaust studies in the world, teaching 100,000 people each year. It also has extensive academic resources available to the public. The organization plans to expand all of these activities for students and educators from Israel and abroad.

Another way that Yad Vashem plans to attract youth will be to make its main museum more much more interactive, said Fadlon.

In 2004, Yad Vashem will be replacing the main museum with a new one triple its size.

The focus will not only be on the hard facts and figures of the Holocaust, but rather on their "personal, private stories," said Fadlon.

Black and white photographs, personal possessions, multimedia presentations and a new wall of names will make the experience more real for visitors. There will also be exhibits about what Jewish life in Europe was like before the Nazis rose to power.

Diaspora communities around the world will also be participating in the jubilee celebrations throughout the year.

To coincide with the opening celebrations, 36 Canadians will be joining a mission to Israel Sept. 9 to 18.

In November, a dinner gala will be held in honour of Yad Vashem's anniversary at the Sheraton Hotel in Toronto, with a keynote speech from Israel's deputy prime minister, Ehud Olmert.

Hetty Shapiro of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem said she expects 1,000 people to attend the event.

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Russian paper apologizes for ‘anti-Semitic’ article

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

A Russian-language weekly newspaper in Toronto has printed an apology to readers who were offended by an article that many condemned as anti-Semitic.

In the piece, written from Lvov, Ukrainian academic Valery Serduchenko writes that a “group of the sons of Abraham” has “undressed the country down to the underwear” by privatizing government assets.

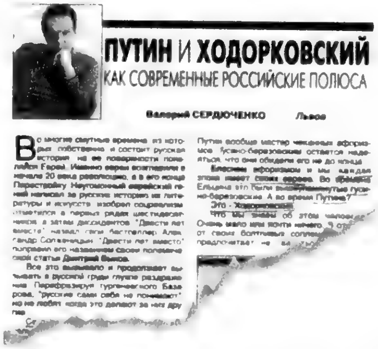
But Arkadi Turin, editor of *Russian Canadian Info*, denied the article was offensive.

“I don’t think it was anti-Jewish,” said Turin, a 43-year-old professional journalist who immigrated to Canada from Moscow 13 years ago. “It was directed against a very small group of people called the oligarchs, and unfortunately, some of them are Jewish.”

Boris Nusenbaum, the Jewish proprietor of *Russian Canadian Info*, said the article did not offend him. It was an acerbic commentary on wealthy Jewish businessmen in Russia, collectively known as oligarchs, who made vast fortunes after the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991.

“I didn’t feel, as a Jew, an assault from Serduchenko,” said Nusenbaum, whose publication appears in slimmer editions in Montreal and Ottawa.

But Nusenbaum, a musician by training who immigrated to Canada in 1990 via New York City, acknowledged he received indignant letters from readers about Serduchenko’s article.



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Alex Levin, a Holocaust survivor, Red Army veteran and former resident of Moscow who has lived in Canada since 1975, was outraged. He accused Serduchenko of obsessing about Jewish oligarchs while not even bothering to mention non-Jewish ones.

“The Russian community is boiling with anger,” he declared. “How could a Jew print this?”

He said he planned to ask advertisers to boycott *Russian Canadian Info*, whose circulation is about 15,000.

The article, translated for Levin by an experienced and reputable Russian-to-English translator, contains passages that could have come from the pages of the notorious anti-Semitic Czarist tract *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.

In the opening sentence of his article, Serduchenko writes: “In many troubled times, of which, basically, consists of Russian history, a Jew surfaced.”

“All this has caused and continues to cause exasperation in Russian souls,” he observes in the second paragraph.

In a direct reference to Jewish oligarchs Boris Berezovsky, Roman Abramovich, Vladimir Gusinsky and others, he states: “Another group of the sons of Abraham arranged a privatization campaign in Russia and undressed the country down to the underwear, and a Jew with an operatic last name of Abramovich became the chief person in Chukotka [a vast region in eastern Russia].”

In the third paragraph, he writes: “It is hard even to imagine more Jewish and, alas, less likeable Jews. Generally undereducated, they started to worm themselves into all the crevices of Russian life…

“Gusinsky proclaimed himself to be the president of the self-made World Jewish Congress, stuck a kippah on his head and started to show it off on the screens of Russian television.”

In a reference to Mikhail Khodorkovsky, an oil magnate whom *Forbes* magazine has called the richest man in Russia, Serduchenko says, “[He] is a cosmopolitan, a ‘citizen of the world,’ and carries his homeland on the soles of his shoes. Russia, for Khodorkovsky, is a cheap work force, while for [Russian President Vladimir] Putin, it is his fate, soul, heart, his… human composition.”

Toward the close of the article, Serduchenko notes: “It is not the nationality but the truth that matters, and one of the truths is that there should not be too much or too little Jewish percentage in the genetic substance of any nation. Each time when this percentage becomes too high, the nations become enraged.”

As a result, he warned, pogroms are bound to occur.

“Jews, be alert!” he warns.

Alexander Maryasin, another angry reader, described the article as “despicable,” “unspeakably anti-Semitic” and “ugly,” saying he was shocked such material can be printed in Canada.

Yoseph Zaltzman, the senior rabbi at the Jewish Russian Community Centre in Toronto, was equally upset.

“I was definitely not pleased to see it,” he said, saying he was particularly upset by a sentence in the article that he said morally legit-

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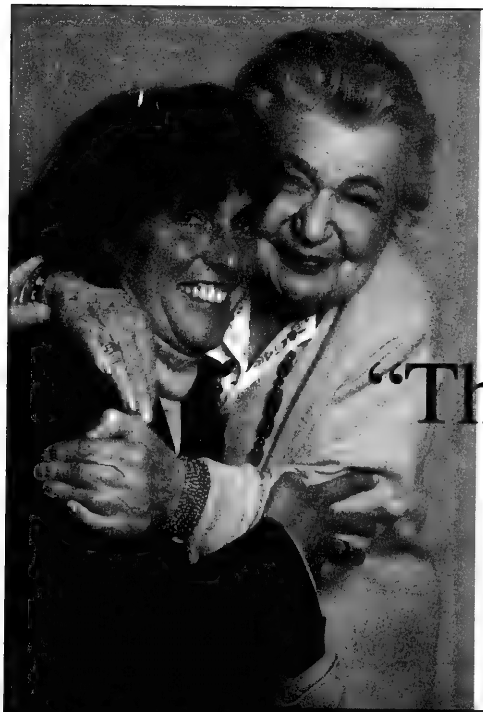

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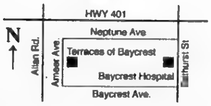

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Russian paper editor regrets publishing article

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imizes anti-Semitism. "I wouldn't have printed it."

In a commentary in *Russian Express* – a Russian newspaper based in Toronto – Abram Kackin, a Ukrainian Jewish journalist who settled in Canada 13 years ago, compared Serduchenko's article to "garbage" published in "fascist newspapers" in the 1930s.

Asked whether the article was anti-Semitic, Igor Korenzvit, a member of *The CJN*'s editorial advisory board, replied, "Very much so."

He then expressed surprise that it had been printed in a publication whose owner is Jewish and whose staff and readership are primarily Jewish.

"I would have expected more sensitivity and sense from them."

Nusenbaum, who also publishes the newspaper *Gazeta Plus*, conceded that Serduchenko's foray into genetics could be construed as anti-Semitic.

"But the views in this article are not anti-Semitic," he added.

A native of St. Petersburg who said he left Russia to escape anti-Semitism, Nusenbaum, 50, said the oligarchs with Jewish surnames "bring anti-Semitism to Russian and Ukrainian souls."

He claimed that the English translation of the article was not entirely accurate or clear, and that the translator, who prefers to remain anonymous, works for his competitors.

Turin said Serduchenko, whom he complimented as a "talented" writer, was merely reflecting "a common opinion which is popular in Russia.

"From the ordinary Russians' point of view, the oligarchs are criminals who rule Russia. Serduchenko said to Jews: be careful. He was not especially critical of Jews."

Asked why Serduchenko had not discussed the role of non-Jewish oligarchs in the Russian economy, Turin said, "There are only one or two."

But Turin said he now regrets having published Serduchenko's article.

"I made a mistake. Judging by the reaction of our readers, I wasn't completely right, and I accept my responsibility."

He now agrees that the author's language was "a little bit over the top," and that he did not exercise sensitivity as an editor.

"Some of our readers are Holocaust survivors," he said.

In a concession to their sensitivities, *Russian Canadian Info* ran an apology to readers who were offended by the article, as well as letters critical of Serduchenko.

Turin said he will no longer accept contributions from him on similar topics. "He's temperamental and goes over the top."

He said as far as he is concerned, the matter is closed.

Excerpts of apology

Excerpts from Russian Canadian Info*'s apology, as translated from the Russian by a reader, Alex Levin:*

First question: Why are you publishing this author?

Because he is a talented one. And talent we admire…

As a smart person, [Serduchenko] is not choosing between a Russian and a Jew but between two models of the development of [Russia]…

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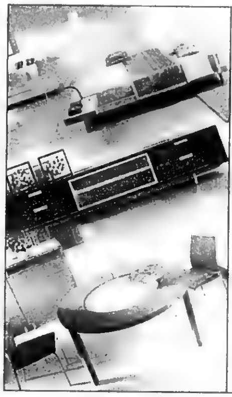

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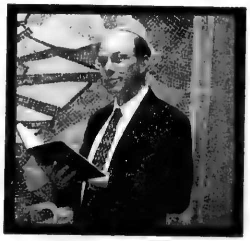

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Koffler youth choir gets new name, director

By LAUREN KRUGEL
Special to The CJN

Allan Friedman says he looks forward to"breathing new life" into the Renanim Youth Chorus this fall as he assumes the role of choir director.

And with a new director comes a new spirit for the group, says Adrienne Cohen, director of the Koffler School of Music. As such, the choir will be renamed the Koffler Nashir Children's Choir and feature youth aged 12 to 16.

Friedman, who has taught music for more than two decades, has had a love of Jewish music from an early age.

Whether the music is religious or festive, he says Jewish songs have a lot of "ruach."

"The words carry so much meaning. If you find the right music to go along with it, it's so beautiful it makes you want to cry."

The new choir director is familiar with Toronto's Jewish music scene. He spent many years teaching music at Associated Hebrew Schools and the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, as well as leading a joint University of Toronto and York University Jewish choir. He has also been an accompanist at a number of Jewish festivals and events around the GTA.

Auditions for the choir were held late June and more can be scheduled this fall through the school. Although it is not necessary for choir hopefuls to have a musical background, Cohen says "many can sing and do have musical gifts."

However, she says, musical talent is not the only criterion when choosing choir members. Enthusiasm, an appreciation and love of music and commitment are also important.

"They have to want this," she says.

If the kids are passionate about singing and are dedicated to the choir, Friedman says the rest is easy.

When assembling a chorus, he picks songs that he feels suits the spirit of his group. In addition to Jewish music, he also dabbles in jazz and Broadway tunes.

Next, he divides his group into two or three sub-groups according to vocal range: soprano, alto and tenor. He says he has a particular passion for creating multi-layered harmonies.

Once each group has perfected its part, it's then time to bring the music together.

"Once you've got a song that has come together, the kids belt it out with all their hearts," he says.

One of the most important aspects of the choir is the relationships that come from members working together to make music, Cohen says. Students from Jewish day schools and public schools who wouldn't ordinarily interact have bonded through their singing.

Cohen and Friedman both say the choir's main goal is to keep it fun.

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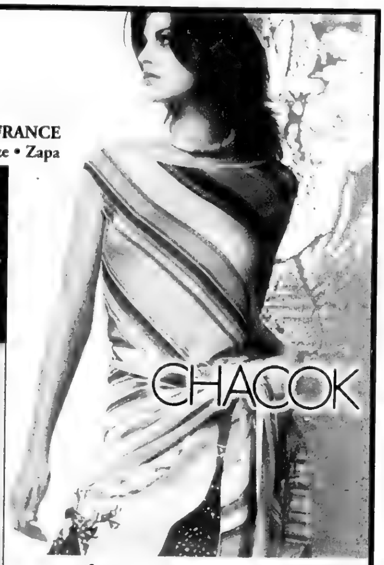

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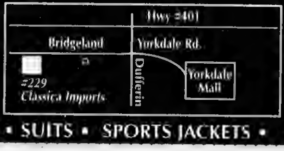

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Sherman was society president for 60 years

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Obituary

William Sherman, who served as president of the Lipsker Young Mens Society for more than 60 years, died recently at age 91.

He was the son of Samuel who came here from Lipsk, Poland in 1905, and in 1930 started Sherman Tailors on College Street.

Samuel's three sons, Teddy, the late Sollie and William, joined their father in business. The store was sold two years ago.

In 1930, Samuel became a founding member of the Lipsker Society, and in 1943, William accepted the position of president.

Teddy, who is also active in the society, said his brother was president for life.

"Willie was the most honest person I ever knew. You could always count on him. He was known for his dedication to the Lipsker, and was available 24 hours a day," said Teddy.

Allan Goldreich, secretary of the society, and the third generation in his family to be involved in the landsmanshaft, said, "As long as Willie Sherman was president, he was totally dedicated to the society—*b'emunah,* with total conviction."

Rabbi Meir Gottesman, spiritual Leader of the Emunah Shleima Synagogue, where William was the first person to daven for the High Holy Days 25 years ago, said,"He was a wonderful, excellent and warm-hearted mensch and like a second father to me. William is irreplaceable. He and his wife dedicated a memorial board to our shul and he was loving and devoted to his family."

In a telephone interview, Sherman's grandson Phillip Kamin who lives in New York, said, "My grandfather was an extraordinary man and loved by all types of people and animals. His motto was, 'A man's good name is worth more than all the money in the world.' He taught me many things."

Sherman is survived by his wife Bella; daughter Terri Kamin; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was brother and brother-in-law of Doris Miller, and Teddy and Eve Sherman.

Eves calls Ontario election for Oct. 2

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Key ridings to watch

• In St. Paul's, which is about one-fifth Jewish, the incumbent Liberal Michael Bryant should have little trouble against Conservative Charis Kelso, an employee at Queen's Park, and the NDP's Julian Heller, a Jewish lawyer and longtime activist. In 1999, Bryant upset Isabel Bassett in the riding.

• Observers say that if the Liberals are to break the Tories' lock on the affluent 905 ridings around Toronto, their best bet is in Thornhill – at 33 per cent, it's Ontario's most Jewish riding.

In 1999, the Conservatives won Thornhill by a mere 343 votes, by far the narrowest margin in the 905 region. At the time, Tory Tina Molinari was against public funding for private and religious schools and was nearly defeated by Dan Ronen, a high-profile activist in the Jewish community.

(The campaign was marred by a telephone poll that asked residents whether they would be comfortable voting for a "member" of Canadian Jewish Congress and the son of a Holocaust survivor. Ronen's father is an Auschwitz survivor. The Tories apologized for the poll and fired their pollster.)

But as an MPP, Molinari has become among the most vocal supporters of the tax credit. This time, she faces a challenge from Liberal hopeful Mario Racco, a longtime Vaughan councillor who had the federal Liberal nomination in Thornhill taken from him in 1997, when Prime Minister Jean Chrétien appointed Elinor Caplan as the candidate.

Also running in Thornhill is the NDP's Laurie Orrett, an executive assistant at Queen's Park. In 1999, the NDP won less than four per cent of the vote in Thornhill.

• In Vaughan-King-Aurora, Greg Sorbara, who's also president and campaign chair of the provincial Liberal Party, should have little trouble fending off the challenge of Conservative Carmine Iacono, a lawyer, and the NDP's Mike Seaward, a trade unionist and community activist. Sorbara is on record as having stated about a decade ago that he favoured government aid for private schools, but has since waffled on the issue.

• In Willowdale, David Young, the only Jewish member of the Tory government and cabinet, faces Liberal David Zimmer, a lawyer and chairman of the Toronto Community Housing Corp. and Yvonne Bobb, a government employee and advocate running for the NDP. In the last vote, Young won by 3,500 votes, not considered a very large margin.

• And in York Centre, veteran Liberal Monte Kwinter is seeking his sixth term. Kwinter, 72, is not expecting a big challenge from his Tory opponent, Daniel Cullen, an engineer, or from the NDP's Matt Norrish, a student. Earlier this year, Kwinter won applause in Jewish circles for voting against his own party and supporting the government's entrenchment of the education tax credit into law.

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School funding advocate remembered for helping others

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Obituary

Murray Segal kept a low profile but served as a high-level community volunteer for many years, most notably as the first chair of the Ontario Jewish Association for Equity in Education (OJAEE), a committee formed in 1984 by Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, to fight for government funding for Jewish day schools. He held that position for almost 15 years.

Murray Segal

The Winnipeg native, a longtime resident of Toronto, died of cancer Sept. 1, at Sunnybrook Hospital. He was 63.

Bernie Farber, executive director of CJC, Ontario region, who worked with Segal on the OJAEE comittee, recalled Segal's integrity and his ability to "parse the most complex arguments down into language everyone could understand."

He also had a wry sense of humour that helped reduce tension when arguments became passionate, Farber added. "I don't believe there was a premier, Opposition leader or minister of education who did not come away with a huge level of respect for Murray Segal."

There's no question, Farber said, that Segal paved the way for the Ontario government's Equity in Education tax credit given to parents of Jewish day school and other private school students since it came into effect in 2001.

Keith Landy, president of CJC, Ontario region, knew Segal in his professional capacity as an actuary, as well as in his community role.

Segal, a partner in Eckler Partners, the largest independent Canadian-owned actuarial consulting firm, was called to testify as an expert on numerous occasions, said Landy, a commercial and personal injury litigation lawyer. "He had a brilliant insight, not just into the financial aspect of a case. He had a very analytical way of thinking and was quoted in many cases. He had the respect of the judiciary and the lawyers who worked with him."

A graduate of the University of Manitoba where he was a gold medal winner in actuarial science, Segal moved to Toronto in 1959 after a year of study at a Chicago yeshiva.

An active member of B'nai Torah Congregation, Segal was involved in every major congregational decision but "never allowed himself to be in the limelight," according to Rabbi Raphael Marcus.

Segal was also involved in UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and received its Shem Tov award for his contributions. In the late 1970s, as treasurer of its board of directors, Segal helped develop the pension plan for UJA Federation and its Board of Jewish Education staff.

He "gave a lot of charity, and most of it was anonymous," said close friend Jack Kahn, president of Mizrachi Canada. His main charitable focus was helping individuals and families in need, he added.

"Everybody had a story to tell about Murray, and he loved to tell stories as well," said Kahn. "He was a real character. Everybody loved him – he was a true spokesman for the community."

Kahn also remembers his friend as a scholar with a "tremendous knowledge" of Tanach and a love for the State of Israel.

Segal is survived by his wife Marlene; children Gerald, of Israel, Ernest and Moshe, both of Toronto; and five grandchildren.

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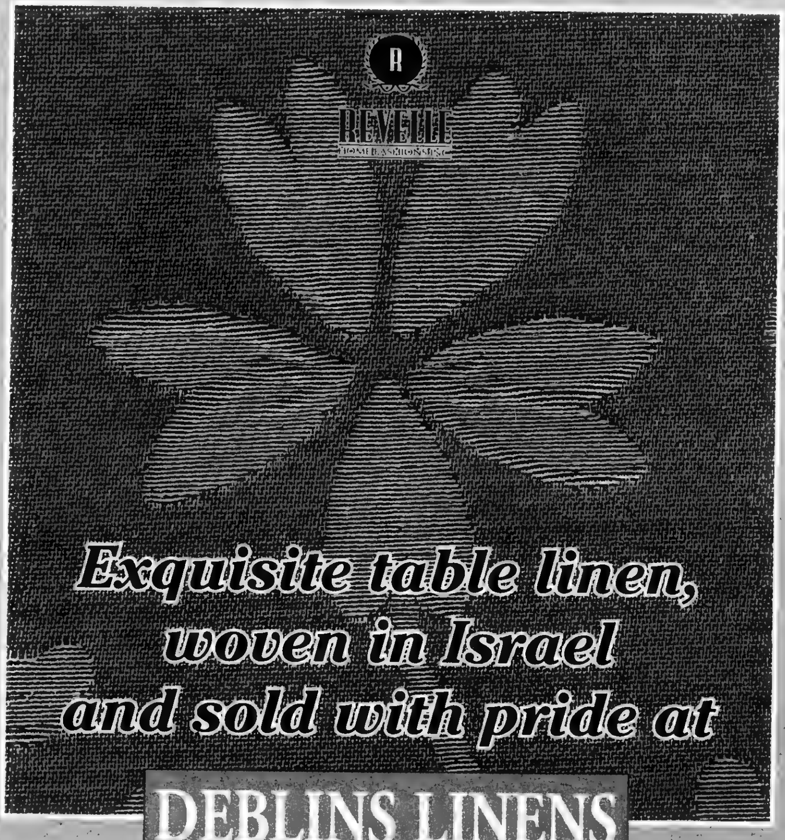

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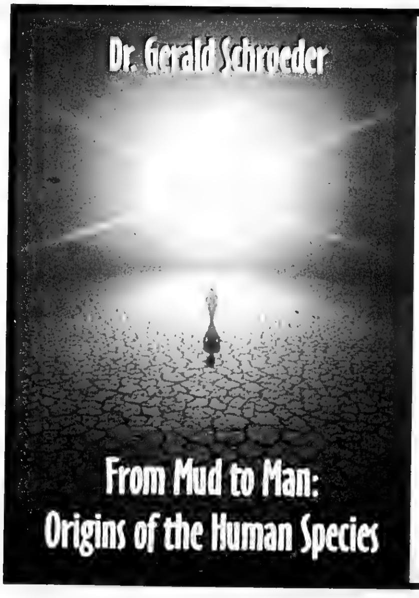

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רעדאַגירט פון: אַלעק סילווער

דאָס אַלטע גייט אַוועק, דאָס נײַע קומט

פון אַלעק סילווער

דער טראַדיציאָנעלער גאַנג פון ייִדישן לעבן גייט אָן. אַן אַלט יאָר גייט אַוועק — אַ נײַ יאָר קומט אָן. בײַם סוף פון הײַנטיקן חודש וועט דאָס איצטיקע יאָר תשס״ג אַרײַן אין דער פאַרגאַנגענהייט און דאָס נײַע יאָר תשס״ד וועט אָנהייבן אַרײַנשרײַבן איר קאַפּיטל אין דער ייִדישער געשיכטע. מיטן אַוועקגיין פון תשס״ג גייט אַוועק נאָך איין יאָר פון אונדזער לאַנגן ייִדישן גלות־וועג. עס איז געווען אַ יאָר פול מיט זאָרג און מיט שפּאַנונג פאַרן גורל פון דער ייִדישער מדינה; אַ יאָר, ווען יעדער ייִד, טראָץ זײַנע פּערזענלעכע און פאַמיליען־דאגות, האָט נישט אויפגעהערט צו טראַכטן און פילן וועגן די געשעענישן אין און אַרום דער ייִדישער מדינה. ווײַל אָט די מדינה — מדינת ישׂראל — געפינט זיך אין דעם סאַמע צענטער פון אונדזערע שטרעבונגען און האָפענונגען בנוגע דעם ווײַטערדיקן קיום פון אונדזער פאָלקס־לעבן.

דאָס יאָר תשס״ג איז אויך געווען אַ יאָר אין וועלכן די מענטשהייט איז נישט איין מאָל געשטאַנען אויפן שוועל פון אַ נײַער וועלט־מלחמה. דאָ און דאָרט, אין פאַרשיידענע טיילן פון ערד־קויל זײַנען פאָרגעקומען צוזאַמענשטויסן צווישן פעלקער און לענדער. מיר זײַנען געווען עדות צו אַ מלחמה צווישן די פאַראייניקטע שטאַטן און איראַק, וועלכע איז נאָך נישט אין גאַנצן געענדיקט, ווען די ווערטער ווערן געשריבן. פאַרשטענדלעך, אַז אויך אַנדערע לענדער זײַנען געוואָרן אַרײַנגעצויגן אין דעם סיכסוך, סײַ אויפן מיליטערישן און סײַ אויפן פּאָליטישן פראָנט.

עס זײַנען אויך שטאַרק אָנזעעוודיק געווען טעראָר אַקטן איבער דער וועלט, אַרײַנגערעכנט אונדזער מדינת ישׂראל. בלוט־פאַרגיסונג, הונגער, קראַנקהייטן און אַנטיסעמיטישע אַקטן זײַנען פאָרגעקומען במשך דעם יאָר אין אַ צאָל לענדער, טייל פון זיי פון אַ גרויסן מאַסשטאַב, וואָס האָט אויפגעציטערט די וועלט.

דאָס איז, מער־ווייניק, דער סך־הכּל מיט וועלכן מיר גייען אָפּשליסן דאָס יאָר תשס״ג. נישט קיין פריילעכער סך־הכּל. אָבער זעלטן ווען האָט דאָס ייִדישע פאָלק געהאַט די מעגלעכקייט צו פאַרציִען בײַם סוף־יאָר אַ פריילעכן בילאַנס. דעריבער טאַקע קוקט דער ייִד אַרויס מיט גרויס האָפענונג אויף דעם נײַעם יאָר, וואָס קומט אָן.

במשך זײַן לאַנגער גלות־געשיכטע, צוזאַמען מיט אַלע רדיפות און מאַרטירערטום, האָט דאָס ייִדישע פאָלק באַוויזן אויסצושמידן זײַן אייגנאַרטיקן בטחון, זײַן ספּעציפישע האָפענונג, וועלכע ער ברענגט מיט זיך צום אָנקום פון יעדן נײַעם יאָר. מיט דעם דאָזיקן כּוח פון בטחון וועלן מיר איצט אַרײַנטרעטן אין יאָר תשס״ד — אַ נײַ יאָר מיט אַלטע האָפענונגען.

וועלן ייִדן, ווי שטענדיק, זיך פאַרזאַמלען אין שילן, אין בתּי מדרשים, אין טעמפּלען אָפּצוריכטן תּפילות אין די ימים נוראים. די דאָזיקע ייִדישע תּפילות זײַנען דורכגעדרונגען מיטן אוניווערסאַלן גייסט פון אַ העכערער גערעכטיקייט, ווי אויך מיט אַ רוף צו דעם מענטשן־מין און צו אַלע פעלקער פון דער וועלט, זיך אָפּצוגעבן אַ חשבון הנפש. אויך ווערט אין די דאָזיקע תּפילות אײַנגעוועבט דער געבעט פאַר מחילה פאַר אונדזערע זינד, ווי אויך דער געבעט פאַר אַ גוט נײַ יאָר.

איבער אַלעם וועלן אָפּקלינגען די צוויי ווערטער, פאַר וועלכע דער ייִד בעט אַזוי שטאַרק אַ גאַנץ יאָר: „חיים״ און „שלום״ — לעבן און פרידן. צי דער ייִד דאַוונט אין לשון הקודש, אין ענגליש, פראַנצויזיש, שפּאַניש, צי ער דאַוונט גאָר שטיל, אָן ווערטער, בײַ זיך אין האַרצן — דריקן די ווערטער אויס דעם אוניווערסאַלן געבעט פון דעם ייִד. גאָט זאָל געבן דער וועלט שלום, און דער מענטשהייט — לעבן. אַלע אַנדערע גוטע ווינטשן וועלן שוין ממילא נאָכקומען.

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Jordan Ouanounou (left) and Jaron Carson played more than 200 rounds of air hockey in 20 hours to set a world record for longest air hockey game. [Elysse Zarek photo]

Toronto duo set record for longest air hockey game

By ELYSSE ZAREK
Special to The CJN

Jaron Carson and Jordan Ouanounou wanted their summer to end with more than just a bang. They wanted it to end with the soft clink of an air hockey puck landing in its net, the roar of a crowd and the world record for the longest air hockey game.

On Aug. 27, the two Toronto men achieved their summer's goal. After 20 hours and more than 200 air hockey games at the mega-entertainment complex Dave and Buster's, the fiercely competitive duo earned themselves a spot in the *Guinness Book of World Records*.

"We were happy because it's something that we thought of as a joke and decided to take it all the way," said Carson, 24.

The idea for their world record attempt began when Ouanounou, 23, saw a *Guinness Book of World Records*. At first he wanted to set the record for pinning 117 clothespins to a friend's face, but had to look for a new idea when the friend refused to co-operate. Carson and Ouanounou were playing air hockey – their favourite pastime – at Dave and Buster's when they came up with the idea of an air hockey marathon.

Ouanounou took full credit for the idea. "In essence, this is like forming a company," he said, as they relaxed at a cafe between media stops two weeks before the event. "I'm the CEO, the brains. Jaron is the vice-president. He does all the preparation."

"100 per cent of the legwork," Carson said.

Once *The Guinness Book of World Records* approved their idea – it was the first air hockey request they had received – the duo began planning their strategy. Carson made sure that everything about their attempt was in line with Guinness' rules. He arranged for Dave and Buster's to host the event and for witnesses and emergency personnel – required by Guinness – to be there.

Then they each set out their personal rules. They wanted to play for 24 hours, they wanted to keep score and they both wanted to win.

"Las Vegas has me ahead by 1½ points," Ouanounou had said.

"Las Vegas has nothing," Carson cut in. "But I think I'm going to win."

They practised playing with their right hands. Then they practised with their left hands. They practised eating and playing and staying up all night. But in the end, Carson and Ouanounou stopped after 20½ hours because they felt they couldn't keep going.

"No amount of practising in the world could have prepared us for what we did," said Carson.

"We thought of giving up there because it was mentally draining, physically draining. You can't go watch TV for an hour or take a nap for an hour then go back."

The final score was 1274 for Ouanounou and 1093 for Carson.

"Near the end, I was concentrating more on the time and he was still focused on the score," Carson said.

According to Guinness' rules, they were allowed a 15-minute break every eight hours. The problem of what to do if the urge to go to the bathroom struck between breaks loomed large.

"We didn't eat," Carson said. "We were scared to eat or drink because of our break limitation."

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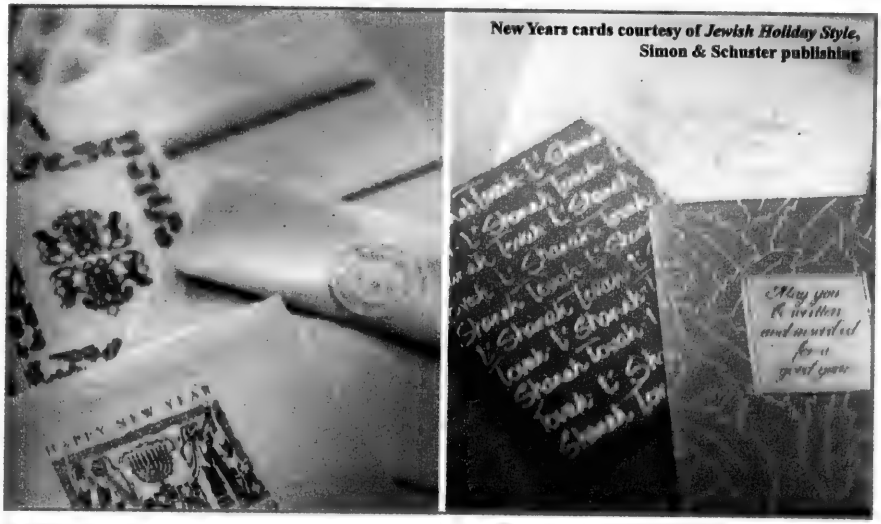

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Rosh Hashanah is a time for celebration and a time for introspection, for looking back upon the past year and looking forward to the year to come.

It is also a time to put aside our hectic schedules, gather with our family and friends, and revel in the joy of partaking in a holiday meal together.

For many young, inexperienced cooks, however, creating a holiday menu can be a daunting experience. Year after year, they've seen their mothers and grandmothers prepare a veritable feast, yet when it is their turn, they feel overwhelmed. How can they compete with such expertise?

For the most part, their mothers and grandmothers felt the same way, and they obtained many of their recipes from their own mothers and grandmothers. They were not experts, but they carefully followed these recipes, sometimes altering them slightly to make them a little less salty or a little more sweet.

If their mothers cooked brisket or chicken soup a certain way, chances are – give or take a few more spoonfuls of this or a few less spoonfuls of that – that is how they prepare them for their own family.

By following these recipes, they not only create a wonderful meal, they preserve memories. Their ancestors may not be at their holiday table, but their spirits linger in these beloved dishes.

In this year's holiday food supplement, we've supplied some recipes for dishes that have graced the tables of our writers' parents and grandparents. Perhaps their memories can become part of your family's traditions.

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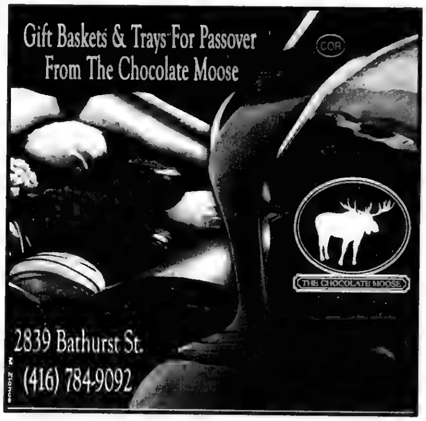

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Fruit a staple in Middle-Eastern fare

By JUDY BART KANCIGOR
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Birthplace of the world's three major religions – Judaism, Christianity and Islam – the Middle East explodes with tension, terror and, yes… taste!

"It is amazing how all these people who can't get along eat the same things," observes Faye Levy, whose latest cookbook, *Feast from the Mideast: 250 Sun-Drenched Dishes from the Lands of the Bible* (HarperCollins), highlights the delectable cuisine of more than 10 countries, whose politicos could take a cue from its cooks.

"Eating together and discussing food and recipes is a great way to bring people closer," Levy continues. "Arabs and Jews share a lot of the same food. The Islamic rules of halal are similar to our laws of kashrut. We both don't eat pork. Arabs do eat shellfish, and they don't have a problem mixing milk and meat, but they hardly ever do it.

"Take moussaka, for example. The authentic Middle Eastern way to prepare it is without cheese."

For almost 12 years, Levy lived in Israel, where she met and married her husband, Yakir. A cooking novice until her mother-in-law took her in hand, she soon developed a love for the varied, bold flavours of her adopted home. She went on to train at the renowned Paris cooking school La Varenne, and to produce more than 20 cookbooks and write with authority and passion on the cuisine of the Middle East.

While the book explores the foods of all faiths and nationalities of the region, many of the dishes are perfect for Rosh Hashanah because of the Middle Eastern fondness for incorporating local fruits, a perfect way to wish guests a sweet New Year.

While apples and honey are de rigueur among Ashkenazim for celebrating the New Year, Middle Easterners turn to the more exotic, like dates, quinces or pomegranates.

"Sephardi Jews begin the Rosh Hashanah meal with dates, just as we do with apples and honey," notes Levy. "And in Greece, Turkey and Morocco, all around the Mediterranean really, quinces are really important for Rosh Hashanah. Moroccan Jews do dip apples in honey, then dip them in sesame seeds, symbolizing our wish that our people be numerous. Pomegranate seeds are traditional for the same reason."

> ***'Sephardi Jews begin the Rosh Hashanah meal with dates, just as we do with apples and honey'***

Chicken in Pomegranate Walnut Sauce, a classic dish of the Persian kitchen, is appropriate for the holiday, suggests Levy. "Pomegranate juice and paste are available in Middle Eastern and gourmet markets, because a lot of American chefs, like Bobby Flay, have suddenly become very excited about them. It has become trendy."

If you can't find pomegranate paste, Levy advises using pomegranate juice, now available in supermarkets, and adding less water.

Traditional holiday foods vary from country to country and from family to family. Some people avoid sour tastes for the holiday, like lemons and vinegar. Persians, however, favour tart over sweet and love a splash of lemon juice on many dishes, notes Levy. "In fact, I have a friend from northern Iran who says that the pomegranate paste available in this country is too sweet, so he asks his relatives from Iran to bring some from home when they visit."

Some people avoid black ingredients for the New Year, so they use golden raisins instead of dark, and do not serve eggplant. Since the word for leeks in Hebrew means "destroyed," many serve leeks to convey the wish that our enemies be destroyed.

Some people will not eat walnuts, but will use almonds. Others eliminate nuts altogether. "In our family, we always have rice with toasted almonds and dried fruit for Rosh Hashanah," says Levy. "Middle Eastern cooks have so many delicious ways to do rice, and some, like Almond Apricot Basmati Rice, are so good you could consider them a dessert, a side dish or a main course.

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Mid-East dishes made easy

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"Sweetness for Rosh Hashanah is more of an Ashkenazi thing, though certain Middle Eastern Jews do it too. Moroccans often serve vegetables sprinkled with sugar, but sometimes instead of making food sweeter, they might just tone down the spiciness." For example, fish is traditional for Rosh Hashanah, particularly served with the head.

Moroccans might make Foil Baked Trout with Red Pepper and Garlic, but omit the jalapeno and lemon for Rosh Hashanah. "It really depends on your family's tradition."

For Ashkenazim, Rosh Hashanah would not be complete without honey cake, but Sephardim of the Mediterranean may choose Citrus and Spice Quinces with Cranberries or Date Pinwheel Cookies. Honey isn't necessarily found in desserts in the Middle East, says Levy, though some might use it as syrup on cake. Fruit with Honey, Figs and Dates will appeal to both camps as a sweet ending to the Rosh Hashanah dinner.

"It's perfect for the season and really easy. And it goes well as a topping for traditional honey cake too."

CHICKEN IN PERSIAN POMEGRANATE WALNUT SAUCE

2 tbsp. vegetable oil
2½ lb. chicken pieces, rinsed and patted dry
1 large onion, chopped
1½ to 2 cups walnuts
1 tbsp. all-purpose flour (optional)
1½ to 2 cups pomegranate juice or ⅓ to ½ cup pomegranate paste
½ cup water or chicken broth (if using pomegranate juice), or 1½ cups water or broth (if using paste)
salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 to 2 tbsp. tomato paste or 3 to 4 tbsp. tomato sauce (optional)
1 tsp. ground cardamom, or ½ tsp. cinnamon, or to taste
1 tbsp. fresh-squeezed lemon juice, or to taste
1 to 2 tsp. sugar, or to taste
⅓ to ½ cup pomegranate seeds (optional)
1 tbsp. chopped Italian parsley (optional)
a few toasted walnuts (optional)

Heat oil in heavy, wide casserole or Dutch oven. Add chicken in batches and sauté over medium-high heat until brown. Remove chicken to plate.

Discard fat from pan, leaving 1 to 2 tbsp. Add onion to pan and sauté over medium heat for 7 minutes, or until golden. Meanwhile, finely chop walnuts with pulsing motion of food processor.

Reduce heat to low. Stir in flour, then walnuts, and cook over low heat, stirring, for 1 minute. Stir in pomegranate juice and ½ cup water (or pomegranate paste and 1½ cups water), and bring to a simmer, stirring.

Add chicken and any juices on plate to pan. Sprinkle chicken with salt and pepper. Cover and cook over low heat about 45 minutes for breast pieces or 40 to 45 minutes for leg and thigh pieces, or until chicken is tender, turning occasionally.

Remove chicken from pan. Add tomato paste, if you like, and cardamom to sauce, and simmer until thickened to your taste. Taste, adjust seasoning, and add lemon juice and sugar if needed. If you like, whisk in a few more teaspoons pomegranate juice or paste. Return chicken to sauce and heat through.

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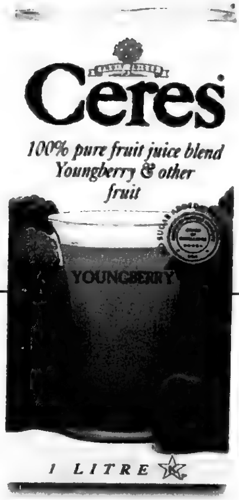
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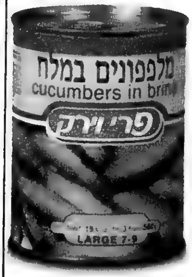
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8 to 12 whole dried apricots, plus ½ cup diced dried apricots
2 tbsp. vegetable oil
1 onion, minced
1½ cups white basmati rice, rinsed and drained
2½ cups hot water
salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
1 tbsp. sugar
½ cup slivered or whole blanched almonds, toasted

Put whole apricots in bowl and cover with water. Leave them to soak while rice cooks.

To cook rice, heat 2 tbsp. oil in large saucepan. Add onion and cook over low heat for seven minutes, or until soft but not brown, stirring occasionally.

Add rice, diced apricots, 2½ cups hot water, salt and pepper and bring to a boil over high heat. Cover and cook over low heat, without stirring, for 18 minutes, or until rice is just tender and liquid is absorbed. Remove from heat.

Cover rice and let it stand for 10 to15 minutes. Meanwhile, transfer apricot soaking liquid to very small saucepan. Add sugar and stir to blend. Cut the whole apricots in two if they are large and add to saucepan. Add enough water to barely cover the apricots. Bring to a simmer. Cover and cook over low heat for three minutes, or until apricots are just tender.

Fluff rice very gently with a fork. Mound on a platter and garnish with toasted almonds. Remove poached apricots from liquid with a slotted spoon and set them on rice. Serve hot. Makes 4 servings.

FRUIT SALAD WITH HONEY, FIGS AND DATES

1 to 2 tbsp. honey
1 to 1½ tbsp. fresh-squeezed lime or lemon juice
1 tbsp. water
1 banana
2 peaches or ripe pears
2 cups halved or quartered fresh figs
1 cup plump, good quality dates
1 to 2 tbsp. slivered almonds, toasted

Mix 1 tbsp. honey with 1 tbsp. lime juice and water in serving bowl. Peel and slice bananas; add to bowl. Cut peaches or pears in wedges and add them. Add figs and dates. Mix gently. Add remaining honey and lime juice if you like. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Serve topped with almonds. Makes 4 servings.

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UJA Toronto sets record for North American missions

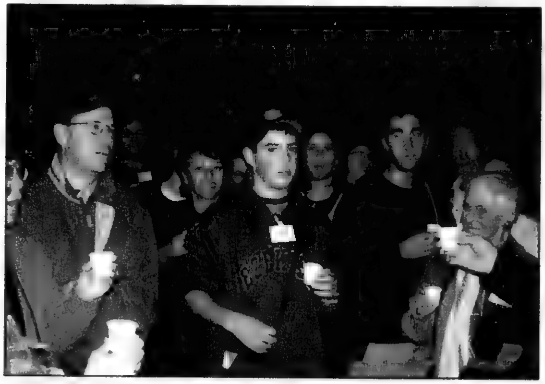
Toronto Federation sends more missions than others combined

By Daniel Horowitz

UJA Federation's 40th solidarity mission to Israel over the past three years has just returned.

Since October 2000, nearly 2,000 people have participated in UJA Federation's unique monthly missions program.

In fact, Toronto has sent more people to Israel to show their support and solidarity than any other North American community over the past three years. UJA Federation has organized missions for all age groups at all times of year. Many were conducted in conjunction with other community organizations. And the program, averaging a mission a month, is still operating at full capacity.



Mission participants enjoy kiddush at the Kotel.

"It's a tremendous thing that we've accomplished with these regular missions," says David Koschitzky, a past UJA Federation Campaign Chair who helped initiate the idea with fellow Past Chair, Michael Bregman. "Forty missions in three years is wonderful. Not only are we supporting Israel, but we're helping the people who participate on these missions as well," says Koschitzky.

These missions have been vital to the participants and to the people of Israel, and, according to UJA Federation Board Chair, Leslie Gales, a recent mission participant herself, maintaining the missions program well into the future is equally essential.

"Absolutely," says Gales. "It is imperative that we continue to send regular missions to Israel. Not only do these missions give Israelis a spiritual lift, it's also important that Torontonians get connected – or reconnected – to the people and the land of Israel. I also hope to see many, many young people go on our missions in the future. It's important that they connect with Israel the further and further away we get from the Holocaust so that they can pass on the meaning of Israel to their children."

Mission participant Dodi Weill, with Israeli tour guide Ezra Eini.

"My first trip to Israel was at the age of eighteen and I still go as often as I can, and always on missions," says Dodi Weill. "On a mission you learn to understand Israel from a much deeper perspective and it prepares you to be an ambassador for Israel when you return. You meet the most interesting people both as participants and as speakers. The beauty, the miracle, the sense of history and yes, the passion, still mesmerize me. It is where I am most at peace."

""It's hard to explain unless you are actually in Israel," says Gales, "but missions touch you in a very dramatic, very different way. By actually being in Israel, Diaspora Jews have the wonderful opportunity to touch, taste, and feel the real Israel, and to get a firsthand look at how vital this incredible land is to all Jews everywhere. This is something that we must never take for granted. UJA Federation missions will continue to provide this important opportunity now, and well into the future."

The mission that launched it all

Shortly after the outbreak of the ongoing Palestinian violence against Israel in September 2000, UJA leaders – including the Chairs of Campaign 2002, David Koschitzky and Michael Bregman – held a series of urgent strategic meetings designed to find immediate and consistent ways of demonstrating Toronto's solidarity with the beleaguered State. From those meetings, UJA Federation's "Mission-a-Month" philosophy was established.

Less than a month later, UJA Federation's first solidarity mission touched down at Ben Gurion airport in Tel Aviv. That mission, from October 29 to November 4, included 16 participants.

"I remember it very well. It was such an incredible experience being in Israel so quickly after the outbreak of terror," says mission participant Cheryl Halberstadt. "All of a sudden, there I was, in Jerusalem, sitting across the table from Jerusalem Mayor, Ehud Olmert, discussing the situation at dinner. It was almost surreal."

"That mission was such an incredible opportunity," remembers Barry Zagdanski, who, along with his son Joshua, participated. "It was the morning after my son Joshua's bar mitzvah and he came with me. I thought it was a great way to bring a Jewish boy into adulthood. I went because I wanted to learn, first-hand, what exactly was going on from Israeli leaders. That's what's so great about UJA missions – you meet the "who's who" of Israeli leaders. At the time of that October 2000 mission, people were already being warned not to go to Israel. It was always on the news; there were even governmental travel advisories being issued not to go. I knew that it was important to go to Israel right away, and that's what we did."

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Some of the participants of the October 2000 Israel Solidarity Mission stand outside the entrance to the Old City in Jerusalem.

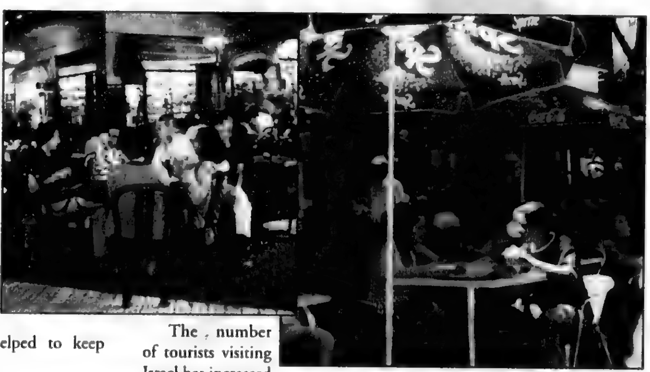
"There is nothing that compares with being in Israel, among Israelis, for solidifying our connection, demonstrating support, and understanding the realities of the challenges Israelis are enduring every day," says Bregman, a participant on the recent Prime Minister's Mission. "While our families and friends in Toronto were worried about our safety during a turbulent week, all of us on the mission agreed that we felt totally secure and overwhelmingly positive about our decision to go to Israel at that time."

"It is actually kind of sad," adds Halberstadt, "how often Israelis would come up to us in the streets to thank us over and over again for being there for them. It's crazy, because we're there for maybe a week to visit, but it is they who remain, fighting for our very existence as Jews. It is them that we must thank by continuing to go to Israel."

Missions: the lifeblood of Israel's economy

The numbers say it all. In 2000, before the Palestinian wave of violence began, the number of tourists visiting Israel was approaching three million. In 2001, those numbers began to drop severely, with only one million people visiting. In 2002, Israel attracted only 800,000 global visitors.

However, North American solidarity missions, especially the 40 missions from Toronto, helped to keep tourism alive.



Visitors to Israel enjoy lunch on Ben Yehuda Street.

The number of tourists visiting Israel has increased every month from April to July of this year. Israel's Ministry of Tourism is predicting 1.2 million tourists in 2003.

"Early in the very dark days, during the peak of violence, North American solidarity missions to Israel - such as the UJA Federation missions – were the only real source of blood in our veins," says Haim Shkedi, general manager of Jerusalem's venerable 200-room King David Hotel. "These missions have helped the King David and other hotels to at least maintain a core of employees on staff."

But, according to Shkedi, since the Iraq war, things are looking up for Israeli tourism. Around Passover, figures began to climb again, this time reaching the 55 percent occupancy rate.

"Things are now looking even better," says Shkedi. "If you can believe it, my hotel is completely booked – that's 100 percent full – for this coming Sukkot in Israel."

UJA Federation took the initiative when it was needed the most, and understood the urgency of solidarity missions to Israel, right away," says Dani Shahal, Israel's consul for tourism in Canada.

Rodney Sanders, General Manager of Jerusalem's Inbal Hotel, wholeheartedly agrees with Shahal's assertion.

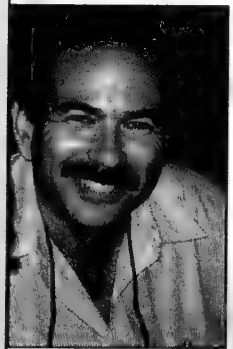
"The Inbal Hotel and the people of Israel have been personally touched by these missions, giving us all strength and encouragement during these difficult times so that we know we are not alone," says Sanders.

And, adds Shahal, Israelis are not the only ones who benefit from these missions.

"When the people of Israel see the tourists on their streets, they are very happy and grateful for it. But it's also the people on the missions themselves, the Torontonians, who are also very touched when they get home because they see what a difference they can play in the lives of Israelis."

According to Victor Yagoda, Deputy Director General, United Israel Appeal of Canada, Toronto's presence in Israel means so much to its citizens.

"Toronto's Jewish community has sent the largest number of groups to Israel from the whole world," says Yagoda from his office in Israel. "After three years of terror attacks, we have hosted 40 groups from Toronto. I am delighted that this trend is continuing at the same pace. This is an unprecedented statement of solidarity and unity with the people of Israel. We feel as if all Jewish streets in Toronto lead to Israel."



Victor Yagoda, Deputy Director General, United Israel Appeal of Canada.

Mission participants reap benefits

While UJA Federation's solidarity missions are designed to support Israel, its people, and its economy, mission participants themselves also benefit greatly. On many occasions, they return to Toronto with a strong sense of accomplishment for having been involved proactively with Israel's well-being.

"Believe me, I was not someone who was likely to ever go on a mission to Israel," says Jonathan Kirshblum, a participant on the October 2002 joint UJA Federation-Israel Bonds solidarity mission. "The war with the Palestinians is a spiritual war, testing the spiritual resolve of the Israelis. I learned that by sending mission after mission to Israel, we are showing Israelis that they are not alone, and that missions are vital for their spiritual well being, and ours, as Jews, as well."

For Phillip Ladovsky, Israel solidarity missions serve as wonderful educational tools for Jews of every age.

"I go on missions because it's essential that as many of us go as possible," says Ladovsky, who brought along his son, Nathan, a recent bar mitzvah. "But, I also went because I wanted Nathan to see Israel firsthand."

Ladovsky figured that it was time for Nathan – who has spent the past 8 years involved in Zionist studies at Bialik – to step out from the pages of a book and onto the land of Israel itself. "The time was right for my son to go and appreciate Israel for all that it is," adds Ladovsky. "I wanted him to meet its remarkable people, to touch its earth, and breathe its air. He did it, and, hopefully, we'll do it again with my two other sons."

For Sharon Goelman and husband Louis, Israel proved to be the perfect gift to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

"My husband and I were going to go on a big trip somewhere to celebrate, maybe even a cruise," says Goelman. "But, I suddenly realized, 'how can we go anywhere but Israel?' That was it. We went on a UJA Mission before Pesach and it was one of the most incredibly exhilarating and invigorating experiences of our lives."

"These missions are really incredible experiences," says Jerry Balitsky, a member of a July 2002 mission, along with his wife, Tammy. "When you're actually in Israel, seeing the faces, meeting with government officials, people on the inside, it's unbelievable. If you weren't on a UJA mission, you wouldn't have the chance to meet these wonderful people. But as wonderful as these missions are, the significance of having been to Israel hits you even more once you get home."

According to Brian Bloom, a member of a recent UJA Family Mission, in December 2002, Israel is his holiday destination from now on.

"Israelis in the street asked what I was doing spending my holidays in Israel," says Bloom. "I told them that I've been to Israel 25 times, even during wars, and I felt I was more at risk of being mugged in downtown Miami than I was in Israel. I'll never stop going to Israel; it's far too important to me."

Toddy Granovsky (second from left), Cecil Brauer, and Tommy Kohn met up with brithright israel participants on a recent mission.

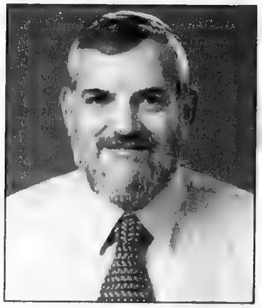
Toronto's Nathan Ladovsky with Jerusalem Mayor, Ehud Olmert on a recent mission.

Toddy Granovsky, who took part in the June 2003 Prime Minister's Mission, eloquently summed up why she feels these missions are so vital.

"My advice to anyone considering going on a solidarity mission to Israel is to do yourself, and Israel a favour, and go" says Granovsky, who took along her 91-year-old father in June. "To those of you not considering going on a mission please reconsider. I feel that going on a mission to Israel at this time is quite simply the best weapon civilians worldwide have to defeat terrorism. It will also be an experience that you will never forget."

Missions help to brighten future for Israeli tourism

With what he hopes were the worst of times finally behind Israel, Benny Elon, Israel's Minister of Tourism, can finally see a light at the end of Israel's tunnel.



Benny Elon,
Israel's Minister of Tourism

"Finally things are getting better," says Elon. "It is not the Israelis alone who learned to live with the current situation, but also the tourists. Tourism from abroad this July was 54% higher than last July. We are sure that the Jewish holiday season in October will bring with it more and more tourists."

Elon knows just how much of an impact UJA Federation missions have on the economy, and the people of Israel.

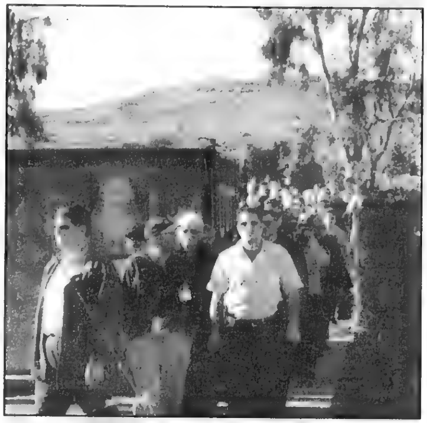
"The missions that arrived in Israel during the long period of war had a very important effect on Israel's society and economy," says Elon. "When tourism dropped sharply in October 2000, and then again in September 2001, there were two threads that kept the tourism industry alive: domestic Israeli tourism, and the missions from abroad that brought with them a message of solidarity and identification, which were very important to Israeli society, reminding Israelis that they are not alone."

A longtime strong advocate of promoting tourism to such areas as the Negev, Tiberias, and East Jerusalem, Elon is optimistic about Israeli tourism not merely surviving, but flourishing down the road.

"Israel is full of tourist attractions," says Elon. "East Jerusalem is not a unit in and of itself – it is Jerusalem, and no tourist nor resident crosses any border or even notices they have moved from "West" to "East" Jerusalem. Most of the archaeological and religious sites for Jews, Christians, and everyone with intellectual curiosity are in or near the Old City – including the Western Wall. The Negev is going through a new wave of creative development, and the Galilee has gained a tourism boost due to a nice rise, which we were blessed with this year, in the Sea of Galilee's water level and the new recognition of the city of Acre as a World Heritage Site."

Elon sees two factors as essential for the future of Israel's tourism industry.

"Other than the Jewish and Christian groups that visit Israel regularly, millions of other Jews and Christians which share the same friendship with Israel do not visit Israel regularly," explains Elon. "This is a huge and promising market that is the real hope for Israeli tourism."



Members of UJA Federation's 2002 Mizrachi Mission to Israel tour an Israeli army base.

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Solidarity missions flourishing

The UJA Mission program continues to move forward at an unprecedented clip with a wide variety of upcoming missions to close out 2003.

The *B'yachad* Mission in November - one of the most ambitious missions of the year – has already been filled to capacity with close to 300 eager participants, and a waiting list.

"It's been wonderful to watch Toronto's Jewish community respond to this mission over the past few weeks," says Michael Buckstein, Chair of the mission along with Barry Zagdanski and Stephen Goldhar. "We needed to fill the last 80 seats in 10 days, and despite a series of terror attacks, Toronto came through as always. Toronto really understands that money is not always enough, that Israel needs our physical presence as well as our financial presence."

B'yachad will give hundreds of Torontonians and Canadians the opportunity to meet Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, to volunteer for a day, and to hear from journalists, military officials, and political leaders.

Another highly anticipated mission coming up this December is the Chanukah Family Mission, set for December 21 to January 2. More than 75 participants are expected to celebrate Chanukah in Israel.

"What an incredible opportunity this is, to spend Chanukah with your family where Chanukah should be celebrated," says Howard Kumer, Chair of the mission along with Ed Glina. "This will be the first organized mission that my family and I have ever been on. I'm taking my wife, two kids, and even my in-laws. Other than UJA Federation, it's tough to find any decent family missions to Israel. The itinerary is jam-packed and includes something for everybody. There's even going to be the opportunity for some of the participants to have their bar mitzvahs in Jerusalem."

Other 2003 UJA missions include the Toronto Israel Experience Centre's Adult Volunteer Mission slated for December 21 and the UJA Federation Medical Solidarity Mission from October 28 to November 4.

Holiday Food Ideas

Old favourites in a new, delicious way

By **NORENE GILLETZ**
Special to The CJN

L'shanah tovah tikatevu – May you be inscribed for a good and sweet year! This familiar greeting will be exchanged as family and friends gather to celebrate the High Holy Days, beginning with Rosh Hashanah which starts at sundown on Sept. 26.

The holiday table is lavishly laid out with the delectable dishes that form part of each family's holiday traditions. Honey and apples are included in many dishes, symbolizing the wish for a sweet and healthy year. Challah, coiled into a round crown, is torn into chunks and dipped into honey.

The following recipes from two kosher cookbook authors feature special twists on contemporary traditions, preserving the special customs of the High Holy Days by preparing old favourites in new, delicious ways. It was extremely difficult to make my choices for this column. I hope these recipes will bring much pleasure to your holiday table!

If you are looking for the ultimate recipe for chopped liver, chef Jeffrey Nathan shares his secrets in *Adventures in Jewish Cooking*. Jeff says, "Rosh Hashanah comes only once a year. Enjoy and diet tomorrow!"

First, be sure to use lots of onions, and brown them well to bring out their sweetness. Also, serve your chopped liver with lots of garnishes so your guests can personalize each serving. This recipe brought raves from friends, who use apple brandy to symbolize sweetness for the New Year. Jeff also enjoys his Mom's vegetarian chopped liver, which combines roasted apples, cooked green beans, fried onions, hard-boiled eggs and crushed corn flakes.

JEFF NATHAN'S CLASSIC CHOPPED LIVER

1½ lb. chicken livers, well trimmed
⅓ cup vegetable oil
4 medium onions, finely diced
¼ cup brandy
6 large eggs, hard-boiled and halved
1 tsp. sugar
kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
Assorted crackers (matzah, lavash and other flatbreads) and breads, for serving
Additional garnishes: hard-boiled eggs (whites and yolks separated and chopped), chopped onion, schmaltz and *gribenes*, grated black radish, chopped fresh parsley

Position the rack 6 inches from the source of heat and preheat the broiler. Place the chicken livers on a lightly oiled broiler rack. Broil, turning once, until well done, about 5 minutes per side. Set aside.

Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the onions and cook, stirring occasionally, until deep golden brown, 8 to 10 minutes. Stir in the chicken livers. Pour in the brandy, and averting your face, ignite the brandy with a match. Let burn until the flame extinguishes, about 1 minute. Remove from the heat and cool slightly.

In batches, transfer the chicken liver mixture and eggs to a food processor, and pulse just until coarsely chopped. Do not overmix. Transfer to a large bowl. Stir in the sugar, and season with the salt and pepper. Cover tightly and refrigerate for at least 2 hours and up to 2 days to chill and blend the flavours.

Remove from the refrigerator about 1 hour before serving. Serve with the crackers and whatever condiments your family likes. Makes 12 servings.

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Sue Epstein is originally from Atlanta, Ga., where she studied cooking with Julia Child, Perla Meyers and other professional chefs. She taught cooking classes and did catering until she made aliyah to Israel in 1984. Sue is the bi-weekly food columnist for *Voices* magazine and *Hamodia*, an English language newspaper distributed in Israel, the United States, Canada and parts of Europe.

Sue writes, "Biblical Chicken is my all-time favourite recipe for Rosh Hashanah and is also perfect for Shabbat or any festive holiday. Honey, almonds and raisins are simmered in a lightly spiced orange sauce – it's wonderfully fragrant and delicious." It comes from *Simply Delicious* (now out of print).

SUE EPSTEIN'S BIBLICAL CHICKEN

6 to 8 skinless boneless chicken breasts
2 tbsp. flour
1 tsp. salt
fresh ground pepper to taste
3 tbsp. oil
3 tbsp. margarine
1 cup blanched slivered almonds (optional)
⅔ cup orange juice
2 tsp. grated lemon rind
1¼ cups chicken stock
⅔ cup semi-dry white wine
1 tbsp. honey
2 small oranges, peeled, thinly sliced and the slices cut in half
½ cup white raisins

Preheat oven to 350. Sprinkle chicken breasts with flour, salt and pepper. Heat oil and margarine in a large frying pan and sauté almonds until golden. Remove and drain on paper towels. In the same fat, sauté chicken on both sides until golden brown. Remove chicken from the pan to a baking dish. Discard as much of the fat as possible without removing the brown bits in it. Add orange juice, lemon rind, chicken stock and wine; stir to incorporate any residue sticking to the pan. Stir in honey and bring to a boil. Simmer for 3 to 4 minutes.

Arrange chicken pieces side by side in baking dish and pour the sauce over it. Cover and bake for 20 minutes. Remove chicken from baking dish and transfer to a serving dish; arrange orange slices on top.

Cover and keep warm in a low oven or electric hot tray. Pour sauce into a small pan with lemon juice and raisins and bring to a boil. Simmer for 2 to 3 minutes, until thickened. Taste for seasoning if necessary, then pour sauce over the chicken. Sprinkle with almonds and serve. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

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Holiday Food Ideas

Easy sweet challah for a sweet year

By RIVKA TAL

As everyone knows, challah is the braided egg-rich loaf of bread that we traditionally eat on holidays and the Sabbath: two loaves of challah at each of the three Shabbat meals. They help commemorate the miracles that the Jewish people experienced during their 40 years of wandering in the desert. While on weekdays they received one portion of manna from heaven, on Friday God sent two portions.

Challah – especially homemade – is wonderful every week, but it resonates with deeper meaning at Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, when it is an age-old custom to dip it in honey after reciting the appropriate blessing to beseech God for a sweet year.

For Rosh Hashanah, challah is often shaped into a crown or a turban, and raisins may be added to make it even sweeter. Throughout the whole holiday period – through the festival of Sukkot – many people prepare or buy round loaves instead of the traditional long, braided ones: a reminder of the cycle of life. Some very ambitious people add a braid in the centre in the shape of a ladder, in the fervent hope that we merit both physical and spiritual uplift during the coming year.

Challah, ***Fast n Festive meals for the Jewish Holidays*****, William Morrow & Co. publishers**

The round challah custom is ideal for yours truly: I confess to being braid-impaired. While every preschool child in Israel seems to know how to form beautiful, even braids, I never learned this in Minnesota. Even my three-part braids (I have rarely attempted anything like six or more braids) leave a little to be desired.

My solution? Round challahs. They always come out nicely, they look impressive, and no one can believe how easy they are to make. You can either make one long braid and then roll it up, or use the following recipe and baking method.

The smell is indescribable. For more details on challah – actually on all aspects of bread baking – see any Jewish cookbook. All the myriad details won't fit into this article. According to Jewish law, the mitzvah of separation of challah must be observed – consult a rabbi for details.

Challah should be allowed to cool completely before being wrapped well for storage. Well-sealed challah can be stored for a day or so on the shelf, or frozen. It defrosts well, and no one can tell that it's not freshly baked.

You can even freeze the ready-to-bake dough. This is good to know in the busy pre-holiday period. May this be a sweet year for the entire Jewish people!

SWEET ROUND CHALLAH

2 tbsp. instant dry yeast
$^3/_4$ cup sugar
$^3/_4$ cup oil
approximately 9 cups of flour (divided), sifted
1 tbsp. salt
5 eggs (divided)
2 cups warm water
$^1/_2$ cup golden raisins (optional)
sesame seeds
poppy seeds

Combine instant yeast, sugar and oil in a large bowl. Stir in about 3 cups of flour; combine well. Add salt and 4 well-beaten eggs, one at a time. Add water and mix in well. Sift in enough flour, 2 cups at a time, to form a dough for kneading, beating well after each addition. Add raisins, if desired. Knead for 8 to 10 minutes, adding a bit more flour if necessary. Place dough in a greased bowl and turn to grease all sides. Cover with a damp cloth and allow to rise in a warm place until double in bulk — about $1^1/_2$-2 hours. Punch down, fold in sides, cover, and allow to rise for about another half hour.

Punch down. Divide dough in half. Spray two 8- or 9-inch pans with non-stick cooking spray (look for pans that are at least 3 inches high).

Form a ball of dough about $3^1/_2$ inches in diameter and place in centre of pan. Divide rest of dough into 8 even portions, form 8 balls of dough and surround center ball of dough. Repeat with remaining half of dough.

Cover pans and allow to rise in a warm place until doubled in bulk. Brush with beaten egg. Sprinkle both sesame and poppy seeds on the two middle balls. Sprinkle sesame and poppy seeds alternately on each of the 8 outside balls of each challah. Bake in a preheated 350 degree oven for 35 to 40 minutes until golden brown and challah sounds hollow when tapped on the bottom.

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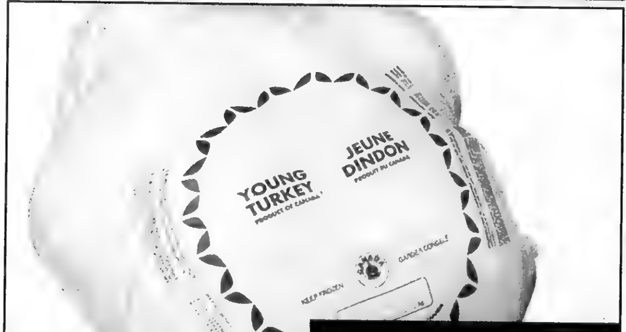
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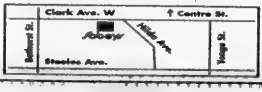
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DEADLINE REMINDER

What's New and About People deadlines: Monday, Sept. 15, is deadline for Sept. 25 issue and Monday, Sept. 22, is deadline for Oct. 2. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Fax 416-391-0829 or e-mail rnadler@cjnews.com.

Thursday, Sept. 11

KEEPING FAITH

Chavi Rosenzweig discusses "Keeping the Faith in Trying Times" at Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, 83 Green Lane. 8 p.m. 905-886-0420.

Sunday, Sept. 14

WOMEN'S DAY OF LEARNING

Mekorot Institute of Torah Study for Women sponsors "Approaching The Days of Awe: Reflection and Renewal," a pre-High Holy Day day of learning, with keynote speaker **Ora Lee Kanner.** 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Associated Hebrew Schools, 252 Finch Ave. W. Call **Lisa** at 416-398-1510, or visit www.mekorot.ca.

JEWISH SUPERSTITIONS

Rabbi Michael Skobac will discuss "Jewish Superstitions: Things My Booba Told Me" at the Beth David Brotherhood program. 9 a.m. Breakfast served. Minimal charge. 416-633-5500.

ARIE BARAF CHESED MTG.

Arie Baraf Chesed network meeting takes place at Adath Israel Synagogue at 9:30 a.m. Call **Nili** 416-635-5340.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Congregation Habonim presents **Jacques R. Pauwels** discussing his book *Myth of the "Good Wars,"* about the role of the United States in World War II. 5 Glen Park Ave., 10 a.m. Breakfast and lecture $6.

COMMUNITY CLASSROOM

The new school year begins at the Morris Winchevsky School with a community classroom program from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Family-oriented activities include challah braiding, candle making, drama, music, hand painting challah covers and more. For information on this program and on kindergarten to grade 7 classes, call **Lisa** at 416-789-5502.

TEXTILE ART FESTIVAL

The Pomegranate Guild presents the Jewish Textile Art Festival, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Reena's Battle Centre, 927 Clark Ave. W. Includes exhibits, demonstrations and vendors. For details, visit www.pomegranate.ca, or call 416-789-1145. No charge. Free parking.

FAMILY FUN DAY

Aish HaTorah presents its New Year's Family Fun Day Extravaganza, featuring inflatable amusements, petting zoo, carnival games and more. Westmount C.I. in the west parking lot behind the school. 12-4 p.m. 6-13-year-olds $10 play pass, 2-5-year-olds $5 play pass.

FIDDLER AUDITIONS

Auditions will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. for Temple Anshe Sholom's theatre group performance of *Fiddler on the Roof* in May 2004. 215 Cline Ave., Hamilton. Singers should prepare a song from the show a cappella, dancers a one-minute routine. For details, call **Vicky Wylson-Sher** at 905-648-4266.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

An opening reception for "The Faces of Israel," an exhibit of photos by **Sid Shoub**, runs 2-4 p.m. in the Koffler Centre Atrium at the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre. It's on display to Oct. 17. Admission free.

END OF SUMMER PARTY

Mosaic, a Jewish Outdoor Organization for adults of all ages is having an end-of-summer party at the Madison Avenue Pub, 14 Madison Ave., 7 p.m. Look for the Mosaic sign. For details, call **Izzy** 416-723-5918.

ALKIN ON ELI COHEN

Temple Kol Ami presents **Henry Alkin** discussing "Eli Cohen, a

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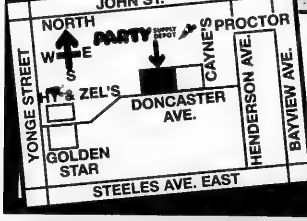

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Monday, Sept. 15

AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC

The Cranbrooke Friendship Club presents **Miriam Eskin** singing Yiddish and Hebrew songs. 585 Cranbrooke Ave. 12:30 p.m. $10. Call **Lisa** at 416-789-5502 for details.

MEDINA THEATRE MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Medina Theatre Ensemble starts 7:30 p.m. at 15 Hove St. Scenes from Medina's production of *Setting The Scene* will be performed. No charge. Call 416-785-0344 for details.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

FILDERMAN LODGE

B'nai Brith's Dr. W. Filderman Lodge invites members and friends to a movie evening, with music and comedy in Yiddish and Hebrew. 5:30 p.m. at 15 Hove St. Tickets $2. Call 416-631-0634,

ORIGINS OF HUMAN SPECIES

Gerald Schroeder will speak about "From Mud to Man: Origins of the Human Species". 8:00 p.m. Beth Jacob Congregation 147 Overbrook. Visit www.torahinmotion.org or call 416-633-5700. No charge.

CHUG TANACH

Dr. Eva Dessen will present an introduction to Kohelet and lead a discussion of Chapter 1. Beth David Synagogue. 8 p.m. All welcome.

ADATH ISRAEL BOOK CLUB

Atonement by **Ian McEwan** will be the first book discussed at the Adath Israel Sisterhood Book and Film Review Series, with facilitator **Heather Kassel**. 8 p.m. Series cost: members $45, non-members $80, per session, members $10, non-members $15. Call 416-635-5340.

ISRAEL AFTER THE IRAQ WAR

Canadian Friends of Hebrew University and the Canadian Zionist Federation present **Meron (Roni) Medzini** speaking on "Israel After the War in Iraq: Perspectives, Options and Road Maps." 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Free. 416-485-8000.

ALL CANDIDATES DEBATE

Candidates from the major provincial parties will debate the issues of the school system, aid to private schools, health and work for welfare, 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Entertainment & Cultural Connection and Brotherhood members free, non-members $2.

AISH HATORAH LECTURE

Rabbi Ken Spiro will discuss "Destiny: The Ultimate Drama, How Jewish History Changed the Destiny of the World." $5. 8 p.m. at Aish HaTorah Community Centre, 949 Clarke Ave. W.

INVESTMENT SEMINAR

Dynamic Singles, 21-35, presents an investment seminar with **Jonathan Kirshblum**. Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave., 8 p.m. 416-635-5340.

Wednesday, Sept. 17

ISRAELI FOLK DANCING

Beth Emeth Sisterhood Israeli dance classes with **Shoshana Frank** resume tonight and meets every Wednesday, beginners 7:30 p.m., intermediate 8:15 p.m. All welcome. $5 per class. Call 416-633-3838.

PROSTATE CANCER MTG

Man To Man, a prostate cancer support group, meets at the Civic Garden Centre at Edwards Gardens to discuss "Couples Decision Making & Adaptation in Prostate Cancer Treatment" with **Dr. Andrew Matthew** and **Jeanette McGrath**. Family members and friends welcome. 7:30 p.m. Call 416-932-8820.

WOMEN'S CONCERT

Chabad Israeli Sisterhood offers an evening of Hebrew music for women with **Ariela Savir**. 770 Chabad Gate at 8:15 p.m. $15 in advance, $18 at the door. Also from 7-8:15 p.m. a bazaar of gifts and ideas for the High Holy Days. 905-709-7770.

More news

JWI CHAPTER MEETINGS

Nagillah chapter, 50+ singles, monthly meeting will be held at Conquest Travel, 3307 Bayview Ave. Monday, Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m. Guests welcome $3. Call **Nora** 416-657-8763.

Markham-Unionville chapter monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, Sept. 17. New members welcome. Call **Gail** 905-294-9706.

MELTON MINI SCHOOL

The Florence Melton Adult Mini School is open for registration. Wednesday evening classes are held at CHAT and Wednesday morning classes at Beth Emeth Synagogue. For information, call 416-789-7400.

SEC TORONTO EVENING

Join Sephardi Educational Centre, Toronto, for "Jewish Love Potion" at the Swallow Lounge, 292 College St., an evening for young adults and professionals. Thursday, Sept. 18, 9 p.m. Visit www.sectoronto.ca for details.

CHAI SHALOM EVENT

Chai Shalom invites members to "Shofar in the New Year with Spice, Spirituality and Music," Thursday, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m. at Beth Emeth Synagogue, with **Rabbi Howard Morrison** and **Cantor Louis Danto**.

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FOR SENIORS

The **Association of Jewish Seniors** general meeting takes place Thursday, Sept. 18, 1:30 p.m at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. **Dani Fine,** director of Israel Now, will discuss "The Road Map for Peace." For details, call **Tammy** at 416-635-2860.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Casino Niagara; Sept. 14, dance with a live band; Nov. 18-21, Soaring Eagle Casino. Bridge every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 1 p.m. Bingo every Tuesday at 1 p.m. Membership open. Call 416-395-7881.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the boardroom at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Call 416-630-9444 for information.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. Sept. 11, sing-a-long; Sept. 18, bingo; Sept. 25, Israeli movie. **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 416-630-5771.

Seniors Bowling meets every other Saturday. Call **Sydney Fox** at 416-633-7305 for information.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

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Osteoporosis Interest Group: Tuesday, Sept. 16, 1:15-2:15 p.m.

Autumn Festival: Wednesday, Sept. 17, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free.

Israeli Club Etrog for Hebrew speakers, meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Sept. 16, concert with **Lillian Keltz**: Sept. 23, picnic at Earl Bales. For information, call **Anna** ext.110.

BATHURST JCC

Bathurst Jewish Community Centre and Koffler Centre of the Arts, 4588 Bathurst St. 416-636-1880 or www.bjcc.ca.

The BJCC presents a preview evening of *The Producers* on Wednesday, Dec. 10. For tickets and information call Marni at ext. 271.

DIG/DUG @ the Koffler Gallery Admission is free.

Register for fall programs at the Koffler Centre. Classes offered for children and adults include ballet and jazz, visual arts – including ceramics, painting, calligraphy, photography and drawing – music, including private piano, flute, violin, guitar and band, dance, as well as drama and choir. Call for details, or visit www.bjcc.ca.

Folk Dancing begins Sept. 15. For information, call **Teme** ext. 364.

Folk Dance Teacher Training 8-Week Course. Sundays 6:30-9 p.m., starts Oct. 26 at the Studio Theatre, Leah Posluns Theatre. $250. For details, call **Teme** ext. 364.

Spaces available for children's morning school and day program. Call ext. 351/248 to arrange a tour or for a registration package.

MILES S. NADAL JCC

Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211 or www.milesnadaljcc.ca.

"Can Judaism Survive Modernity?" with **Elliott Malamet**, Sunday, Sept. 14., 11 a.m. Admission: DJCS parents & members free, non-members $5. Coffee & bagels served.

"Judaism: The Basics," everything you've always wanted to ask about Jewish holidays, practices and ideas, an informal lunchtime program with **Rabbi Yossi Sapirman** of Beth Torah Congregation, meets monthly. First meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 16, 12-1 p.m. on fall holidays. Bring a lunch. PWYC, $5 suggested donation.

"Through Others' Eyes" photo exhibit Sept. 16-22. Opening reception Sept. 16, 7-9 p.m. with Etti Amram, director of Givat Haviva's Art Centre.

Lunch & Learn 2003-4 series starts Thursday, Sept. 18, at noon, with **Harold Troper** speaking on "Federalism Schmederalism: Pierre Trudeau and the Jews." $7 per session includes lunch.

The Downtown Ken, a new, downtown Jewish teen group for Grade 7 & up. Sundays 2-4 p.m. begins Sunday Sept. 21.

High Holy Days tickets available at the JCC for First Narayever Congregation services at the JCC. Call 416-924-6211 or 416-927-0546.

Good Age Club: Sept. 11, business meeting at 1 p.m., poetry reading at 2 p.m.; Sept. 18, "Scrapbooking Memories," (bring four favourite photos,) 1 p.m.

CORRECTION: The number to volunteer for the singles event at the Kiever Synagogue is 416-785-1395.

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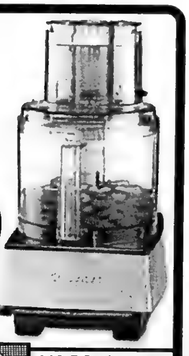

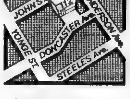

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On Campus

Education students learn about diversity at Auschwitz

By **ALIZA LIBMAN**
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We picked the train tracks because they were symbolic of Auschwitz; because so many who came in never went out.

We lit our candles as Prof. Michael Brown began the K'el Maleh Rachamim, explaining that it was the traditional Jewish memorial prayer for the deceased.

We stood in silence after he finished, until Marek, a Polish-Canadian student at York University, stepped forward and asked the Christian students to join him in "Our Father." Carinna, a German Buddhist, offered a Buddhist meditation and Sanjee, a Hindu student at York, sang a Hindu hymn.

Thirty-one individuals, all speaking the language of humanity.

We went to learn, and we went to teach. The York University trip, officially called Learning from the Past, Teaching for the Future (TFTF) was designed by Prof.Brown and Prof. Mark Webber to teach education students from different backgrounds how to bring lessons from the Holocaust into their classrooms.

TFTF was going to be a challenge. It wasn't just Jews. It wasn't just York students. York's contingent of 13 was met by a group of seven from Poland and a group of seven from Germany.

Twenty-seven students. Two Jews.

When we went to Friday night prayers in Stuttgart the first Shabbat, I was inundated with questions. The girls wanted to know what page we were on. They asked me what the men were wearing. They asked what the paintings on the wall meant. They sat when I sat. They stood when I stood. I had never experienced a Shabbat quite like it.

For days I had been living in someone else's world. Now it was time for others to venture into mine.

Matthias Hass, our Berlin educator, explained that the trip was asking us all a question: what is it like to be in the minority in society?

We lived that question on the field study – Sara Manly and I often felt like we were in the minority because we were the only Jews. The non-Jewish students often felt out-of-place at Jewish services or sites. The Canadians didn't speak Polish or German, the languages of our host countries. The Poles and Germans sometimes had tremendous difficulty with the language barrier, as the entire trip was officially in English.

Apparently, this collective feeling of being uncomfortable in our surroundings was one of the objectives. Everybody had to be an outsider sometimes. That way, no one had the upper hand.

Somehow, it worked. The one thing that I noticed was that always, no matter how late it was, no matter how tired we were, no matter how difficult the day's agenda had been, there was always a palpable desire by everyone to be considerate of all the little things that made us different.

Maybe we were here to do a university course, but the university wasn't what created the atmosphere of tolerance that we had. It was each person's individual commitment to making the world a better place – or what we Jews call *tikkun olam*.

I remember how Ivi Trabka's voice wavered when she told me about her feelings in seeing the museum in Auschwitz. For the 23-year-old student of the Pedagogical Academy in Krakow, the most powerful exhibit was not the mounds of hair or the piles of shoes, glasses and suitcases.

For Ivi, the dishes did it.

"The guide said all the Jewish moms thought they would cook for their families there. I started to think about my mother and realized that she would take this stuff too."

We went to teach about the Holocaust, and ran into an interesting problem. How do we teach about a time of fear and evil and hate, without becoming paranoid and hateful ourselves?

The answer rang out loud and clear every time one of us helped another for no apparent reason. It became clear every time we laughed together, every time we cried together, every moment we shared talking, trying to find a common ground.

People are really more the same than we are different. We all share a bit of the divine – the unquenchable spirit of humanity. We may not speak the same language, eat the same food or pray to the same God – nonetheless, our hearts understand each other.

Aliza Libman is a Jewish Education student at York University and serves as the managing editor of Afterword.

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Israeli David Ramati was recently in Toronto on behalf of the Kollel (educational institute) at Maarat Ha'machpela in Hebron to raise money for an armoured bus to transport children there. Ramati is a Vietnam war veteran who has lived in Hebron since 1975. He is fundraising for a GMC Savana van, and an American company is donating the armour.

An open letter to Foreign Minister Bill Graham

From: Carolyn Bennett, MP St. Paul's; Anita Neville, MP, Winnipeg South Centre; Richard Marceau, MP, Charlesbourg-Jacques Cartier

To: Bill Graham

From left: MPs Carolyn Bennett, Richard Marceau and Anita Neville.

As members of the Canada-Israel Parliamentary Friendship Group, we have consistently heard from Israeli diplomats and politicians that Canada is Israel's second best friend in the world. From Labor party leader Shimon Peres to Haim Divon, Israel's ambassador to Canada, we know that Israel has been grateful for our support and for our ability to build bridges.

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But there is also a great deal of room for improvement. We know that Canada can be an even better friend to Israel. Our voting record at the United Nations and our tardiness in recognizing Hezbollah as a terrorist organization has angered and disappointed many of Canada's Jewish community and Israel's friends. In order to help determine what specific things Canada could do to enhance Israel's prospects for peace and security, Richard Marceau MP suggested that a group of us from the Parliamentary Friendship Group visit Israel's closest ally, the United States.

At the end of the Parliamentary session, we travelled to Washington, D.C., on a fact-finding mission. In a jam-packed two days, we met with many officials and made a special trip to the United Stated Holocaust Memorial Museum, organized by Canadian Jewish Congress. David Cooper from the Canada-Israel Committee accompanied us and was particularly helpful in organizing meetings with Israel's ambassador to the United States, Daniel Ayalon, and the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

It became clear from our meetings that there are four ways Canada can use its reputation for fairness and multilateralism to make a positive and substantive contribution to peace and to Israel's security.

• Support Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas

Most of the officials we met with viewed the election of Mahmoud Abbas as a positive step toward peace. Few believe that Abbas is a perfect partner in the peace process. Yet he has shown a commitment to a non-violent path, and an interest in peace shared by few other leaders within the Palestinian Authority (PA).

But Abbas faces many impediments: he enjoys little popular support and his control of the PA's security services is incomplete. His position is far from secure, as recent events have demonstrated.

We can strengthen Abbas' position in several ways. Firstly, we can recognize him as the primary representative of the Palestinian people in international forums and during state visits. These actions will help enhance his prestige internationally, thereby bolstering his domestic credibility. In turn, we should work to undermine international recognition of PA President Yasser Arafat. His recent, and potentially ongoing, complicity in acts of terror have reaffirmed that he is not a credible partner in the peace process.

• Undermine support for terror

Secondly, we can create a viable social safety network for the Palestinian people. The failure of the PA to provide sufficient social services has allowed organizations such as Hamas to fill the void. Their provision of schooling, health care and general social assistance has allowed it to gain popular support and has given the group a fertile recruiting ground. No one should forget, however, that Hamas' long-term goal is Israel's destruction, and that its means to this end is a campaign of terror. Hamas made this outlook clear on Aug. 19, when they ended a seven-week truce with Israel by blowing up a bus filled with civilians. Canada has been a long-time proponent of Israel's need for security. By ensuring that Palestinians receive social services from the PA, we can undermine popular support for Hamas and enhance the PA's credibility.

During our meetings, there was a consensus that Canada must continue to provide funding to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). The people we spoke with felt that holding back those dollars would be counterproductive to ensuring stability in the region, and to Israel's security. But we maintain that we must ensure better accountability and transparency of the Canadian contribution to UNRWA.

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Columnist offers simplistic solutions

According to Reports

By
PAUL MICHAELS

Naomi Klein's column, "Bush's war goes global" (*Globe and Mail*, Aug. 27), is a model of mushy, left-wing thinking about terrorism in general, which zeroes in on Israel in particular.

Klein uses U.S. President George W. Bush's war on terrorism as fodder for her own attack on the U.S.-dominated globalization campaign, including its supposed control of the World Trade Organization (WTO). She cutely gives the war on terrorism a brand name: "WoTtm."

"The war on terrorism," Klein writes, is "a kind of brand, an idea that can be easily franchised by any government in the market for an all-purpose, opposition cleanser… [The war on terrorism] can be used on any liberation or opposition movement."

Klein's self-consciously hip wordplay may appeal to those already sympathetic to her anti-U.S., anti-globalization message. But examined up close, her argument is surprisingly superficial. Klein divides the world into the malevolent, oppressive forces of the Bush-led United States and its franchise agents – Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon first among them – who prey on the innocent, oppressed Third World liberationists.

In Israel's case, Sharon has "parroted" Bush's call to "'smash [al-Qaeda's] terrorist infrastructure'" and "sent bulldozers into the occupied territories to uproot olive trees, and tanks to raze civilian houses."

Israel is made to appear wantonly brutal, a mammoth violator of the human rights of Palestinians and foreigners, including journalists.

But Klein fails to provide any context. For example, she neglects the fact that over the past three years, suicide bombings have murdered nearly 1,000 Israelis and maimed thousands more, mostly Israeli civilians, including many women and children. So Israel, under Sharon, has tried to strike back with unexpected moderation. And still it has tried the path of negotiation with Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas.

However, Klein implies that Israel, among other countries that have adopted the war on terror philosophy, has made no effort to negotiate: "Why negotiate with your political opponents when you can annihilate them?" she writes, ignoring the fact that terrorist groups like Hamas are fanatically driven, and not interested in negotiations or compromise. Hamas and Islamic Jihad are committed to "liberating" all of Palestine by destroying Israel and establishing a rigid Islamic state in the entire region, a regime that tramples on women's rights, gay rights and other civil rights – in short on all forms of human rights.

Why does Klein, who so admirably supports human rights and social justice, basically excuse terrorist organizations that are antithetical to these very values? Why is she so concerned about those who seek the slaughter of civilians as a matter of policy? Why does she chastise Israel so severely, the one country in the Middle East that does respect human rights? Why would Klein so casually lump democratic Israel together with such disparate, excessive regimes as those in Indonesia and Colombia?

Klein's analysis, if one may call it that, is extremely simplistic. The one valid element is her note of caution, applicable in only some of her examples: governments that pursue terrorists must not use their operations as an excuse to abuse human rights and human dignity.

But Klein totally ignores real cases of oppression in the name of combating terror. She neglects to mention Cuba, which recently summarily jailed 75 peaceful dissidents, branding them "terroristas." Indeed, she criticizes only emerging and established democracies. Absolved are all the terror-supporting tyrannies, dictatorships and regimes that lie outside the orb of the real "enemy" of liberation: the United States and its globalizing, capitalist henchmen.

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Letter from three MPs

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• Pressure France and Europe on terror groups

Thirdly, we need to lobby against organizations whose acts of terror undermine the peace process. While the military wings of terrorist groups such as Hamas and Hezbollah have been banned in many parts of the world, their political wings often retain legality. A false dichotomy has been drawn between political wings that raise funds and organize, and military wings that carry out acts of violence. The humanitarian efforts that these groups engage in have further blurred the issue of their complicity in acts of terror. Canada has made similar mistakes, but it's time that we address the problem. We need to lobby our friends and allies to end their legal sanction of these groups. In particular, we need to target France's failure to deem Hamas a terrorist group. Their intransigence has prevented a blanket ban on the organization throughout the EU. If we succeed in our efforts, we can shut down the support networks that fuel the region's terrorist activity.

•Promote democracy

Finally, we need to work to promote democracy in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Les Campbell of the National Democratic Institute argues that the failure of the Oslo peace initiatives was that they rested solely on Arafat. When he proved unco-operative, there was nowhere for the peace process to go. The same mistake should not be made twice. Abbas cannot be Israel's only partner in the process. The PA needs engage in broad democratic institution building, with Canada's support. Fatah must learn to how to transform itself from a "revolutionary movement" to a political party. The Palestinian people need to believe they have other outlets for their dissent besides violence. Non-violence must be the only acceptable path. The opening up of a democratic dialogue will provide more potential partners in the peace process. If the Abbas option fails, there will be a variety of new leaders we can turn to.

Moreover, we need to recognize that if the Palestinian people do not have a role in the peace process, they will view its outcome as illegitimate. An enduring peace can only come out of a process that the Palestinian people feel they have ownership of. Only then will they be willing to co-exist in peace with Israel.

In the wake of the recent terror attacks, peace may seem further off, but for the sake of Israel and the Palestinians, the violence needs to end. Canada has a role to play in laying the foundations for peace. We can use our credibility in international forums and our expertise in humanitarian organizations and democracy to help make the necessary changes. Most of these measures are not specific to the road map peace plan. As a friend of Israel, Canada should always pursue policies that improve Israel's security, that disempower groups that pursue violence and that make the PA a more fertile ground for democracy and peace.

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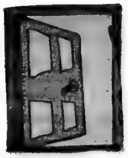

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Coast to Coast

Rabbis question MK policy

By DAVID LAZARUS
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Several prominent Orthodox Montreal rabbis are questioning a policy of the city's kashrut authority that bars imported kosher fresh meat and poultry from butchers and grocery departments operating under the "MK" (Montreal Kosher) hechsher, because they say the policy limits competition and keeps prices high.

Rabbi Saul Emanuel, the executive director of the Vaad Ha'ir, defended its practice of refusing an MK certification to imported fresh meat and poultry, citing historical reasons and the need to preserve the integrity of a rigorous kashrut process.

He also insisted prices of kosher meat and poultry in Montreal are generally comparable to – and in some instances cheaper – than those in other North American cities.

That view, however, is rejected by Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz, president of the Rabbinical Council of Canada's (RCC) eastern region, Rabbi Reuben Poupko of the Beth Israel Beth Aaron Congregation and Rabbi Yonah Rosner, a former RCC president and spiritual leader of the Shomrim Laboker Synagogue.

They said the local "closed market" benefits producers, not consumers. The absence of outside kosher meat and poultry suppliers, they said, keeps prices in Montreal exorbitantly high, compelling many Jews who would otherwise keep kosher at home to purchase non-kosher alternatives.

"It's absurd," said Rabbi Steinmetz.

While hailing the "exceptional job" done by the Vaad in rigorously enforcing halachic standards, Rabbi Steinmetz, spiritual leader of the Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem Synagogue, described the Vaad importation policy as "antiquated."

Rabbi Rosner said many young people, as well as pensioners who have kept kosher at home their whole lives, are buying non-kosher meat and poultry because of the "prohibitive" price of the kosher equivalent. He feared this will produce a generation of Jews who reach middle age without keeping kosher at home.

"It tears my heart out," he said. "The consumption in Montreal [of kosher meat and poultry] has gone down, down, down. I know the [Montreal Jewish] population has gone down too, but it is still 90,000."

Rabbi Rosner also noted that some local shochtim (slaughterers) now seek work in Toronto because of the closure of local abattoirs.

According to Rabbi Emanuel and the Young Israel of Montreal's Rabbi Harry Kaufman, a member of the Beth Din who also spoke to *The CJN*, the Vaad policy dates back to the Jewish experience in Europe, where Jewish communities barred imported kosher meats to protect the jobs of local kosher butchers, slaughterers and mashgichim, as well as to ensure the continuity of supply and guarantee the kosher meat and poultry available for sale fulfilled halachic criteria and could be trusted.

But Rabbi Poupko said Montreal remains the only city in North America with a significant Jewish population where imported kosher meat and poultry from credible kosher suppliers can't be found in local kosher butcher shops or the kosher sections of grocery store chains because the Vaad won't allow it.

"My question is this: What is it the Vaad Ha'ir knows about kosher meat that the rabbis of Toronto, Chicago, New York, and Miami don't know?" he asked.

"Anyone who's taken Economics 101 knows that a closed market benefits producers, not consumers. So whose interests do they serve? A handful of producers, or the kosher consumers of Montreal?

"Everyone knows that the greatest obstacle to kashrut observance is the cost. By maintaining a closed market, the Vaad Ha'ir is a co-conspirator in discouraging kashrut observance," Rabbi Poupko said.

"Everyone knows that kosher meat is cheaper almost everywhere else."

A quick check of kosher lean ground beef prices between Montreal and Toronto seemed to bear Rabbi Poupko out: late last month, the Loblaws store in St. Laurent was charging $7.54 a pound for Levitt's lean ground beef, and $5.80 for the Continental brand.

In Toronto, at the Loblaws at Forest Hill Market, the price for a pound of kosher lean ground beef was $4.59.

Poultry prices, by contrast, seemed comparable: the Loblaws at Bayview and Sheppard avenues in Toronto, a meat department spokesperson said, was charging "$7 or $8" a kilogram ($3.18 and $3.64 per pound) for a whole Chai-brand kosher chicken, a label not available in Montreal.

The Metro store in the Snowdon district of Montreal was charging $3.18 per pound for a Marvid's kosher chicken.

But Rabbi Rosner said he saw kosher chicken filets selling for almost $10 a pound at IGA, a price he considered exorbitant.

Several kosher departments contacted for this article would not reveal prices over the phone, saying they were told not to do so.

Rabbi Emanuel said that while discrepancies might exist between cities on a given day, prices tend to equal out over time. Even though imported meat and chicken are not available for sale at MK-certified establishments, he said a certain level of competitive pricing exists among Montreal producers and even among individual butcher shops.

Moreover, Rabbi Emanuel said, Montreal prices would not necessarily be cheaper even if the Vaad theoretically allowed U.S.-imported kosher meat and poultry because of current exchange rates.

Rabbi Kaufman feared that if the huge kosher suppliers from the United States were allowed into Montreal, that would push local prices higher by putting them into a position of "monopoly control."

Rabbi Rosner said he does not directly fault the Vaad for the current situation. He said Montreal's mainstream rabbis should have addressed this issue long ago.

"The [haredim] have their own hechshers, so it's the general Montreal Jewish constituency which is affected by this policy. The Vaad should not be blamed if we haven't stood up to them."

Rabbi Rosner felt a compromise could be reached by allowing imported kosher meat into Montreal while placing a small surcharge on

Rabbi Emanuel said he does not question the kashrut of imported meats. But he said Jewish consumers have not suffered from the Vaad's policy, since changing it would not affect prices.

Coast to Coast

Isadore Black was a leader in Peterborough community

By **LEILA SPEISMAN**
Staff Reporter

Obituary

Isadore Black, a businessman and stalwart of the Peterborough community, died Aug. 28. He was 88.

Black was born in Peterborough in 1915, in the apartment above the family store, his son Martin told *The CJN*. At the age of 16, he opened his first store, which sold menswear.

At the time, Martin said, Isadore's father, Philip, who was also the first rabbi of the city, operated a dry goods store. Eventually, the two stores merged, and Isadore was involved with the business until 1989.

He took his responsibilities to the community seriously. He believed good citizens look after their family. The rest follows naturally. If you look after your family, he felt, you want to help your community for selfish reasons. You want a better city and country for your family to live in.

Black spearheaded the Peterborough Rotary Club's Patriotic Day campaign with a Canada Day essay program that attracted more than 800 entries from local schools. He founded a breakfast program for Prince Edward Elementary School, which he had attended, was a volunteer member of the Trillium Foundation, and was active in the formation and activities of the seniors' committee for the seven counties surrounding Peterborough.

He served as president of the Rotary club of Peterborough, the Peterborough Downtown Business Improvement Area, the Chamber of Commerce and was on the board of directors of the YMCA and St. Joseph Hospital.

Black was a founding member of the board of governors of Trent University, and worked for it enthusiastically. Together with other family members, he established the Philip and Annie C. Black Bursary. Now his family has established a memorial fund in his name. In honour of his contributions to the university, the flag above the Bata Library was lowered to half-mast.

Black was deeply committed to Jewish causes as well, working for Israel Bonds for more than 50 years, BoysTown Jerusalem, the Ponevez Yeshiva in New York and Israel, B'nai Brith Canada, of which he was president, and his synagogue, Beth Israel.

Martin Black said that of all his activities, his father "got the most enjoyment out of his shul activities – the davening, the shiurim, just being there."

Other causes and organizations he was involved in include the Salvation Army Hamper Fund, the Peterborough Disaster Fund, Masons and Oddfellows.

He also received many honours, including the Paul Harris Fellowship Award from the Rotary Club of Peterborough; citizen of the year by the Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce; the Distinguished Founders Award from the Ponevez Yeshiva in New York and Israel; the Queen's Medal for volunteerism in 1992, which commemorated Canada's 125th birthday; and the Queen's Jubilee Medal in 2003, also for volunteerism.

In addition, Black was involved in lawn bowling, for which he established an annual tournament, as well as curling and euchre.

He is survived by his wife, Belle, his daughter Shelley and her husband Charles Hodgkinson, his son Philip and his wife Candy, his son Martin and his wife Ellie, his son David and his wife Kim, and eight grandchildren.

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Feature

Toronto filmmakers show a lot of chutzpah

By DAVID SILVERBERG
Special to The CJN

For filmmakers, the "Eureka!" moment can strike anytime. For Igal Hecht, it hit him soon after a trip to a Thornhill, Ont. doughnut shop, where he noticed Israelis socializing at tables apart from Canadian Jews. They were each mocking the other, and Hecht watched the two sides carefully.

Later that night, at around 3 a.m., Hecht couldn't sleep. He typed a film synopsis focusing on tensions between Israelis and Diaspora Jews, and he then called his production partner Ron Furman and said, "Listen, we have to make this film."

Three years later, and the documentary *Y.I.D. (Yehudeem in Diaspora)* catapulted into festivals and Jewish communities. Its premier screening sold out last January and it sold out at last year's Toronto Jewish Film Festival.

Y.I.D. is being considered by a national broadcaster for a 45-minute version to be released in a few months. And due to popular demand, a sequel will wrap up post-production in December.

Ron Furman co-founded Chutzpa Productions in 1999.

Hecht, 25, says his company Chutzpa Productions — formed with 24-year-old Furman in 1999 — is praised for its ability to "show Judaism's beauty and ugliness." *Y.I.D.* exemplifies that mission: one scene portrays North York Jews extolling Israel's richness, while another frames Israeli bitterness over Diaspora's supposed lack of support for Israel.

To Hecht and Furman (writer/director and producer, respectively), it all comes down to displaying Israel and her people in a light that is too harsh for some.

"Some people don't like what we do but all we say is 'Too bad,'" Hecht remarks. Furman sees their chutzpah as more appreciative than muck-raking. "We're helping our community with these films, we're paying it forward."

Chutzpa Productions began by paying out of their pockets, but the two filmmakers recall those days as both gritty and rewarding. One of their earliest films *Camels of Nahor* — a self-financed fictional tale à la *Romeo and Juliet* about a Reform boy seeking the hand of a rabbi's daughter — screened at the New York International Film and Video Festival.

The documentary *Protest* is their recent close-up of on-campus politics, zeroing in on what Jewish and Arab students face at York University, and highlighting what Hecht calls "a big problem of trust"; *Parted* — screening at Toronto's Royal Cinema Oct. 3 and 4 — examines what two separated brothers face when an ocean divides a family; and *The Chosen People* — a look into Messianic Judaism premiering at the 2004 Toronto Jewish Film Festival — reprises Chutzpa's tendency to raise questions rather than answer them.

"If we don't do these films, no one else will," says Hecht, whose love of film marries his love of Judaism in almost every scene he touches. Hecht's affinity is hewn from his homeland — he emigrated from Israel at 12-years-old — and Furman, born in Haifa, is also an expressive lover of all things Israeli. That passion can be dangerous, though, since attachment can taint perspective.

"But what films are 100 per cent objective?" Hecht asks rhetorically. A look at *Bowling for Columbine* and *Violence At Concordia* proves his point.Their guerilla interviewing tactics, as in-your-face as Nick Broomfield or Michael Moore, speak a language that says, "We're shooting this, whether you like it or not."

Hecht credits the film program at Seneca Collegiate for instilling unforgettable education while Furman acknowledges his acting and theatre background.

Hecht and Furman are excited when they speak about their upcoming films, although they both spend countless hours editing and co-ordinating interviews and networking with broadcast execs. But, as their religion has taught them, great reward comes from perseverance.

An eight-minute version of *Protest* ran on VisionTV several months ago and will likely air on a big-time network next year; and *Y.I.D. 2* is shaping up to be, in Hecht's words, "a fascinating doc on what Israelis think about Diaspora Jews."

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Igal Hecht on the set of one of his films.

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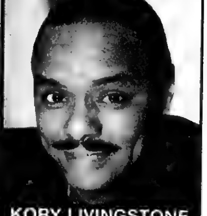

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All Hamas leaders a target

By AMOS HAREL
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

Analysis

"Up to what level do you plan to raise this wave of assassinations?" a senior Israel Defence Forces General Staff officer was asked last week. "Of course, there's no way you intend to assassinate [Hamas founder] Sheikh Yassin."

This senior IDF officer, who has a reputation for reliability, simply refused to respond to the question.

The reason for his silence became abundantly clear last Saturday. This time around, Israel intended to do exactly what it said it would. The entire Hamas leadership has been targeted – and, in addition to Yassin, this includes the organization's top brass in Damascus. The failed strike against Yassin and a group of other top Hamas men last Saturday doesn't alter this policy.

Israel's assassinations policy was resumed a little more than two weeks ago, as a result of the terrorist attack in Jerusalem. But events of the past two weeks do not tell the whole story. The policy's scope can only be fully understood by reviewing actions taken over the past year.

Out of seven prominent Hamas leaders in the Gaza Strip, three (Salah Shahada, Ibrahim Maqadmeh and Ismail Abu Shanab) have been killed since July 2002. Two were lightly hurt in assassination strikes (Yassin last Saturday and Abdel Aziz Rantisi in June). One escaped injury in an attack (Ismail Haniya last Saturday). And only one, Mahmoud a-Zahar, has not yet been targeted in an attack, at least not to date.

Though world attention focused last Saturday on Ramallah, where the Palestinian Authority political leadership was put in turmoil by Mahmoud Abbas' resignation as prime minister, a major showdown between Hamas and Israel is now taking place in Gaza. The decision reached by Israel's government to wage "fierce war" against the militant Islamic organization stems partly from an estimate that Hamas is currently mired in a genuine crisis.

Last week, IDF General Staff officers cited six types of pressure that are being exerted concurrently on the Hamas leadership: the direct threat to the lives of the Hamas leaders; full American support for the assassinations; the European Union decision to declare Hamas' political wing a terrorist organization (a development that has particularly troubled Yassin); the PA's confiscation of $3 million that sources overseas tried to transfer to Hamas; the refusal of Abbas (before his resignation) to renew the *hudna*; and public criticism in the territories about damage caused by the renewal of terror strikes.

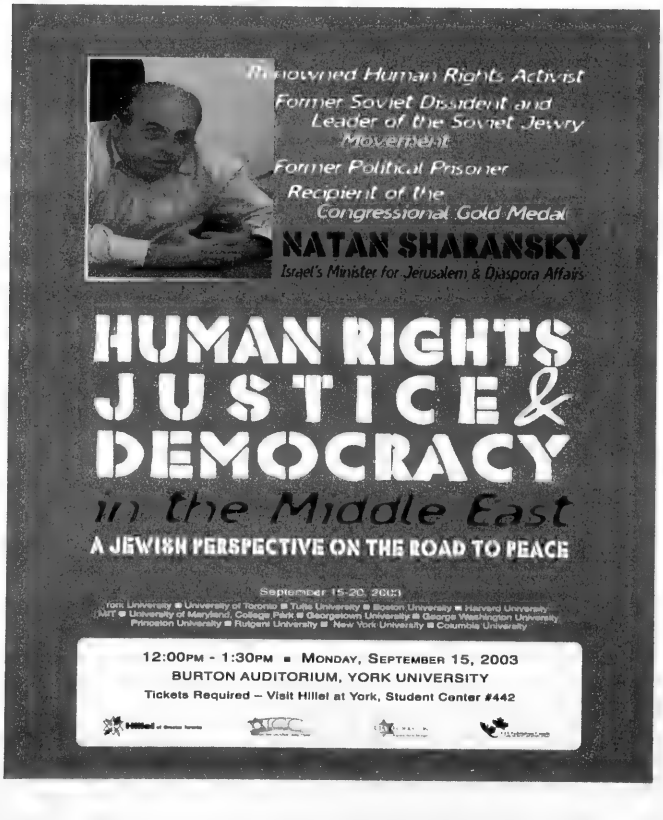
This network of pressures caused Hamas leaders to consider the possibility of bringing a halt to terrorist attacks, despite the desire to sponsor reprisals against Israel for the assassinations.

A few days ago, the Hamas leadership in Gaza deliberated about advocating a policy of abstaining from large-scale terrorist attacks inside the Green Line, but even as the Gaza leaders mulled over this policy, members of Hamas' military wing on the West Bank continued to prepare for terrorist strikes inside Israel, no mat[illegible] what Sheikh Yassin and his Gaza associates decide.

The decision to order the attack in Gaza City was reached by Israel's political leadership last Saturday morning, after it received intelligence information about the meeting of Hamas leaders in a Gaza City apartment belonging to a lecturer in the city's Islamic College. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon personally approved the strike.

A senior Israeli security source said Saturday night that the aim was to liquidate the group of Hamas leaders, and not just Yassin. It appears that this objective was[illegible]ot met because the Hamas men were located at the time on the building's first floor, and not its third floor as the IDF believed, and because Israel used a one-quarter-ton bomb – an explosive significantly lighter than the one-ton bomb used to kill Shahada in July 2002.

In other words, Israel wanted to attack the Hamas leadership, but it refrained from using the weapons needed to guarantee a decisive result.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Jewish Libyan heritage

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The 21 portraits were chosen out of more than 1,800 pictures, sent in anonymously by members of the community. None are identified by name, location or year – a deliberate decision taken by museum director Avi Pedatzur.

"The faces in the pictures are meant to tell the story of the community," Pedatzur says. "I want everyone to be able to identify with the pictures, and to use their imaginations."

Indeed, the pictures reflect the rich history and diversity of Libyan Jews. The community dates back to the time of the Second Temple, but it grew between the 16th and 19th centuries, with the influx of Jews from Spain, Italy, Tunisia and Algeria, who lived under Ottoman rule. In 1911, the Italians invaded, and while initially the community modernized and flourished under their rule – establishing many Zionist institutions and youth groups, for example – the Jews were hurt when Italy joined World War II. Italy's race laws were enforced, and many families were expelled to Tunisia and Italy; 562 Jews were killed in the Giado concentration camp.

In 1943, the British freed Libya, and the community was re-established. But two years later, Arab riots forced many young Jews to flee again. By 1952, only 10 per cent of the 35,000-strong community remained. And when 17 Jews were killed in further Arab riots in June 1967, even that 10 per cent left.

The majority of the pictures in the "Faces Tell The Story" exhibit date from the late 19th to the mid-20th century. Pedatzur says many are official portraits taken in a photographer's studio, an unfamiliar and perhaps uncomfortable setting for many poor Jewish families. In one picture, he points out, the children's eyes are wide with fear; in another, a young boy's underwear has fallen to the ground, though no one noticed.

The only picture with a known identity is that of a blind man: Arbib's father, Umberto Nissim Arbib, to whom the exhibition is dedicated.

"When we left Libya, we could not take my father's remains with us," says Arbib. "I wanted to do something for him."

His family was one of the few to remain in Libya until 1967. Arbib – who was actually born in Tunisia, where the family had fled in World War II – recalls a warm Jewish childhood in Tripoli, centred around the synagogue.

"I remember it like it was yesterday," he says.

As a teenager, he divided his time between Tripoli and Italy, where he studied, and the family fled to Israel when Arbib was 26. He worked in a travel agency there, and in 1987, he emigrated to Toronto, where he lives with Canadian wife, Edie, and is CEO of the Skylink Group, which provides international charter flights on demand.

Arbib estimates there are only five or six Jewish-Libyan families in Toronto, but retains ties to his native land through the city's Italian community. He has never been back to visit Libya, but says he would like to.

"Just last month, I saw pictures of our old house there," he says. "It was in very bad shape."

Still, Arbib has long been involved in Jewish-Libyan causes through the World Organization of Libyan Jews. One of their next projects: demanding restitution from the Libyan government for lost Jewish property.

"The whole worlds talks of what the Arabs left behind in Palestine, but no one talks about what the Jews left behind in Arab lands," he says. "It is important to balance their claims."

Ultimately, though, he would like to become more involved with projects like the museum. Most people – Jews and non-Jews alike – still find the idea of a Libyan Jew strange, he says: "When I say I'm from Libya, the first reaction is always: [Libyan leader Moammar] Gadhafi? No one knows our history, which is why we need to make our place in Jewish history clearer."

In its Sept. 25 issue, The CJN *will be publishing a special supplement on Jews from Arab countries, which will include an article about Walter Arbib's experiences in Libya.*

: The "Faces Tell The Story" exhibit, which opened late last month at the Center for the Heritage of Libyan Jews in Or Yehuda, is not the first Canadian contribution to the working-class town. Indeed, Canada has quite a presence there.

According to mayor Yitzhak Buhabza, between 1980 and 1993, Canadian Jews invested more than $15 million in Or Yehuda. As part of Project Renewal, they helped build, among other things, its sports centre, cultural centre, a day-care centre and boarding school. They sponsored extra classes for children in need, and today still award special student scholarships.

"Of 100 areas involved in the project, ours showed the most progress," says Buhabza. "We were the flagship."

It is no surprise, then, that one of the main streets in Or Yehuda is called "Canadian Jewry Road."

Buhabza, himself a Libyan Jew, says he hopes that Walter Arbib's contribution to the Center for the Heritage of Libyan Jews will help draw more visitors to the museum, which already draws thousands of guests a year, including many schoolchildren.

"Libyan Jewry was only a small community, in an out-of-the-way place, but we learned the secret of survival," he says. "That's something we must pass on to our children."

As a town, he adds, "We want to continue developing ties with Canadian Jewry. I hope Walter's donation will strengthen the connection."

Qureia: Israel must end killings

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Ahmed Qureia, the speaker of the Palestinian parliament tapped by Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat to take over as prime minister after the resignation last Saturday of Mahmoud Abbas, laid out his terms Monday for accepting the post.

Qureia said he would not be able to govern without Arafat's support, and said Israel must change its approach to the PA president. Israel and the United States want to sideline Arafat, who has been confined to his West Bank headquarters for over 18 months.

The speaker said he wants real support from the international community, "practical, not by words," echoing complaints by Abbas who, in listing the reasons for his resignation, said the United States had not done enough to enforce Israeli compliance with the internationally brokered road map for Middle East peace.

"I don't want to see more [Israeli] military checkpoints. I don't want to see assassination of Palestinians. I don't want to see the demolishing of houses," Qureia said, adding that he would try to negotiate a ceasefire with Israel.

Qureia also said he would only accept the job if Washington and Europe guarantee Israeli compliance with the road map.

"I am not prime minister as yet… I want to see the Americans – what kind of guarantee… they will [give]," he told Reuters from his office in Abu Dis, near Jerusalem.

"I want to see Europe, what kind of guarantees and support… they will [give]. I'm not ready for failure. I want to see whether peace is possible or not."

In response, an EU spokesperson said Monday that Qureia is highly respected by the European Union and can count on the 15-nation bloc's support.

"He is a man who believes in peace with Israel and he has done a lot for that," said Cristina Gallach, spokesperson for EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana.

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The Week in Israel

Sept. 1

- Israel Defence Forces Chief of Staff Moshe Ya'alon said Israel is prepared to launch a ground offensive into Gaza if the Palestinians continue to launch rockets into Israel. He made the remarks after missiles were fired into Ashkelon the week before.

Sept. 2

- Israel may need to expel Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, defence minister Shaul Mofaz said. "Arafat never wanted to reach an agreement with us," Mofaz said, and thus Israel erred in not expelling him when his true intentions became clear.

Sept. 3

- Eighty-three per cent of Israelis are satisfied with their lives, according to a poll conducted by the Central Bureau of Statistics. The poll surveyed some 7,000 Israelis 20 years of age and older. Fifty-three per cent were optimistic about the future, while 14 per cent were pessimistic.

Sept. 4

- Army Sgt. Gabriel Uziel, 20, was killed in an ambush shooting in Jenin. The Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades claimed responsibility.

Sept. 5

- Sgt. Maj. Ra'anan Komemi, 23, a member of the Israel Defence Forces' elite naval commando unit, was killed in an early morning clash with armed Palestinians in Nablus. Four other soldiers were wounded, one seriously. A senior Hamas bomb-maker, Mohammed Hanbali, who orchestrated several fatal suicide bombings and was responsible for dozens of Israeli deaths, was also killed in the clash.
- The number of victims in the mid-August Jerusalem bus bombing rose to 22 when Netanya resident Mordechai Laufer, 27, died from his wounds.

Files from JTA and Ha'aretz

Israel tries to halt critical UN resolutions

By SHLOMO SHAMIR

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

NEW YORK — Israel has launched a campaign to get the United Nations to declare a moratorium on all resolutions that denounce Israel or demand that it issue parallel denunciations or demands regarding Palestinian terrorism.

Israel's ambassador to the UN, Danny Gillerman, presented the idea last week at a special meeting with UN ambassadors from 25 European states who either are, or are slated to become, members of the European Union.

Gillerman was accompanied by David Granit, the Foreign Ministry's deputy director-general for international organizations, who flew in from Jerusalem for the meeting.

Israel is arguing that a moratorium on one-sided anti-Israel resolutions is required by the road map peace plan, of which the EU and the UN are co-sponsors, along with the United States and Russia. The road map calls for an end to anti-Israel incitement.

A UN source told *Ha'aretz* that the European diplomats were surprised by the proposal and declined to respond immediately, and Israeli officials refused to speculate on the likelihood that they will ultimately accede.

But Gillerman plans to continue pushing the issue in individual talks with key UN players in the time remaining until the start of the UN's next session on Sept. 16. He and Granit met last week with the UN ambassadors from Denmark and India.

Israel also planned to raise the idea in meetings with senior U.S. State Department officials in Washington, D.C., this past weekend.

"We presented the Europeans with a challenge," Granit said. "The success of our meeting with the European ambassadors was that it took place at all."

The initiative refers specifically to 21 resolutions on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that are discussed by various UN committees every year and then forwarded to the General Assembly, where they enjoy an automatic majority. Israel is proposing that the committees not discuss these resolutions this year and that the General Assembly postpone a vote on them until next year.

Until now, Israel has largely ignored these resolutions, assuming it is incapable of changing the UN's behaviour.

But Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom decided recently that Israel should make a concerted push to detach the European states from the General Assembly's anti-Israel majority. He also sent a letter to his colleagues in the EU urging them to correct the "distorted situation" created by the automatic anti-Israel majority.

Katsav holds phone-in with Iranian radio listeners

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Israel's Iranian-born president has hosted an emotional radio talk show with listeners from his native country, even as Israeli and Iranian leaders have traded barbs recently over Iran's nuclear program.

The broadcast last week on the Persian service of Israel Radio paired President Moshe Katsav with listeners from all over Iran, service director Menashe Amir said.

Katsav chatted in a mix of Hebrew and Farsi with Iranian listeners who called in during last Monday's program, recalling his affinity for the country he left as a boy.

"My family lived in Iran for more than 2,500 years," he said. "We absorbed the Persian culture and mentality, and we nurture in our hearts very warm feelings for Iran's history and culture."

It was the first time Katsav has addressed Iranians on the radio since assuming the presidency in 2000. His comments and those of listeners, reported in *Yediot Achronot*, were confirmed by radio officials.

Israel Radio reaches more than 1 million listeners in Iran, Amir said.

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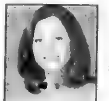

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Arts & Travel

Cronenberg film offbeat and unusual

By LARRY ANKLEWICZ
Special to The CJN

Two "Canadian" films that played at the Toronto International Film Festival last year have just been released on video and DVD.

Julie Walking Home is a Canadian, Polish and German co-production about a Catholic mother, Julie, and Jewish father, Henry, whose son contracts a terminal disease. The mother refuses to accept the medical prognosis and is willing to go anywhere and do anything in order to find a cure for her child.

Julie hears about a faith healer in Poland who is reputed to perform miracles. In desperation, she takes her son and begins following the healer.

Julie winds up being attracted by the faith healer's personal magnetism and before long she begins a torrid affair with the man and brings him home to Canada with her.

The story is built on several levels and deals with such themes as love, hope, faith and loyalty.

Director Agnieszka Holland has become world renowned as a writer/director of such films as *Olivier, Olivier* and *Europa, Europa*. The latter film is considered to be one of the best Holocaust films to have ever come out of Europe.

Julie Walking Home doesn't quite come up to those standards, but is an interesting film nonetheless.

Miranda Otto, the Australian actress who appeared as the warrior Eowyn in *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*, gives a powerful performance as the desperate mother determined to protect her child, no matter what the consequences. It also stars William Fichtner and Lothaire Bluteau.

My second choice is somewhat offbeat and a little unusual, but if you like a film that makes you think, then *Spider* is the film for you.

This is Canadian director David Cronenberg's latest production, and like many of his previous films, *Spider* will send a chill up your spine.

Basically, the film focuses on Dennis Cleg, a mental patient who has been discharged from custody and sent to a halfway house in London, England. It soon becomes clear that Dennis isn't quite ready to be released. He is still haunted by his childhood and the death of his mother.

From his flashbacks, we aren't completely certain whether the "facts" are as Dennis remembers them, or the invention of a tortured mind.

Ralph Fiennes gives an incredible performance as the struggling Dennis Cleg. He has very few lines and most of them are mumbled incomprehensibly.

But all of this fits the role perfectly and his body movements and shuffling of feet serve to increase the suspense and mystery.

Cronenberg, as usual, does a terrific job of bringing all the elements together. All the actors, including Miranda Richardson, Gabriel Byrne, Lynn Redgrave, John Neville and Bradley Hall, give restrained performances that are just right for the film, and Cronenberg seems to relish in slowly revealing the information that will eventually allow us to understand the film.

Surprisingly, Spider was not up for very many Genie awards, but it did win in the one major category where it was nominated — Best Director for Cronenberg's terrific work.

This may not be the kind of video you would pick for an evening of light entertainment. It is a dark film filled with some striking images, but it is certainly a thought provoking film that will stay with you for some time afterwards.

Both these films have been released on video and DVD by Alliance Atlantis and should be available at all major video stores. If your store doesn't carry these titles you should ask the manager to order them.

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Several people have asked about the availability of the films I described in the past two columns — *The Nazi Officer's Wife, Israel: A Nation Is Born* and *The Decalogue*. *The Nazi Officer's Wife* is distributed by SMA Distribution (1-800-267-1216). *Israel: A Nation Is Born* and *The Decalogue* are distributed in Canada by Morningstar Entertainment (416-443-0202).

In the United States, *The Decalogue* is distributed by Facets Video which can be accessed on the internet at www.facets.org or by telephone at 1-773-281-9075. All videos described in this column can be ordered by individual stores or on the internet.

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Arts & Travel

Unlikely Heroes: profiles of courage and resistance during the Holocaust

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Jews resisted the Nazi juggernaut, as the 1943 Warsaw ghetto uprising shows.

But the brave, though doomed, Jewish fighters in Warsaw were not the only Jews in Nazi-occupied Europe to fight back.

Unlikely Heroes, a film from the Simon Wiesenthal Center, presents the stories of seven individuals who personify courage and heroism in the face of overwhelming odds.

A Moriah Films production directed by Richard Trank and narrated by Sir Ben Kingsley, this poignant two-hour movie had its world premiere in Toronto last week.

It was screened at a benefit at the Varsity Cinema under the auspices of the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center.

Two of the seven special people profiled in *Unlikely Heroes* are Canadians – Anna Heilman of Ottawa and Leon Kahn of Vancouver.

They defied the Nazis by force of arms, but some of their fellow resisters fought oppression by indirect means.

Willy Perl, an Austrian Jew from Vienna, began organizing illegal transports of Jews to Palestine in 1937. His efforts were initially opposed by the Jewish community. But as the Nazi vise tightened, Perl's heroics were better appreciated.

Perl, a lawyer, was a fearless person. In 1938, following Germany's annexation of Austria, he met with SS representative Adolf Eichmann in Vienna to facilitate the emigration of Jews from Austria. During their meeting, Eichmann put a pistol to his back to pump him for information.

Unintimidated, Perl went over his head and negotiated a deal with Eichmann's superior to transport Jews to Palestine. All in all, Perl is credited with saving some 40,000 Austrian, Czech and Hungarian Jews. His widow, Lore, a Catholic convert to Judaism, relates part of his fantastic story.

After the murder of his family, Pinchas Rosenbaum of Hungary vowed he would avenge their deaths and rescue Jews. A rabbi's son and a member of a religious Zionist resistance organization known as Hatzellah, Rosenbaum escaped from a forced labour camp and wound up in Budapest, where he disguised himself as a government official and an Arrow Cross officer.

The Arrow Cross, a fiercely anti-Semitic militia, seized power in 1944 and stepped up the persecution of Jews.

Masquerading under these disguises, Rosenbaum rescued more than 1,000 Jews, many of them orphans, and 12 nuns who had helped Jews.

"He changed reality," says a childhood friend who compares him to Peter Pan.

Astonishingly enough, Rosenbaum was all of 21 when the war ended.

Recha Sternbuch, a devoutly Orthodox Jew whose father was a rabbi, lived in the Swiss town of St. Gallen.

Using her own funds, she brought hundreds of Jewish refugees to neutral Switzerland, sheltering about 30 in her own home.

She was also one of the first voices in Europe to alert the world of Germany's plan to exterminate European Jewry.

Interestingly enough, one of her allies was St. Gallen's police chief. In general, however, the Swiss authorities were upset by her rescue committee. Working from the assumption that it would imperil Switzerland's neutrality, the government had her arrested. She spent two weeks in prison before being released.

No shrinking violet, Sternbuch risked her life by crossing into Germany to save a Jewish family. Toward the end of the war, she cajoled a senior, pro-German Swiss official into persuading the Nazis to release several thousand Jews.

Leon Kahn, who witnessed the massacre of Jews in his Lithuanian town, joined a partisan band that hounded the German army in Lithuania, Poland and Belarus.

From bases in the deep forests of these countries, the guerrillas cut down power and phone lines, derailed trains and blew up bridges. Kahn specialized in laying mines. He remembers those days with relish.

But there was heartache, too. He regrets having left his mother behind, and he mourns the violent death of his sister and his father at the hands of the Home Army, a Polish partisan band.

Anna (Hanka) Heilman lived through the ghetto revolt in Warsaw and the horrors of the Majdanek concentration camp.

In Auschwitz-Birkenau, where she and her sister worked in a munitions factory, they were part of a plot to smuggle gunpowder to inmates planning an uprising.

The 1944 rebellion, though crushed, led to the destruction of a crematorium. The Germans launched an investigation and discovered the identities of the smugglers. Heilman's sister and several of her accomplices were hanged. Heilman was the sole survivor of the plot.

Robert Clary was a bright beacon in a dark landscape.

After Germany's occupation of France, he was shipped to a succession of camps. In a unique form of resistance, he provided comfort to his fellow prisoners by singing Yiddish songs. His performances reminded them that they were human beings.

Friedl Dicker Brandeis, a noted designer and art therapist, shared her gifts with the children of Theresienstadt before being sent to Auschwitz along with 46 of her pupils.

Through her secret classes, she released them from the brutality of everyday life in that miserable camp.

Two of her pupils, Ella Wissberger and Helga Kinsky, fondly recall this warm, empathetic person, this woman who served as a surrogate mother to countless distressed children.

These are the extraordinary, heretofore unknown heroes this stirring film highlights in so stellar a fashion.

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Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

HISTORICAL NOVEL FOCUSES ON BAR KOKHBA REBELLION

Gefen Publishing House of Jerusalem has recently published *My Husband, Bar Kokhba*, a new novel from **Andrew Sanders**, a Budapest-born author who divides his time between Toronto and Haifa.

The book is a second work of historical fiction from Sanders and is a sequel to his earlier novel, *Hanina My Son*, which Gefen produced in 2001.

As one might suppose, the story focuses on the revolutionary second-century Jewish leader **Shimeon Bar Kokhba (Kosiva)** and the irreconcilable world views of the Roman empire and the Jewish people. The tale also sheds light on the great talmudic sage **Rabbi Akiva**, as well as on the Roman Emperor **Hadrian**.

"Bar Kokhba came closer than anybody else in the world to defeating the Roman army," Sanders said. "He didn't defeat it, but he really shook it and achieved glorious victories for the Jewish state.

"In the end he might have lost, but he saved Jewry. The Romans didn't want the Jewish religion and wanted the Jews to bow down to their idols. They wanted to make the Jewish deity just one more in their pantheon of gods. If it wasn't for Bar Kokhba, the Jews might have accepted Roman rule."

According to Sanders, the book is "absolutely historically correct in every event" and is fully in accord with anything about the period that appears in the Talmud or the works of the Roman historians.

"Nobody can say that there is anything in the book that could not have happened," he said. "You can say of it that it's a true history book, even if it is in the fiction category."

For his latest project, the author has begun a new work of historical fiction, one set in Europe in more recent times. The focus is Bohemia, Slovakia and Hungary of the 18th and 19th centuries.

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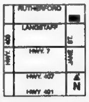

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Guest Chefs: Richard Andino, Rosewater Supper Club, Toronto, **Esther Benaim & Maggie McKeown**, Great Cooks, Toronto; **Andrew Blake**, Blakes, Melbourne; **Robert Clark**, C Restaurant, Vancouver; **Stefan Czapalay**, Chefs by Design, Halifax; **Antonio De Luca**, Hillebrand's Vineyard Café, Niagara on-the-Lake; **David Evans**, David Evans Catering; **Michael Ewing**, Liberty Grand Entertainment Complex, Toronto; **Amédé Lamarche**, The Church Restaurant, Stratford; **Brad Long, Air Canada Centre**, Toronto ; **Michael Stadtländer**, Eigensinn Farm, Singhampton; **Anthony Walsh**, Oliver Bonacini Restaurants, Toronto ; **Joanne Yolles**, Pangaea, Toronto.

Guest Sommeliers: Grant Van Every, Koo Yong Wine, Melbourne; **Bruce Wallner**, Palazzo Versace, Gold Coast.

These premiere events will not only set the stage for excellence in food and wine, but will also invest in the future of the hospitality industry. The proceeds raised from the events will be distributed to Trinity Home Hospice in serving people with life threatening illness and to Ontario Hostelry Institute for hospitality scholarships and bursaries.

This festival promises to provide inspiration, mentoring and education. The Spirit of Hospitality Festival has created an exciting schedule of activities for everyone, but its ultimate goal is to empower today's new generations of talent, by engaging them in every aspect of the culinary world.

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A year ago, my brother resigned himself to giving up the house. He was tired of the battle of keeping it up, looking after himself, dealing with health problems, and living a lonely existence.

He asked me to help him sell the house and find him a place to live. I couldn't see him moving into an apartment as he would still be lonely and have many of the same concerns, so I took him to look at retirement homes. We looked at some that looked snobby and some that looked dismal, but nothing seemed right until I visited the L'chaim Retirement Home.

It was difficult for Sam to give up some of his independence at first, but you and the staff at L'chaim were wonderful and understanding and helped him to adjust. He made many friends, in particular, Carlos, who is a fine person who seems to have faith in Sam and encouraged him to attend the local shul.

Only four days ago, Sam told me that he was going to have his Bar Mitzvah. Something that must have been on his mind for many, many years.

My son, my sister and I attended Sam's Bar Mitzvah. When we walked into the synagogue, we were surprised to be greeted with great respect and an atmosphere of celebration. Everybody we met expressed such admiration for Sam.

Sam looked great dressed in the new shirt and tie that you gave him. He went throughout the congregation and shook the hands of every person.

After the service, there was a lovely kiddish and that is when we saw the beautiful cake that you sent in Sam's honour. We later went back to L'chaim and it was wonderful to see that Sam was very warmly received and congratulated by everyone.

Judy, I want to thank you for all that you have done to make Sam's life so meaningful. He has come a long way in a year, thanks to you.

I wish you continued success at L'chaim, and all the best.

Sincerely yours, Marlene Lipson

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Advertising feature

Emily Brady lost 61 pounds.

BEFORE

"After giving birth to my third child, I became content with life. We frequently ate out. I ate when the kids ate and constantly snacked between meals. My complacency in life caused me to gain a staggering amount of weight in a short period of time.

"I melted off 61 pounds and kept it off for three effortless years!"

I had tried to lose weight with an array of weight loss fads and diets. I would deprive myself and pray that it would make a difference. It didn't. I would end up binging on chocolate or snacks. Each time I would gain back my weight faster than I lost it.

Then one day I heard about Positive Changes Hypnosis and my life changed forever. My free evaluation was relaxing and fun. When I considered how much money I had wasted on diets and pills that didn't deliver, I decided that Positive Changes made good sense. I signed up and melted off 61 lbs.! My dress size plunged from a tight 16 to a slender size 6.

"Why go on a diet when losing weight can be this easy?"

Losing weight with hypnosis was easier than I ever dreamed possible… far easier than diets and pills! There were many times I didn't even think about my weight, but I was still losing, and I never felt deprived. I am 100% satisfied with my results.

I don't even think about my weight. Hypnosis has changed my eating habits and there's no way I would go back.

Hypnosis has given me control. I eat less and enjoy it more. I would recommend Positive Changes to anyone who wants to lose weight… and I *do* recommend the program all the time! Why go on a diet when losing weight can be this easy?"

— Emily Brady

AFTER

When will you make *your* Positive Change?

"If I am not for myself, who will be for me? ....
And if not now, when?"
— Rabbi Hillel

Alon Blumberger stopped smoking.

My name is Alon Blumberger. I was born in Israel and came to Toronto when I was 13. Who would have ever thought I'd be in *The Canadian Jewish News* sharing a personal success story? I live in Toronto with my wife, Karen, and our two children, Jordana and Lauren. I own a garage repair facility and a gas station in Richmond Hill.

I heard about Positive Changes from my sister-in-law and she had given me a testimonial of another guy who had quit smoking through hypnosis. Originally, I was a bit skeptical about "hypnosis" — I mean, how could anyone stop smoking effortlessly? So I went for a free consultation. There was no pressure.

"I had smoked for over 23 years ... I've improved myself, my life, reduced stress, and many other benefits"

My goal originally was to just quit smoking. However, I was able to reduce my stress AND quit smoking during my program. Hypnosis worked for me. Hypnosis changed my life. I am now able to relax. I can sit through a session without fidgeting. That is quite an achievement for me because before hypnosis I could never sit still or relax and now I can do this easily, anywhere.

Friends are telling me that there is something different about me. My family is very happy and proud of my achievements. They love the changes. Positive Changes has definitely helped me to improve myself, my life, reduced stress, and many other benefits.

Today, a friend visited me at work and said "Let's go for a cigarette" and I said "I quit, I don't smoke anymore". He laughed and didn't believe me since I had smoked for over 23 years. Then I told him about Positive Changes and how hypnosis worked for me. So he saw me watching him light a cigarette and inhale with no desire for a cigarette. He was impressed.

In the past I tried to quit smoking with the patch, but it worked for only a short period of time. I still felt strong cravings for a cigarette. But now, by quitting with hypnosis, I have no cravings. I know this is a permanent change for me. Quitting smoking gives me a new outlook on everything. I see things in a different light.

I am more aware of things that I can do and things that I can achieve. Positive Changes has given me a positive outlook on life and the future, which makes me a happier person. I believe everyone is striving to become less stressed and happier in their busy lives.

Since I quit smoking I have more energy and I'm playing hockey. I have started playing soccer again too. I find myself doing more physical activity like playing more sports, which I enjoy. Instead of smoking my body is doing something that's more productive.

The single most important benefit of quitting smoking is how much better I feel. I feel healthier and it makes me a happier person.

I absolutely recommend Positive Changes Hypnosis to anyone who wants to quit smoking and reduce stress in their life. Why not try it – tell them that Alon sent you."

Alon Blumberger,
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By Linda Shapiro

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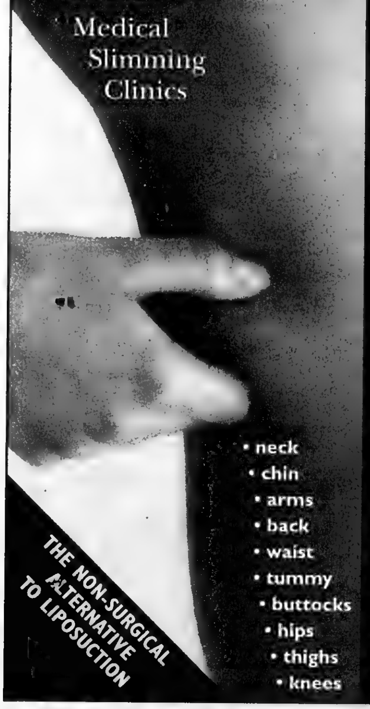
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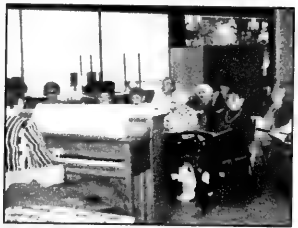
Big changes are underway at the Bernard Betel Centre. 'It's coming along just beautifully.'

New Look, New Life for the Bernard Betel Centre

Growing older can inspire many new adventures. For **The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living**, growing older has opened the door to the twenty-first century.

For over twenty years, the Betel Centre has offered seniors' classes and programs in its building at Bathurst and Steeles, with no major updates.



Before: No major refurbishments in twenty years.

Speaking to over 700 seniors, we learned they wanted an inviting place to take classes, socialize and volunteer. Our Board of Directors responded with an appealing new design, and renovations are nearly complete.

Our kosher cafeteria will now offer an intimate atmosphere, with a nearby lounge. The newly-renovated Music Room offers cozy, natural lighting.

"It's a lovely change," says member Frances Lusthaus, who has come regularly over the summer despite construction. "It's coming along beautifully."

But the heart of the hubbub has been the construction of a state-of-the-art **Computer Learning & Resource Centre**. It will feature comfortable chairs and tables, large monitors and other senior-friendly features. Seniors told us existing computer classes aren't geared towards them. We are responding with instruction tailored specifically to beginner and intermediate seniors, at an appropriate pace, with plenty of individual attention.

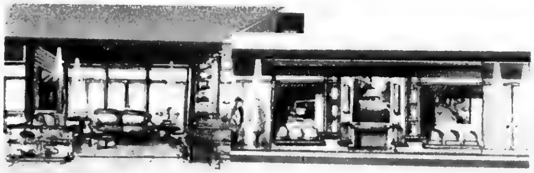
"The greatest feature is that you're in a class with other seniors," says **Jennifer Paquette**, Computer Centre co-ordinator. "You can talk with fellow students, see what they're doing. You learn from their curiosity.

"People ask, 'are you sure you can teach someone like me?' Absolutely. Everybody can learn." She's also seeking senior volunteers to help during classes and **Open Lab** time. Volunteers "don't need to have all the answers," she says, "just know a little more than somebody else."

Computer volunteer Shirley Gladstone says, "in this day and age, it's so important to use computers…I wouldn't do without it."

After: Volunteers enjoy spacious new Ticket Sales Desk area

From October 14 to 17, come explore this exciting new look at our **Open House**. Enjoy classes, lectures and entertainment, all at no charge! The week will also include our **Annual General Meeting** breakfast, featuring *The Toronto Star's* "Ask Ellie" – Ellie Tesher – answering questions submitted in advance about relationships, life and love!



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Israeli researchers make medical breakthroughs

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proved the effectiveness of the antibodies as a pharmaceutical treatment even among patients who have already been infected by the virus.

The results of the study proved the original findings of doctors at Netanya's Laniado Hospital, who succeeded in improving the condition of a female West Nile patient using the antibody treatment.

Since developing the drug, Omrix has a signed co-operation agreement with the National Institute of Health in the United States to carry out clinical tests of the Israeli product.

In other parts of the country, researchers at the Weizmann Institute of Science have discovered a non-hereditary genetic risk factor that influences the tendency of tobacco smokers to develop lung cancer.

New drug to slow spread of West Nile fever

The researchers have found that the chances of smokers with the genetic risk factor for lung cancer to develop the disease are 120 times greater than non-smokers who do not carry the genetic factor.

The genetic material is found when cell nuclei that are struck some 20,000 times a day by various forms of radiation such as solar radiation, come into contact with various materials such as cigarette smoke, and suffer internal damage caused by by-products of the body's metabolism. These are likely to upset the order of the elements that make up the genetic material and to create genetic mutations, which can lead to various diseases, particularly cancer.

To avoid the creation of such undesirable mutations, the cells activate enzyme systems that repair the damage caused to the genetic material. These systems scan the DNA and identify flaws using a sophisticated system of molecular sensors. When the system identifies a flaw, it conducts a kind of local surgery: The repairing enzymes cut and remove the affected areas and replace them with new, repaired DNA.

"The more efficient the repairing enzymes, the less the risk of mutations leading to cancer," says Prof. Zvi Livneh, head of chemical biology at the Weizmann Institute who conducted the research with Dr. Tamar Paz-Elizur. Also participating in the research were Dr. Meir Krupsky from Sheba Medical Center and other researchers.

Tobacco smoke contains several dozen carcinogenic elements that affect genetic composition. Most of the population manages to overcome the influence of those carcinogenic materials through defensive mechanisms like the repair mechanism.

"Statistics show that only 10 percent of heavy smokers develop lung cancer," says Livneh. "We asked ourselves what are the differences between smokers, and reached the conclusion that some are more sensitive or have a genetic predisposition. Our research shows that one of the reasons for the varying degrees of sensitivity is connected to a low level of one of the repairing enzymes."

The researchers focused on repairing enzyme OGG1, 8-oxoguanine DNA glycosylase 1. The enzyme functions to remove from the genetic material damage caused as a a result of oxidized radicals that are also found in tobacco smoke and that cause a large number of mutations. The researchers developed a new blood test, which enables measurement of the extent of OGG1 activity, and found that 40 per cent of those people afflicted with lung cancer are characterized by a low level of that enzyme activity. In the healthy population, on the other hand, only four per cent are characterized by low enzyme activity.

The researchers found that a person with low OGG1 is 5-10 times more likely to develop lung cancer than a person with a normal level of OGG1; and when a smoker has low OGG1, their relative chances of getting lung cancer are 120 times greater than the chances of someone with normal levels of OGG1 activity.

"That's very logical," says Livneh. "A person whose natural repair mechanisms are weak is more exposed to the damage caused to the genetic makeup since the repairing system is not capable of handling the burden. As a result, a large number of mutations form and the risk of lung cancer increases."

Livneh said that although only a minority of smokers have low levels of OGG1 activity, that is still many – some 160,000 such people fall ill every year in the United States alone. He said the research had several ramifications.

"Anti-smoking campaigns are not very effective in most cases because it is a general warning and people say, 'It won't happen to me.' Now, if a person has a test and discovers they are in a high risk group, they will regard it as a personal message and it might give them motivation to quit smoking."

Livneh added that his team was now working on the development of a simpler, cheap way for health organizations worldwide to offer blood tests that would provide information about the risk level of someone being examined.

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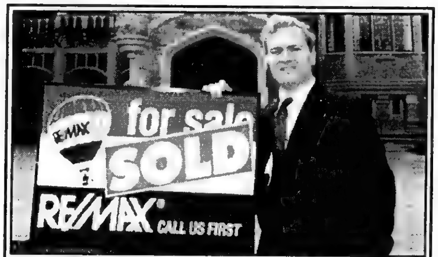

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Apprentice jockey bucks controversy over career choice

By HARLAN C. ABBEY
Special to The CJN

FORT ERIE, Ont. — Most sports include some type of danger, but only in horse racing does an ambulance follow participants around the field of play.

Maybe Willie Nelson's song *Mamas, Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Cowboys* should have been called *Mamas, Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Jockeys*. Especially female jockeys.

Jillian Scharfstein, an apprentice jockey who rides at Woodbine Racetrack Wednesday through Sunday and at Fort Erie on Monday and Tuesday, admits she encountered resistance when she decided to compete in the most dangerous sport of all.

Scharfstein, the first Jewish woman jockey since Barbara Jo Rubin in the 1960s – and possibly the only Jewish jockey of either sex currently in thoroughbred racing – admits there was "a fair bit of controversy" when she decided to become a rider.

"All my family are doctors or lawyers," she said. "My family can't even spell horse."

Scharfstein's father James is an attorney in her hometown of Saskatoon.

When Scharfstein was less than one year old, her mother, Janalynn, a nurse, took her to a friend's farm and held her on a horse's back. "They tell me I cried and carried on when she took me off," Scharfstein said.

"Then I had a toy bouncy horse, which moved when you bounced on it. I rode the paint off mine."

A pre-bat mitzvah present included riding lessons, which were designed as a reward for more time in preparation. Then came summer riding camp and more lessons after her bat mitzvah.

"I was rated first in jumping and third in dressage in my pony club for all of the area," Scharfstein recalled.

But competing in shows and riding lessons became very expensive. "I stopped riding for a year but I was not happy and almost dropped out of school, although my grades always were good."

Jillian Scharfstein on board Storm Ruckus

When she was 15, a breeder she met at a tack shop (which sells riding equipment and clothing) told her about a two-year-old filly he had that he couldn't break.

"I'll break her," Scharfstein promised.

Admiring her spirit, he soon offered her a job galloping his other horses at his farm and at the Marquis Downs 5/8-mile track. Finally she was being paid to ride, instead of paying to ride.

A year later, she received her racetrack licence. At 17, the opportunity arose to move to Edmonton to gallop horses at Northlands Park, where she was paid $7 per horse instead of the $5 she was paid at Marquis Downs: "You could get on 20 horses a day if you broke the babies on the farms after the racetrack closed down for track maintenance.

"Last year, I started my jockey career at Evergreen Park, an unrecognized track in Grand Prairie, Alta. I won my first race on [the horse] Another Rio, despite my eyes popping out of my head with excitement. In the next race, an overnight stakes for fillies and mares, I won on a longshot, Jar of Buttons.

"I went on to be the second-leading thoroughbred rider. Jar of Buttons and I won another stake and then took a third. She was named champion mare of the five-week meet. Her trainer gave me the trophy, and I have it at home between her two winner's circle pictures."

Scharfstein, who is 5-1 and weighs 108 pounds (including her saddle, helmet and protective vest), returned to Northlands Park and won three races. Her longshot wins paid an average of $48.

Last winter, a friend got her a job at the top-class Adena Springs Farm in Florida. There, she exercised six horses a day, including a half-sister to the top stakes winners Macho Uno and Awesome Again. After riding, she spent her time "hanging out at the pools and beaches and watching what I eat. If it was up to me, I'd eat a chocolate cake and a pint of ice cream every night."

As an apprentice rider, Scharfstein's mounts received 10 pounds off their assigned weight in a race. After her first five wins, the allowance dropped to five pounds and after 50 wins she will become a "journeyman" rider, with no break in the weights.

By early August, Scharfstein had a total of 14 wins, including two in one day at Fort Erie. On Aug. 4, she finished back of the pack on Storm Ruckus in the fourth race, then finished second in a $60,000 stake race, the sixth, on the longest shot in the four horse field. She won the last race on tough-to-handle Red Dragon.

She averages two to five mounts per day at fees ranging from $59 to $100 (in stakes races). If she wins, she gets 10 per cent of her horse's 60 per cent of the total purse.

On paper, it looks like a lot, but "taxes, Jockeys' Guild dues, and your valet's pay take about 30 per cent of the total, and you pay your agent 25 per cent of your net."

Despite the colorful silks, beautiful horses, crowds of racing fans and the salary, a jockey's life is far from glamorous. Scharfstein rises between 4:30 and 5:00 a.m. each day and is at the track ready to ride one to 10 horses during morning training.

"You don't get paid to exercise horses. You do it to ride them in races," she said.

"I never eat before I ride, so I may have fruit juice when I get up. We have to be in the jockeys' room by 11 a.m. and there I may eat fruit or a power bar, try to get some sleep, read the *Racing Form*, and watch replays of the races on TV.

"When I get home, I take my dog and put on my roller blades and go to a nearby park. Dinner is usually an organic frozen dinner. I'm in bed by 8 or 9 p.m."

Despite the fact every rider is trying to ride the best horse in every race, there is a sense of comradeship among those competing in this dangerous sport, which often puts one or more riders in wheelchairs permanently each year.

"In a recent race, I lost a stirrup coming out of the gate, which threw my balance off and limited my control of my horse. The rider alongside me kept my horse from running out around the turn. No other jockey is going to try to hurt you," she said.

Trainer Daryl Ezra, who also is Jewish, said Scharfstein "is relatively polished for an apprentice. She has good posture and good hands and she doesn't panic.

"She puts a horse where he belongs. And she has a lot of insight in analyzing his performance after the race."

"You know apprentices are going to make mistakes," veteran trainer Nick Gonzalez added. "But the more they ride the better they get. If you see progress, it's worth it to use them. If I lose a race by a nose, I second-guess myself for not using an apprentice and getting that five pounds off."

On the day she was interviewed, Scharfstein lost a photo finish in the first race, had a long break to play with her Jack Russell terrier, Misfit, and then ate dust in the ninth race.

"I'll come every Monday and Tuesday," she said, "even if my mounts are 20-to-one. I could ride five days at Woodbine and two here for the rest of my life."

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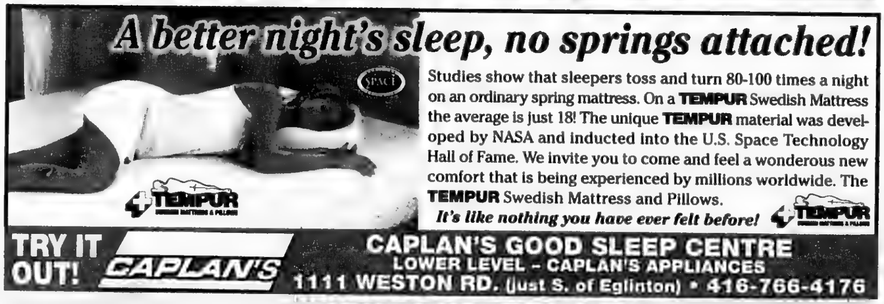

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Remembering what is important

20 something

By JODI KOVITZ

A rabbi that I respect tremendously recently said to me, "So Jodi, are you preparing for the High Holy Days?" I answered him, "Rabbi, how can I get ready for the High Holy Days when I barely have time to sleep? I have 67 new e-mails to respond to, 28 phone calls to make, two articles to write, 170 pages to read in my law textbooks, a community event to plan and put on, a family to see, friends to catch up with, a relationship to enjoy, and work to finish for a boss that I had over the summer. And the worst part, rabbi, is that it always seems that my family time, friend time, and time for myself suffer because I am so busy with my professional life!"

The rabbi smiled and said to me, "Jodi, even though it's easy to get caught up in the daily grind, remember what's important to you."

Through chatting with many of my Jewish peers, I have learned that my ongoing struggle to achieve both personal and professional success is actually quite common. My "e-mail filled, voice-mail filled, try-to-get-to-the-gym, get-all-my-work-done, grow intellectually, grow psychologically, all while trying to check other errands off the to-do list days" are actually typical of my 20-something friends.

Over the past couple of years of studying Jewish ritual, I have come to understand the great gift of keeping Shabbat. Although I am not at a place in my own journey into Judaism that I have committed to practising the mitzvah, I certainly appreciate the great sense of peace, calm and opportunity for reflection that it can bring to people's lives.

For me, the High Holy Days provide a similar opportunity for renewal (although it is certainly one that demands a lower level of commitment).

For some, the High Holy Days are an opportunity to spend time in synagogue reflecting on what's important to them. We are given time to ask for forgiveness from God and are encouraged to ask forgiveness from our friends and families. For others, these holidays are simply days that give us permission to stop our "busyness." By ignoring our to-do lists, turning off our computers and changing our auto-pilot ways, we can take time to renew our priorities.

As we approach the New Year, I am reminded of all the 20-somethings that lost their lives or their loved ones on Sept. 11th 2001. I think of the 20-somethings going about their daily lives in Israel under constant threat of senseless terrorist attacks. I think of our predecessors who died fighting for Israel's independence. I also think of our 20-something ancestors who did not survive the Holocaust. I reflect upon all of their lost opportunities to live out their dreams and spend time with their friends and families.

The reflections of the New Year jolt us into regaining a more balanced perspective. Do they make us wish we could spend more time at the office? I don't think so.

While I, like many other young adults of my generation, feel tremendous pressure to succeed, achieve and "do," I am grateful for the yearly opportunity that the High Holy Days afford me to refocus, reflect and renew my real commitments and basic values.

I wish you all a healthy, balanced, hopeful and reflective New Year. Thank you for your readership and support.

I continue to welcome your feedback at jlkovitz@hotmail.com.

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1 cut-up chicken, about 3 lbs.
1/4 cup parve margarine
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1 tsp. dried rosemary
1 tsp. salt
dash pepper
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2 tsp. lemon juice

Preheat oven to 325°F. Place chicken pieces in a shallow pan, coated with parve margarine. Mix remaining ingredients together and pour over chicken. Bake uncovered, 50-60 mins. Baste occasionally with sauce during cooking. Serve with sauce over potatoes. Serves 4.

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Epi on Education

Losing the analogy

Recently, the people responsible for administering the scholastic assessment test (SAT) that helps to determine acceptance to American universities made a historic decision to remove the analogies section of the test. These are the questions that go like this: apples are to oranges as roses are to tulips – true or false. It was felt that analogies do not test easily and that contemporary students are not sufficiently trained to answer this type of question (or are being trained specifically to pass this section of the SAT).

Responses to this development range from shock at the sad level of student thinking to the demand that analogies no longer be taught. In fact, this change in the SAT points to two issues that are intimately related: the questionable value of standardized tests and the inestimable worth of analogy in thinking.

The study of the Talmud and its commentaries requires the use of analogy and metaphor, using time-honoured techniques to decipher meaning from the text. Indeed, even the techniques have become texts in themselves.

But the use of analogy is not well-suited to time-limited mass testing. The study technique involves close reading, peer deliberation (chevrutah), and hours of contemplation – not something that one does alone, rushed, and nervous!

Removing the analogy section from the SAT is not a justification for not teaching analogy/metaphor, which would result in a great loss of creative thought. It is simply an admission that SAT-like tests are very limited in their ability to fairly assess either universal merit or non-linear ability, and it is a recognition that analogical thinking is a slow and deliberative process best practised outside of the examination hall.

It is precisely this lack of fit that illustrates the weakness of the one and the great value of the other.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

(Answers to the crossword are on page 70.)

Writers+Film Stars
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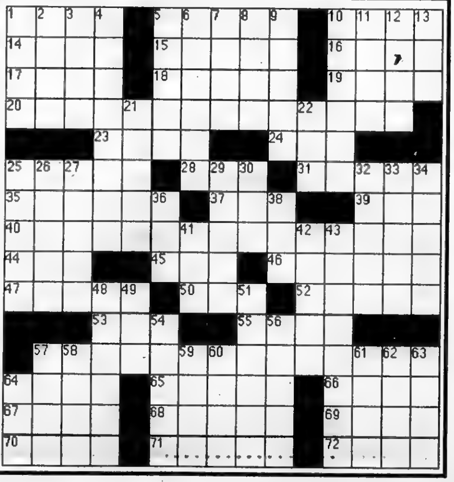
Across
1. Set freight on a vehicle
5. Not ___ as I thought it might be!
10. The Seven ____
14. Two of Caesar's last words
15. Spiffy! Cool! in England, mostly
16. What one needs for rifles or cannons
17. Side or fire
18. DeGeneres
19. 3-D movie system
20. Howard & Kirk ("Spartacus")
23. X starter for alcoholic's treatment
24. One degree of much
25. A son of Jacob
28. Wrestler's medium
31. "____ either plagiarism or revolution", Paul Gauguin
35. Neal ____, directed *Focus*, 2001 film on anti-semitism
37. Mai's partner
39. As cunning ___ fox
40. Joseph / Art ("Catch 22")
44. Wide shoe size
45. Tune
46. Beef animals
47. He could eat no fat
50. Conifer
52. Peloponnesus
53. Third letter
55. Truth, in Tiberias
57. Played Ari / Leon ("Exodus")
64. Wagon
65. Courtroom proceeding
66. Bird's home
67. Poker pot
68. Gen starter makes a female hormone
69. Tennis champ
70. An equal
71. Smells!
72. Satirist Freberg

Down
1. Foliage unit
2. Other, in Spanish
3. Cash dispensers
4. Little whirlwd.
5. About, concerning
6. Infrequently
7. Eagle or spot
8. Consumed nothing?
9. Mister _____
10. One who works sheets and lines
11. Lazarus
12. You love, in Latin
13. White or Red
21. Eagle's home
22. Former Portugese colony
25. Fire residues
26. Hamlet: "To __, perchance to dream"
27. Sounder
29. Computer/video game maker
30. North Carolina river
32. Dan Quinn's Ishmael defined some as being this
33. Rhone tributary
34. Dance or sauce
36. Weapons lobbying group
38. Ands' and buts' partner
41. Graphic file format
42. Univ. of Texas male swimmers
43. New forms of food fish?
48. Sharper, as in pain or illness
49. Aviv or Hashomer
51. Comment
54. Walk in
56. Plural adjective for bad, in Spanish
57. Window part
58. Painting or sculpture, in Paris
59. Gaelic
60. ___-Out, correction fluid or tape
61. Take ease
62. Woman, in Israel
63. British gun
64. Tam or beret



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Sunday, October 26, 2003

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AUXILIARY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Monday, October 20th, 2003 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary's 50th Anniversary Jubilee Tea will take place at the Windsor Arms Hotel. Invitations will be sent by the Auxiliary for this very special milestone event! If you are - or if you know someone - who was associated with Mount Sinai's Auxiliary, please call us. We would love to include all our past and present members!

WINE DOWN EASY

Wednesday, November 19th, 2003 at 7 p.m.

HOLD this date for the third annual WINE DOWN EASY at Easy & The Fifth. Please join us for an evening of dinner and dancing, a rare and vintage wine auction, silent auction and wine tasting. Many thanks to our generous evening sponsor - for the second year in a row - Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP.

For information on both Auxiliary events please call the office at 416-586-8290

Another "par" for the Course Event

There were long drives and short drives, some hooks and slices, and then there was thunder and rain. Most importantly, there were laughs and good cheer at the seventh annual Henry's Tournament fore Health on Monday, August 11 at the Board of Trade Country Club.

Over 300 women came out for the golf tournament and dinner in support of the Marvelle Koffler Breast Centre, playing on both courses at the Club. Beverly Thomson, News Anchor with Global Television welcomed the women with an inspirational message as she recounted her own experience with breast cancer. Towards the end of the day, the heavens opened up, but it did not dampen the spirits of the ladies who enjoyed supporting this important cause.

A special thank you to Henry's Camera, who was not only the Title Sponsor, but also provided outstanding volunteers and assistance throughout the day. Thanks to our Presenting Sponsor, Scotiabank as well as our other major sponsors Audi, Canon, The Yachts of Seabourn, and Air Canada who ensured the success of the day.

Taking some practice shots before the start of the tournament.

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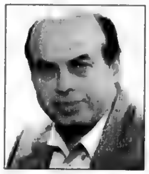
Arafat must be ousted: Sharansky



Natan Sharansky

By **SHELDON KIRSHNER**
Staff Reporter

Yasser Arafat must be ousted from office as president of the Palestinian Authority because he is an impediment to peace, Israeli cabinet minister Natan Sharansky said in an interview Sunday before going on a week-long tour of Canadian and American university campuses.

"He has been a very negative influence, and that's why he has to be removed," said Sharansky, a minister without portfolio responsible for Diaspora affairs and Jerusalem.

He made this comment after Israel last week officially announced its intention to "remove" Arafat, who is also chair of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Sharansky, a former Refusenik and human rights advocate who spent nine years in Soviet gulags and prisons in the 1970s and 1980s before his release, said Arafat's influence was behind the latest series of Hamas suicide bombings in Israel that have claimed the lives of almost 40 Israelis.

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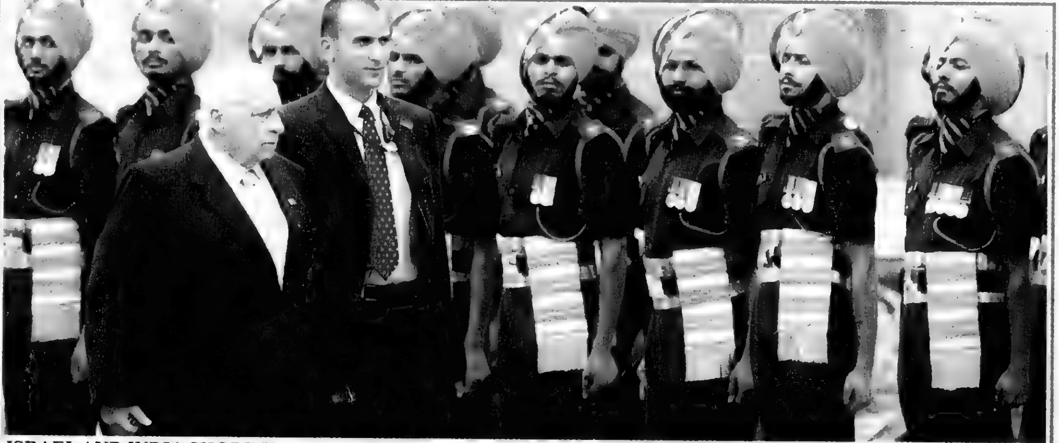

ISRAEL AND INDIA SHORE UP RELATIONS: Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, left, with a bodyguard at his side, inspects an honour guard during a ceremonial welcome at the presidential palace in New Delhi last week. Sharon was in India last week for a visit that underscored the two countries' mutual struggle against Islamic militancy. *[Reuters/RNS photo]*

'Judges meet supreme test in war on terror'

By **RON CSILLAG**
Staff Reporter

Israel must never forsake the rule of law and protection of democratic values and human rights, even if that means prolonging the war on terror, says the country's chief justice.

"The struggle against terror is conducted inside the law, not outside it. This is how we distinguish ourselves from the terrorists," Aharon Barak, president of Israel's Supreme Court, said here last week.

"The line between war and peace is thin," he said. "If we fail in war and terror, we will fail in peace and tranquility."

Barak was giving an address, sponsored by the nearly completed Wolfond Centre for Jewish Campus Life at the University of Toronto and the Massuah Institute for the Study of the Holocaust, the day after twin suicide bombings killed at least 15 people in Jerusalem and Rishon LeZion.

He said Israel must stick to its democratic core even in its battle against terrorism.

"Israel must protect itself from terror but at the same time, must protect democracy and human rights," Barak said. "Only a state built on the foundations of human dignity will endure."

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New Fire Relief Fund

VANCOUVER — The Okanagan Jewish Community Centre in Kelowna, B.C., has created the Barmor Fire Relief Fund to assist an Israeli family who lost their home in ongoing fires in B.C.'s Okanagan Valley. Ofer and Ofri Barmor and their two daughters, 10 and 8, moved to Kelowna a few months ago to start a goat farm. By the time their farm buildings were nearly built, the fire had started and they couldn't get insurance. Fire destroyed the buildings and they incurred severe damage to their house, estimated in total at $200,000.

Israelis Drown Off Nfld.

HALIFAX — Days after pounding Bermuda, Hurricane Fabian killed three Israeli men in the Atlantic Ocean after their 23-metre motorized yacht capsized in rough seas off the coast of Newfoundland last week. The Canadian Coast Guard retrieved the bodies of the men, who were wearing immersion suits, about 600 kilometres east of Cape Race, Nfld., Tuesday afternoon. A signal from an emergency radio beacon alerted U.S. rescue officials to the men's plight last Sunday evening, around the time the eye of the hurricane passed over their location. One of the men had purchased the yacht in the United States and planned to sail it back to Israel with one of the other men, an experienced ship's captain. The three sailed out of Boston, passed through Halifax and were to begin heading to Israel via Europe.

ISRAEL

Budget Cuts Proposed

JERUSALEM — Israeli Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has presented a draft of Israel's 2004 budget. It details $2.25 billion (US) in spending cuts, including about $600 million from defence. Reports said the deficit target will be four per cent, up from three per cent last year.

WORLD

Sharon Visits India

MUMBAI — Indian police last week arrested more than 100 Muslims who were protesting Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's visit there. The arrests, which came in Mumbai during one of many rallies against the visit, fuelled fears of a possible terror attack. Sharon was welcomed earlier at the presidential palace in New Delhi. Meanwhile, India's prime minister said Israeli-Indian ties will be strengthened in the coming years. Sharon's trip, the first by an Israeli prime minister since the two countries established full ties 11 years ago, was cut short as he returned home to deal with terror attacks. The visit focused on defence and technological co-operation.

Barbie a Jew?

RIYADH — Barbie dolls are Jewish tools, the Saudi government says. The blond dolls promote the lewd behaviour of a "perverted western world," say posters distributed by the Saudi religious police in Saudi schools, mosques and hospitals. The poster, called *The Jewish Doll*, is sponsored by the Commission for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice, a state agency headed by a Wahabbi cleric appointed by King Fahd.

Riefenstahl Dies

BERLIN — Leni Riefenstahl, known for her documentary film about a 1934 Nazi rally at Nuremberg, died last week at age 101 in Bavaria. Critics said Riefenstahl helped promote a Nazi esthetic of beauty and purity in *Triumph of the Will* and her other films from the Hitler era. But she said her films were a search for beauty. Boycotted after the war, she made a comeback in the 1960s with films of Africa's Nuba people and underwater life.

French Compensation

PARIS — France will compensate thousands of people whose parents were victims of "Nazi barbarity" in World War II, including those killed in massacres or for resisting the German occupation, the government said Sept. 6. Some 5,000 to 8,000 people would be eligible, and can choose from either a $30,400 (US) lump sum or monthly payments. The money matches funds awarded three years ago to 12,600 Jewish orphans whose parents were deported to death camps during the Nazi occupation.

Diaspora Museum May Close Permanently

TEL AVIV — The 63 staffers at Beth Hatefutsoth, the Nahum Goldmann Museum of the Jewish Diaspora, were given an unpaid three-month vacation last week as the famed museum's doors were temporarily closed due to ongoing financial problems.

The decision to send the workers home was made at the institution's latest board of directors meeting. But museum director Ranny Finzi said "it is unlikely the workers will find the institute open when they come back from vacation."

Beth Hatefutsoth, which features models and Judaica items from Jewish communities around the world, owes some $2.25 million (US) to suppliers, largely because of a sharp decline in revenues as tourism has dried up since the start of the second intifadah three years ago.

Meanwhile, in 2003, ongoing funding from the Ministry of Education, Tel Aviv city hall and Tel Aviv University, where the museum is based, was about $1.5 million, half what it was the year before. Jewish Agency funding remains stable.

Last month, Education Minister Limor Livnat named a committee to find a way to solve the crisis. An interim report said the museum needs structural reforms, including new revolving exhibitions, before it can re-open. Meanwhile, some 30 MKs have signed a proposed bill that would recognize the institute as a national museum, like Yad Vashem, with the state responsible for its budget.

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Liberal MPs, senators oppose Al-Jazeera license

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

A group of Liberal MPs and senators is opposing the application by cable providers to bring the controversial Qatar-based network Al-Jazeera to Canadian digital cable subscribers.

Inclusion of the Arab-language network would likely lead to incitement against Jews, breaches of Canada's anti-hate laws and damage to the country's multicultural mosaic, the lawmakers argue.

Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith Canada have already lined up in opposition to the license application, citing Al-Jazeera's track record of broadcasting anti-Semitism and Holocaust denial and glorifying suicide bombers

The Canadian Arab Federation (CAF) and the National Council on Canada-Arab Relations, meanwhile, have stated they would support the application. In a news release, the CAF states it is important for Arabs and Muslims to hear news from the Middle East "without North American filters."

'Would be detrimental to the public good'

The controversy stems from a request by the Canadian Cable Television Association, an industry lobby group, and Vidéotron Ltée to add Al-Jazeera to the list of digital channels that can be distributed in Canada.

The Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), which regulates the broadcasting industry, has solicited the input of Canadians on proposals to add a variety of non-Canadian satellite services for digital distribution, among them Al-Jazeera.

In a written submission to the CRTC, the 13 Liberal parliamentarians say that "allowing the Al-Jazeera channel to be carried in Canada would be detrimental to the public good. We believe this will disrupt the tolerant, multicultural makeup of Canadian society, import extremist hatred into Canadian living rooms and result in an increase of crimes directed against the Jewish people within Canada. As such, we are asking the CRTC to deny the application."

The submission is signed by senators Jack Austin, Isobel Finnerty, Leo Kolber, Richard Kroft and MPs Carolyn Bennett, Irwin Cotler, Art Eggleton, Raymonde Folco, Marlene Jennings, Anita Neville, Jim Peterson, Jacques Saada and Joe Volpe. Most of the MPs represent ridings with substantial Jewish populations. Earlier this summer, the same group called on the Liberal government to shift federal policy on the Middle East toward a more pro-Israel stance.

The group's nine-page submission to the CRTC cites instances when Al-Jazeera provided a platform for terrorist organizations such as Al Qaeda and Hezbollah to disseminate their views. The network has also aired its own programs that have engaged in Holocaust denial and encouraged terrorist suicide attacks, they say.

Among the incidents cited in the submission:

- an interview with KKK leader David Duke;
- an interview with French Holocaust-denier Robert Faurisson, who testified for Nazi apologist Ernst Zundel at two of his Canadian trials;
- a statement by a Saudi cleric saying "Jews are the most despicable people… worms… all evil."
- an interview with a mufti who said "there can be no peace with the Jews because they suck and use the blood of Arabs on the holiday [sic] of Passover and Purim."
- a statement by Sheikh Yousif Al-Karadawi of Al-Jazeera's own *Sharia and Life* program that "every man has the right to blow himself up inside this [Israeli] military society."

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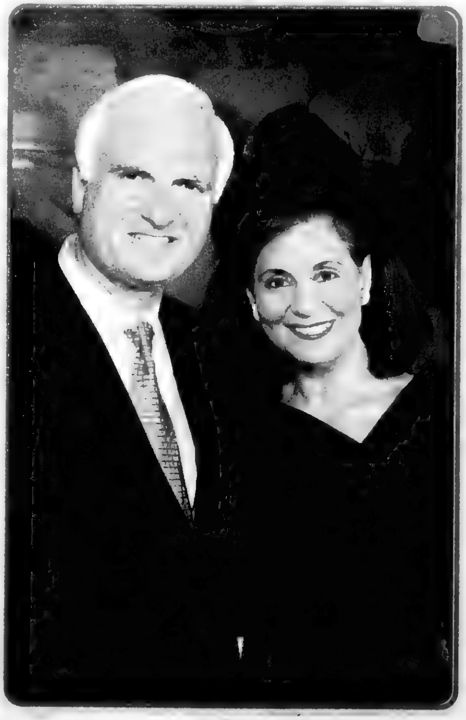

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Conscience and voting

From the editor's desk

The independence of this newspaper is one of its chief hallmarks. That the editorial views of the paper are generally at or near the centre of the range of debate on the issues of the day and supportive of the work of key community institutions is a reflection of the mandate from the board of directors and of the editor's personal proclivities. It is not a reflection of mouthpiece journalism, the accusation occasionally hurled at *The CJN*. This paper is not owned by, nor does it owe anything to, any individual or organization. That is one of its great strengths.

The CJN also does not support a specific politician or political party. It does not editorially advocate on behalf of any politician or political party. That is a steadfast policy.

There was, however, one exception to that policy: *The CJN* wholeheartedly supported the federalist cause during the Quebec referenda. By definition, of course, that meant actively opposing the separatist policies of the Parti Quebecois.

But as a rule, the paper comments on and criticizes policies, not politicians. The merits of a party's policies should be the deciding factor in determining political support, not the subjective – and by definition, ephemeral – merits of an individual. Sometimes, of course, the two are intertwined. This is especially the case when decision-making is concentrated in very few hands, a phenomenon which, of late, has increasingly characterized all levels of government.

Thus, one of the most important tasks for the voter is to try to differentiate between the image and the essence of the candidate. This is particularly difficult to do in an era dominated by television.

As with most other aspects of our lives, television has forever altered the political system. Criteria for successful political leadership, alas, have more to do with being "telegenic," with mastering a 30-second sound byte, with simply looking good, rather than with simply *being* good, or with one's character, competence, judgment and skill.

The leaders' debates in an election are theatre. The paid political messages are product-marketing infomercials. We know they are the distortions of the studio world.

That is our democratic system in the 21st century.

But it is better than any other.

In two weeks, Ontario voters will choose a new government. And while it may sound too much the Pollyanna cliché in a cynical age such as ours, it warrants reminding readers that there is no more important civic act in a democracy than voting.

It is *The CJN*'s fervent hope that its readers will turn out in great numbers to cast their ballots and that they do so according to conscience and thoughtful consideration.

In keeping with *CJN* policy, the paper will not suggest for whom readers should vote. But it will suggest the issues readers might keep uppermost in mind when they place their marks on the ballot.

As *CJN* reporter Ron Csillag reported in last week's issue, the Equity in Education Tax Credit has emerged as the "hot-button issue" for a large segment of the province's Jewish community. He quotes Simon Rosenblum of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, who confirmed it to be a "make-it-or-break-it" issue for the community.

The tax credit was enacted by the Conservative government after a long, but highly focused lobbying campaign and consultations with a broad, multi-faith coalition of citizens.

The campaign was a last resort after all the legal challenges to the propriety of the provincial government's unfair education funding policy had failed.

Its result was the tax credit.

The credit, to be implemented incrementally over five years, is not a perfect solution to the problem of the onerous financial burden upon families whose children attend private schools. As even a partial solution to the problem of ensuring affordability of private day school eduction, its structure is flawed.

It does nothing for the schools to reduce their costs of providing education. Instead, it confers some tax-based assistance, after the tuition has been paid, upon the parents. It provides a measure of relief to those parents who send their children to private religious schools, even as they also pay their full share of taxes into the treasury to sustain the public education system.

Thus, achieving some element of fundamental fairness for non-Catholic families who pay a crushing double burden to have a religious component in their children's education is indeed a pre-eminent issue in the upcoming election.

If, after the votes have been cast, the present legislation is repealed, it will still be morally incumbent upon a newly elected government to find a way of achieving that fairness. The issue will not go away, even if this specific "remedy," the Equity in Education Tax Credit, does.

Of course, the tax credit is not the only important issue in the election. There are many important issues: the quality of health care, social assistance levels, uniform accessibility to health and educational services for all children with special needs, the quality of the environment and the decaying infrastructure in our cities, to name but a few.

Before we vote, most voters will ask themselves: which party do I believe will provide the best government? It is in response to this question alone that we should all be casting our votes. —***MBD***

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SUMMER STUDIES AT WEIZMANN: Students attending the 35th Dr. Bessie F. Lawrence International Summer Science Institute at the Weizmann Institute of Science recently returned from a summer of study in Israel. Seen here at back, from left, are Matt McGuire, Robbie Goldberg, Weizmann director of programs and operations Sheri Federman, Adam Zendel and Kingsley Gifford, along with, front from left, Omri Vine and Joshua Touyz. Goldberg, Zendel and Vine are students at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto and Touyz is a student at Herzliah High School in Montreal. McGuire is from Pembroke, Ont., and Gifford is from St. John's, Nfld. The month-long Summer Science Institute brings together 75 pre-university students from all over the world to experience the challenges and rewards of scientific research, as well as to learn more about the Weizmann Institute and life in Israel.

Community rally responds to Jews for Jesus

By JENNIFER M. PAQUETTE
Special to The CJN

"No matter how kosher the bacon looks, it's still bacon," Gavriel Aryeh Sanders told listeners at a "Stand Up for Judaism" rally on Sept. 7.

As an Orthodox Jew and former evangelical Christian missionary, Sanders knows the difference between what's "kosher" and what's not.

The rally, held in the social hall of the Toronto Zionist Centre, was a community-wide response to an intensive missionary campaign by Jews for Jesus. Called "Behold Your God" after a verse in Isaiah, the three-week campaign in Toronto is part of a five-year attempt to evangelize in every city outside Israel with more than 25,000 Jews.

The rally proved Toronto won't take it sitting down. In his opening address, Bernie Farber, executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, said we have already triumphed where other communities couldn't.

Two weeks ago, Jews for Jesus posted a billboard in the heavily Jewish Bathurst-Wilson area that targeted elderly Jews with the message, "Before you dismiss me, hear my story," offering them a video of Holocaust survivors touting Christianity.

"This Jewish community won't tolerate this," said Farber.

Community leaders swung into action, contacting Viacom Communications, who removed the billboard within hours. Similar attempts in other cities have failed, Farber said, but "Toronto is a special Jewish community."

He praised Viacom for understanding the "utter offensiveness" of the billboard.

Jews for Judaism director Julius Ciss wove insights from his own journey to Judaism into his introductions of the rally's speakers, which included Farber, Sanders, Rabbi Bentzion Kravitz, founder of Jews for Judaism International, and the education director of Jews for Judaism Toronto, Rabbi Michael Skobac.

With little Jewish knowledge, Ciss said he became drawn into Jews for Jesus, but through Farber and others, has since spent many years teaching other Jews about their heritage.

Rabbi Kravitz of Los Angeles, who has also worked to influence Jews to leave Christianity, said the event was "not an anti-Christian rally… it's a pro-Judaism rally."

Much of his work depends on dialogue with other faiths, he said. "I'm not here to denounce Christianity."

Indeed, Rabbi Kravitz said, many mainstream Christians recognize that missionary tactics offend not only Jews but also serious Christians. He said Hebrew-Christian groups "deceive themselves and our children," cloaking what he calls "100 per cent evangelical Christian theology" in familiar Jewish symbols.

"They say Jesus was the Jewish messiah," he said. "That's not the point. The point is they believe he was God."

Former missionary meets rabbi: Gavriel Aryeh Sanders, left, with Jews for Judaism's Rabbi Michael Skobac.
[Jennifer Paquette photo]

While asserting superiority to "rabbinic Judaism," Hebrew-Christian missionaries freely poach rabbinic symbols such as kippot and Shabbat candles to claim Jewish legitimacy.

In his talk, Sanders described the evangelical movement from the point of view of a Bible college graduate who spent years seeking converts on kibbutzim. But 10 years ago, he said, his Christianity ran aground.

Of the 300 texts commonly used to "prove" that Jesus fulfils Jewish prophecy, Sanders quoted Rabbi Skobac: "What's 300 times zero? It's still zero."

Sanders described, in crisp, clear Hebrew, how – with Jews for Judaism's help – he concluded that what he'd learned really did add up to zero.

Sanders said he used to insist "the most Jewish thing people can do is believe in Jesus," but added he was drawn to genuine Judaism, partly by the miracle of our continuity.

He said he fell in love with mitzvot – not as "Thou shalt" or "Thou shalt not," but as a "dynamic, living connection to God."

It's not enough to simply oppose Christianity, listeners were told by all five speakers. In his closing remarks, Rabbi Skobac challenged Jews to "fall in love with Judaism," making their homes, schools, synagogues and communities "radiate joy, love and warmth."

Sanders emphasized what he called "the most important institution in Jewish life – the Jewish home."

"There are two types of Jews," Sanders said. "Those whose grandchildren will be Jewish, and those whose grandchildren won't."

The difference, he said, depends on our choices.

MPP Monte Kwinter, attending in a personal capacity, pointed out in an interview after the event the vulnerability of Toronto's Russian Jews to missionaries.

Ciss said other at-risk groups include "fringe" Jews, who are disenfranchised and lonely. He pointed out a popular perception that the missionary threat isn't serious, but then called for a show of hands that revealed that 10 per cent of the rally's attendees knew of Jews who believe in Jesus.

These people need our help, Ciss said, adding that Jews' concern and Jewish commitment has made the biggest difference in his life.

"I was touched by people who cared," he said.

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Noy finishes his term as trade commissioner

By ELYSSE ZAREK
Special to The CJN

Benjamin Noy is ready to go back to Jerusalem.

The bespectacled, grey-haired man who is best known for implementing the Canada-Israel Free Trade Agreement (CIFTA) and enshrining the economic relationship between the two countries retired recently after his second stint as Israel's trade commissioner to Canada.

At his farewell party, hosted by local law firm Goodman and Carr, Noy gave out photocopies of his address and phone number in Jerusalem. He thanked Toronto for hosting him again – the first stint as trade commissioner was from 1989 to 1995 – but said that while he'll miss Toronto and his Canadian friends, he's looking forward to finally going home.

Changing of the guard: Outgoing trade commissioner Benjamin Noy (above) and his replacement, Ephraim Shoham (below).
[Stephen Epstein / Big Dipper Communications]

"Jerusalem is home. There's no place like home and I look forward to going back," he said. He will return to a job at the Israeli Ministry of Industry and Trade.

One of the highlights of Noy's posting was arranging a deal for the Israeli and Canadian space agencies to work together on a satellite project. But signing the free trade agreement in 1996, he said, was his shining moment as a diplomat.

"The Canadian government was not sure [the free trade agreement] was worth the effort. Israel was a small country in the Middle East, they weren't sure if it was worthwhile," said Noy.

Although CIFTA took more than three years to put together, trade between the two countries has more than doubled since the agreement was signed and now amounts to more than $600 million, said Noy.

According to the department of foreign affairs and international trade, from 1996 to 2001 Canada's exports to Israel increased by more than 45 per cent, while during the same period its imports increased by more than 130 per cent.

"I think it was a great opportunity for both Canada and Israel. The time that passed actually proved it," said Noy. "It made it easier for Canadians to do business with Israel and Israel to do business with Canada."

Taking over the position as Israeli trade commissioner is Ephraim Shoham.

Shoham, who spent four years in New York for the Israeli Ministry of Industry and Trade, said he is "absolutely excited" with the new posting.

"I have a lot of energy," he said. "I want to identify specialty areas in which Israeli industries can complement Canada's needs… I want to help Israeli industry find partners or customers in Canada."

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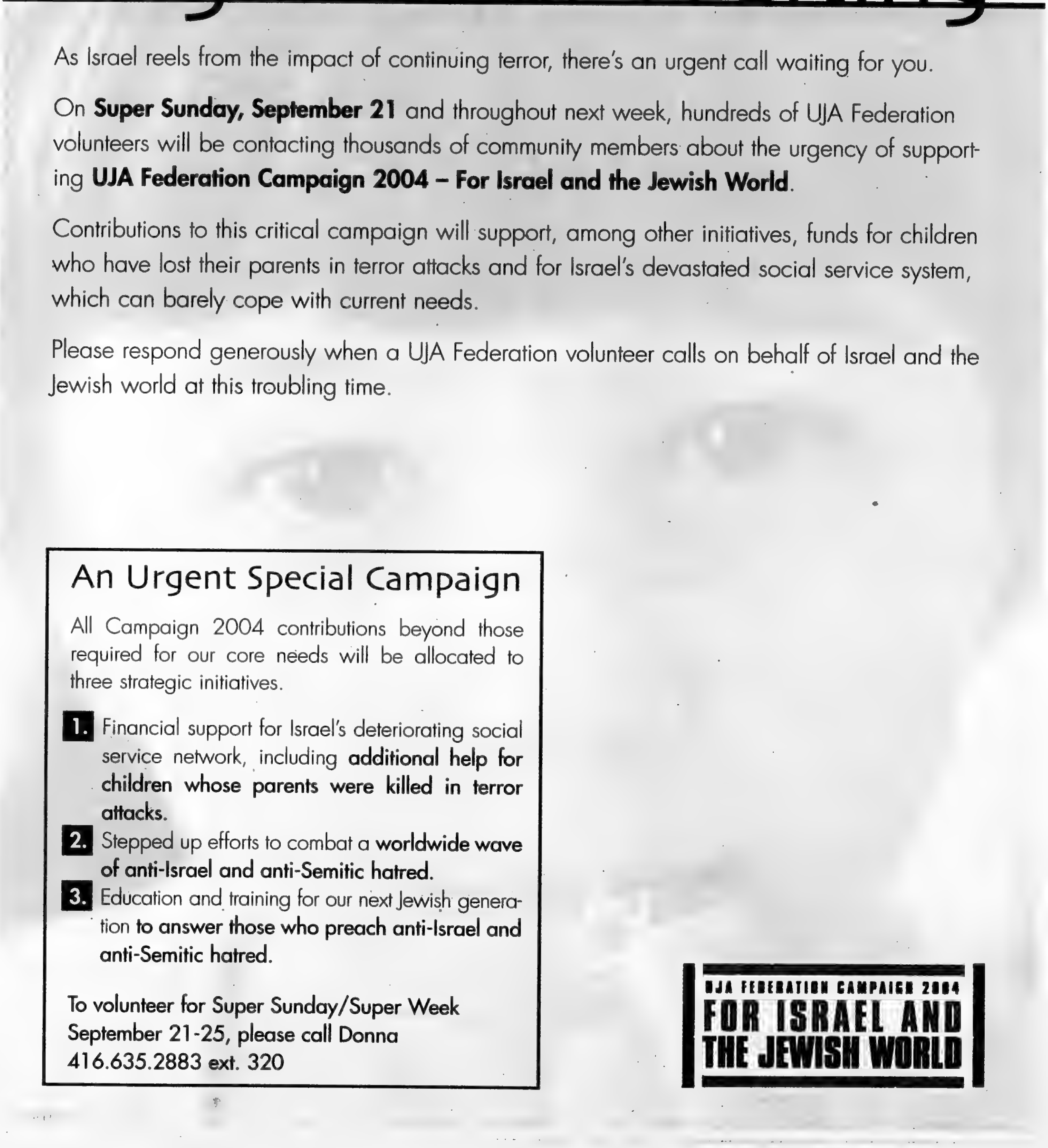

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Ministerial disgrace

That Israel regards Canada as a friend is undeniable. But one often wonders if that friendship exists despite, not because of, the leadership and the policies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Events of last week were poignantly illustrative.

The statement released last week by Foreign Affairs Minister Bill Graham following the double suicide bombing attack in Jerusalem was so trite, so hollow, so lacking any substantive and moral weight, that it shocked the conscience. Why, the question begs to be asked, does this government equivocate on matters of clear-cut moral outrage? Why does it steadfastly refuse to point an accusing finger at the planners and the perpetrators of terrorism? Why does it, with such disappointing regularity, seem to miss the point?

"Canada extends its deepest sympathy," the press release begins, "and most sincere condolences to the families who have lost loved ones as a result of the recent violence in the Middle East. We are profoundly saddened by the loss of so many innocent lives.

"We continue to call upon all parties to engage in constructive dialogue, in an effort to put an end to this horrible bloodshed and loss of life. These tragic events emphasize the urgency for both sides to put the peace process back on track."

The minister differentiated not at all between the lives killed by Hamas in cold blood and those that were taken, unintentionally, by the IDF, in self-defence. In failing to distinguish between the two, he made them equivalent. That was simply disgraceful.

The Canada-Israel Committee condemned the government for its moral myopia. And rightly so. "We are appalled by the moral equivalency that characterizes" Graham's statement, Joseph Wilder, national chair of the Canada-Israel-Committee said. "It is unconscionable that he fails to explicitly acknowledge that 15 Israelis had just been murdered and scores of others wounded in gruesome suicide terrorist attacks. The implied comparison between these tragedies, on the one hand, and legitimate Israeli military operations against Hamas terrorists, on the other hand, reflects remarkable insensitivity on Canada's part."

Yet, insensitivity to Israel has been the least offensive characteristic of Canada's Middle East policies. Ethical emptiness and moral timidity have been their key hallmarks.

In a further demonstration, to be sure, of bilateral friendship the minister met later in the week in Ottawa with Israeli Minister of Immigrant Absorption Tzipi Livni. They even issued a joint statement. "Such acts [of terrorism], which are designed to destroy the prospects for peace, result in the death of innocent civilians and can never be justified under any circumstances."

The diplomatic courtesy that restrained Minister Livni, however, does not restrain us.

If moral equivalence is the response of our government in the circumstances we witnessed last week, we are justified in asking: What does Canada stand for? What are our values?

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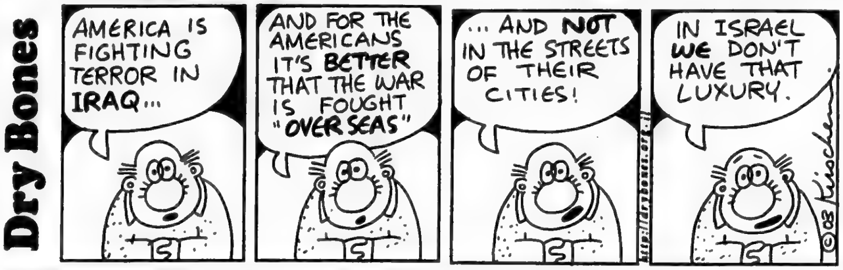
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Tories can't buy votes

I think Ron Csillag has greatly underestimated the integrity of voters and their ability to appreciate the many issues in this provincial election campaign ("Education tax credit key issue in Ont. election," *CJN*, Sept. 11). The Tories think they can buy votes: a tax credit for you, a paved road for you, lumber rights in protected areas for you – and on and on. Surely, voters in this case – Jews who send their children to private schools – can think about more than their own pocketbooks when casting their votes. For the sake of our futures, I hope so.

Barbara Sternberg
Toronto

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Will not support Harris/Eves

Jerrold Landau's plea to support the Equity in Education Tax Credit is one with which I fully agree (Letters to the Editor, *CJN*, Sept. 11). My heart goes out in sincere compassion to the many families and schools in my own community that are desperately struggling to give their students a decent Jewish education and to pay their teachers an adequate wage. However, I disagree with Landau in his urging of the Jewish community to vote for the Progressive Conservative party in the upcoming provincial election.

I will support the tax credit or, if necessary, a creative alternative. But instead of supporting the Harris-Eves government, I will work to defeat it. That is my obligation as a Jew with the sacred mission of being "a light unto the nations."

Sidney Soban
Thornhill, Ont.

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Remember social justice

Whatever happened to the traditional Jewish concerns of caring and social justice? The Harris/Eves government has been the most mean-spirited, regressive and uncaring government in Ontario for the past 100 years. If Jews in this province do not care about their fellow citizens and the poor way they are being treated by this government, they should recall that anti-Semitism increases when the standard of living declines for significant proportions of the population – something that has happened far too much with the Harris/Eves government.

Dennis Raphael
Toronto

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Recommends Stern's book

I write in praise of Bill Stern's collection of commentaries on Jewish movies, *You Don't Have To Be Jewish.* Though a small volume, it includes not only thoughtful commentaries on documentaries and popular movies, but also important historical facts such as the role of Jewish Canadian servicemen in World War II and the creation of the State of Israel. The book also lists movies that Stern does not comment on that might be of interest to readers.

To old-timers, the titles in *You Don't Have To Be Jewish* will bring a sense of nostalgia, and to the young audience who may never have seen the movies included in the book, it may encourage them to either read the books upon which the movies are based, or to see the movies themselves.

Miriam Beckerman
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I wish to express the sincere gratitude and appreciation of the directors and staff of the Albert and Temmy Latner Jewish Public Library to Bill Gladstone and *The CJN* for the story that appeared in your issue of Aug. 21 about our forthcoming Treasures in Jewish Literature series ("Rabbi Witty 'flabbergasted' by large response to lecture series," *CJN*, Aug. 21).

Regrettably, an error crept into the report.

The opening book review lecture will be presented on Oct. 28, not by Prof. Alan Ackerman as stated in your article, but by Prof. Elaine Newton. She will be reviewing Michael Chabon's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay.*

Ackerman's session is scheduled for Nov. 25 and will be based on Tony Kushner's adaptation of *A Dybbuk and Other Tales of the Supernatural.*

Rabbi Irwin Witty
Director, Albert and Temmy Latner Jewish Public Library
Toronto

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Mulroney deservedly honoured

Reuven Carin is critical of the creation of a chair at Tel Aviv University named after former prime minister Brian Mulroney (Letters to the Editor, *CJN*, Sept. 4).

I would argue that Mulroney is an outstanding choice for this honour, having repeatedly demonstrated his deep friendship toward Canadian Jews and the State of Israel. Mulroney's strong support is in sharp contrast to the policies and statements of the present Liberal government, under which Canada has consistently supported the anti-Israel bias adopted by the United Nations and western European countries, especially regarding Palestinian terrorism. With a federal election looming, the Jewish community must be more vocal and demand that our government be more supportive of Israel and its war on terrorism.

Kenneth Fisher
Toronto

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Jerusalem family receives double blow: Almost too tragic to be true

By SHOSHANA KORDOVA
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

Dr. David Appelbaum, who, since immigrating from Cleveland in 1981 saved thousands of lives as an emergency medicine specialist, was killed at Café Hillel last Tuesday with his daughter, on the eve of her wedding.

Chanan Sand visited his new apartment in the Rehavia neighbourhood of Jerusalem at least four times last week to make sure everything was just right for the day he would move in with the woman he was planning to marry Wednesday night.

But the Ikea furniture he had picked out with his fiancée and the bedding she and her mother bought in the United States are not going to be used in the empty apartment. That is only one of the many voids created by the deaths of 20-year-old Naava Appelbaum and her father, David, 50, who were laid to rest in Jerusalem last Wednesday.

Naava and David – the American-raised head of the emergency room at Shaare Tzedek Medical Center in Jerusalem and founder of a network of emergency medical service clinics – were among the seven Israelis killed in last Tuesday night's suicide bombing at Café Hillel on Emek Refaim Street in Jerusalem. They went out for hot drinks the night before Naava's wedding, which was to take place at Kibbutz Ramat Rachel in the Jerusalem area.

Colleagues and acquaintances said David was an intensely dedicated doctor who revolutionized the way emergency medicine is practised in Israel and who treated victims of almost every terror attack in the Jerusalem area over the last two decades. He was described as an unusually caring, attentive and energetic man, and as a knowledgeable and committed Jewish scholar.

David's oldest daughter, Naava, followed her father's model of devotion to others, spending time with children who have cancer as part of her national service duty. She was described as sweet and studious, fun but not frivolous. Her father recently said she was such a good daughter that she had never once given him cause to raise his voice.

The timing of their deaths seems almost too tragic to be true. A Jerusalem emergency room chief returns from New York, where he lectured at a Sept. 11 commemorative conference on how hospitals should deal with mass casualties, and is killed in a terror attack the night of his return. A young woman goes out to a café with her father and is blown up nearly beyond recognition the night before her wedding.

The enormity of the double loss was reflected in the eerie wailing of the many thousands who attended the funeral Wednesday. The crying intensified every time the eulogizers referred to the wedding that was never to be. David "was supposed to stand under his daughter's chupah," said former Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau at the funeral, "and is now lying, not standing, beside her."

But the atmosphere at the shivah house a few hours after the funeral was low-key and intimate, with family and close friends – including a couple who had flown in from London for the wedding – gathered in the living room and right outside the Jerusalem house.

On the patio, a hubbub was created not by mourners but by journalists crowding around pictures of the young couple and copies of the wedding invitation. The grief of the household was expressed in the traditional signs of mourning, including torn clothes and mourners sitting on or close to the ground, rather than in the public anguish so evident at the funeral. The eldest of David and Debra Appelbaum's six children, 24-year-old Natan, padded outside in his socks with two long gashes torn in his red-and-white checked shirt; Debra, wearing a jean skirt and colourful head scarf, brought out a low plastic stool to sit in the balmy afternoon air once most of the reporters had left.

David and Naava Appelbaum

Mourners attend the funeral of Naava and David Appelbaum Sept. 10, who, along with five others were killed by a suicide bomber in Jerusalem, five hours after eight soldiers died in the bombing of a bus stop outside Tzrifin, near Tel Aviv.

[RNS/Reuters photo]

"We're not hysterical people," said Moshe Spero, Debra's brother, "but we're very emotionally torn."

Moshe, Debra and their brother Jonathan all live in Israel, along with their parents, Iris and Rabbi Shubert Spero, whose family helped found the Jewish Orthodox community in Cleveland. Shubert Spero led the Young Israel Congregation in Cleveland for 32 years, preaching aliyah from the pulpit and immigrating to Israel with his wife about 20 years ago. His family had earlier built a day school, yeshiva and mikvah in the Ohio city.

David Appelbaum's death will have an impact on everyone who lives in the Jerusalem area, said Dr. Todd Zalut, who began working with David more than a decade ago at the Terem network of emergency clinics that David founded and directed. Since last July, Zalut, who immigrated from Chicago and lives in Efrat, has been working with David in the Shaare Tzedek emergency room, where Zalut is assistant director.

"There's no question that we'll never recover," said Zalut. The emergency care at Shaare Tzedek and Terem "won't work at the same level as it has in the past," said Zalut, "and everybody in Jerusalem will suffer for it."

Back in the United States, David's home base was Chicago, where he studied in the Skokie Yeshiva with Rabbi Aaron Soloveitchik. Dr. Larry Hirsch, who has worked with David in emergency care since moving to Israel, said he still remembers David walking around the yeshiva with a big tape recorder to tape each of the rabbi's lectures. David later moved to Cleveland, where he went to medical school and met his wife Debra, and the couple immigrated to Israel in 1981.

David "was the perfect synthesis between very, very high-grade medicine, and dedication to the study of Torah and being a *talmud chacham* [Torah scholar]," said Rabbi Meyer Fendel, associate dean at Midreshet Moriah, a girls' seminary in Jerusalem where David was teaching Jewish medical ethics.

Once David moved to Israel, he initiated at least three major improvements in the country's emergency care: treating heart attack patients before they got to the hospital, establishing and directing Terem, and bringing the American electronic patient tracking system to the Shaare Tzedek emergency room.

"David revolutionized things in a lot of areas," said Hirsch.

Indeed, thousands of people owe David their gratitude, Prof. Jonathan Halevy, director-general of Shaare Tzedek, said at the funeral.

Around 1980, David co-wrote an article that was published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* demonstrating that patients had a better chance of surviving heart attacks if they were given the clot-buster agent streptokinase before they even got to the hospital. He began equipping ambulances in Jerusalem with the medication so that paramedics could start the IV, sometimes while the patient was still lying "on the couch in the family room," said Zalut.

"The faster the person gets the medication, the better the prognosis," Zalut said, adding that Jerusalem "was really the first place in the world" to adopt the practice, which it carried out throughout the 1980s and most of the '90s. It was only five to seven years ago that a new solution – angioplasty – began replacing the clot-busting agent, he said.

About a decade later, David began running emergency care clinics of his own. He got American investors to help finance his project, which he called Terem, a Hebrew acronym for "immediate medical treatment." There are now four Terem clinics in Jerusalem, and one each in Ma'aleh Adumim, Modi'in and Beit Shemesh – all with a high standard of care and a cost of no more than about NIS 200, compared to a hospital emergency room's minimum cost of about NIS 500, said Hirsch, who works in the Tel Hashomer emergency room and on a Jerusalem ambulance.

Last month, the Shaare Tzedek emergency room stopped using a handwritten system to track its patients and became the first hospital in Israel to use a sophisticated electronic tracking system, a device commonly used in America that David applied here.

The moment Zalut heard about the bomb Tuesday night, he called David's cell phone to see if he was on his way to the hospital. When he received no answer, it became clear that David was not going to be helping anyone else. Naava and her family had been busy making last-minute wedding arrangements – attaching ribbons to the place cards for 800 guests, making up the seating plan – when David decided he would "take his Navaleh out" for a late-night trip to Café Hillel, and then bring back some drinks for everyone who was still working on the wedding plans, said Iris Spero.

Zalut then called Debra, who told him that her husband and daughter had gone to a café near the bomb site. Zalut started calling the Jerusalem hospitals to find out if his co-worker was among the wounded. When no one reported seeing David at a hospital, Zalut called people at the scene and asked them to see if he was at the café – not as a doctor this time, but as a victim. Within a few minutes, David was confirmed dead. Later that night, Naava's body was identified as well.

A forecast for the future

It is once again my pleasure and privilege to wish all my readers a hearty Shanah Tovah Umetukah, a good and sweet year. Having written and spoken many times on the subject of the Jewish New Year, I asked myself just what is it that I could say to my readers this year that I have not said before?

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

As I look back and reread some of my previous pronouncements, I find that the certitude with which I frequently approached my task is no longer there.

Maybe I wore different glasses then, a pair that gave me a special vision of the future. Well, dear friends, I have to disappoint you. I am no longer sure that my foresight is good. I only know that I can look back with a sense of sureness.

Yet, regarding tomorrow, I *am* sure about one thing, which I will be glad to share with you.

It is my conviction that we Jews are a people who are going to be here tomorrow and the day after – that is, for the duration of history. In that respect, I will call Jews eternal. Of course, a statement like this is unprovable, for today it is nothing but belief, and only future generations will be able to judge its accuracy. Yet, provable or not, my conviction is rooted in faith.

I believe we Jews are forever, unless we ourselves want to quit. And I am sure that this will never happen. Our slogan is "*Chizku v'imtzu*", which means "Be strong and keep it up!"

I suspect that there are non-Jews who would consider this belief to be a mixture of arrogance and false hope. However, we Jews have learned that our perception of Jewish destiny is, for many people, quite incomprehensible – as, regretfully, it is so for some Jews who reject the idea of being part of a "chosen people" and similar traditional opinions.

Whether or not we, as a people, have a special supernatural connection remains a matter of belief. Future generations will be able to judge the realism of such faith.

None of us who are alive today will be around when history will pronounce its judgement. But I am not fearful that we will be considered unrealistic dreamers. I do worry, however, that many Jews do not understand the full significance of our mission. Fortunately, the number of such people appears to be dwindling, and I trust that the number of believers will grow as the years go by.

Seeing the world in a different light

As the leaves start drifting towards the ground, the air takes on its habitual crispness, and fall once again breathes its icy whispers into my ear.

The start of another school year signals yet another season of deluding myself that perhaps this time, things will be different.

Barbara Balfour in Calgary

It has always made so much more sense to me that the new year begins in September rather than in January.

Nothing feels different when you wake up on Jan. 1. But something about the change that occurs in September is positively magical.

School really can be as rejuvenating as buying new clothes, textbooks and writing utensils, I tell myself earnestly.

And I slip into the lecture seats of yet another class waiting to be provoked, challenged and inspired – only to have my hopes dashed to the ground, as yet another droning academic who has been closeted in the ivory tower for the last 30 years takes his place at the podium.

The things that have formed the deepest imprint on my life have often happened outside the classroom. I realize this especially when I look back at the last year since I started writing my column.

I have kept many of the letters my readers have written to me. They are poignant, sweet, funny, angry, defensive – so typically Jewish in so many ways, so representative of what it means to be a Jew in this day and age.

It's true that I have received letters from the odd lunatic, and even a couple of marriage proposals from desperate parents on behalf of their poor, unsuspecting sons.

But for the most part, my letters have been absolute gems – giving me that provocation and inspiration I have looked for so long in other places.

Here are some excerpts of a few of my favorites:

"There is a concept that there is a spark deep in the soul of every Jew, and that even if someone is not conscious of it, that quiet ember can never be extinguished and is waiting to be fully ignited."

"Jews are incredibly successful in every field we've chosen. I've read that, although we comprise about one-half of one per cent of the earth's population, 25 per cent of the Nobel Prize winners have been Jewish!"

"I hate hearing about interfaith dating and intermarriage and wish I could reach everyone who doesn't care about being Jewish. I truly believe that we are so lucky to have been born into this very exclusive 'club' – a club that does not easily accept new members."

"Recently in Toronto, I saw some graffiti – it was a Star of David and underneath was the word 'devils.' I was so furious, I pulled out a black marker, scratched the word devils out and inside the star wrote: 'Jews are great.'"

"I often feel scared that I'm not going to find anyone. I have tons of friends all over the place, none being Jewish, so that definitely limits my options for Jewish guys. I too have that typical family that says, 'Oy, bring Bubbie home a nice Jewish boy.'"

"If Jews had no more than a shared history and gene pool, you might be right that limiting yourself to Jewish men could be considered enthnocentric in today's world.

"Still, you must be aware of the fact that over the centuries, Jews were frequently threatened with death if they refused to convert to another religion.

"In hundreds or thousands of such cases, they willingly chose death. Surely, the value that these people put on their Judaism was far beyond ethnic and cultural considerations."

"If you pride yourself on being a Jew, you will stop your efforts to reason with people who represent an evil cause which seeks to achieve its goals with evil methods."

I can't say that I always agree with my readers. But your letters are – and have always been – highly valued.

This month marks the end of a year since I started writing my column for *The CJN*.

It is also the beginning of another – one in which I hope to continue to inspire and challenge you to see the world in a different light, as you have done so often for me.

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Striking a balance

As sad as it is to see summer end, there is always something nice about the cool breeze of autumn. Soaking up the sunshine in Halifax (a rarity in itself), I can't help but enjoy the transition from summer to fall and home to school.

Joanna Grossman in Halifax

For the Jewish students of Halifax, there is a ton to be excited about. While the double cohort wreaked havoc on some students, it helped motivate a large number of Jewish students to look beyond Ontario and Quebec to the smaller provinces of the East Coast. The growing numbers and enthusiastic frosh provide tremendous promise for the New Year.

At the centre of the excitement is our very own house. For the first time, the Jewish students of Halifax have a place to call their own: a two-storey house close to the campus that will undoubtedly become the centre of great things. Thanks to the generosity of the Latner Foundation and the unending support of the Atlantic Jewish Community and UIA, the potential for Jewish student life in Halifax has been acknowledged.

The feeling is contagious. Our first meeting in the house brought new and old faces, all connected by a common enthusiasm about the great things to come. There is excitement about the things we will accomplish and the knowledge of the responsibility with which we are faced.

Entering my third year of school, I too feel the tension. As the light at the end of the undergraduate tunnel grows brighter, I am looking to the future with greater anticipation. The pressure is there. Just as the Jewish Student Association stands at a point where students are taking the reins and choosing the direction toward which we will run, my friends and I are faced with a similar challenge.

Until now, things have been relatively simple. The challenge was ensuring that course prerequisites were met. There was room to dabble, change your major and procrastinate when considering what was waiting at the end of university. The first two years sped by, and serve as a reminder of how fast the next two will also pass. While this means the underlying fire is starting to get a little hotter, it necessarily follows that the excitement level is also rising.

It's always a challenge to think about the future. To imagine where you want to be and face decisions that appear to have permanent consequences no matter what path you choose. While a little scary, it is a great feeling to know you are closer to adulthood and independence than you were. Undergraduate life is amazing, but it can't last forever. So, you have to enjoy it, all the while ensuring that you don't get so caught up you forget there's a real world outside its invisible borders.

After two years of involvement in organized Jewish student life, I am amazed by the transformation that has occurred so rapidly, and gleeful when I think of what lies in store for the future. As I write this column, news from Israel could not be much worse. Palestinian prime minister Mahmoud Abbas has just resigned and an onslaught of violence has begun. The future is uncertain to say the least, but there remains much in our control and much to look forward to.

With a new group of students coming to university and developing the opinions and theories that will forever influence them, we have to relish the little power we have. Through Birthright, education and Yiddishkeit, we can try to ensure that the next generation of Jewish leaders will feel the compassion displayed by our elders and will be willing and able to pursue the challenges that lie before us.

We never thought Jewish students would have a house of their own in Halifax. While infinitely smaller in scale, our perseverance to have a place of our own, our understanding that Jewish students need to have a common, independent ground, mirrors the perseverance we have seen for over 50 years as we have watched the battles to ensure that all Jews will have a common, independent ground to call home.

We cannot know what the future holds, but we can continue to fight for the ideals we know to be true, and ensure that we, as individuals and as a community, continue as best we can to accomplish all that we are capable of.

The Kirshner File

Israel launches a war against Hamas

Sheldon Kirshner
in Toronto

Israel's deadly, long-simmering battle with Hamas, its most potent Palestinian enemy, has exploded into a brutal full-scale war.

On Sept. 1, after months of mounting provocations, Israel officially declared war on Hamas and on Islamic Jihad and the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, which have claimed responsibility for virtually all the suicide bombings since the eruption of the Palestinian uprising three years ago.

Israel took this drastic step after last month's devastating bombing in Jerusalem and the collapse of the *hudna*, the temporary ceasefire brokered by Egypt on June 29.

Since then, Israel has killed more than a dozen Hamas leaders and threatened to invade Gaza, a hotbed of Islamic fundamentalism and a Hamas stronghold. In the latest developments, Israel tried but failed to kill Mahmoud al-Zahar and Sheik Ahmed Yassin, two of the founders of Hamas. On Sept. 6, an Israeli F-16 jet bombed a building where Yassin was having lunch. He was slightly wounded. Four days later, an F-16 hit Zahar's home, injuring him and his wife and killing his grown son.

Yassin, Hamas' spiritual leader, promised to exact retribution. "The Israeli people," he warned, "will pay a high price." He was true to his chilling words. On Sept. 9, Palestinian bombers struck a crowded bus stop adjacent to an army base near Rishon Lezion and a popular cafe in Jerusalem, killing a total of 15 people.

Prior to these attacks, Israel had imposed yet another closure on the West Bank and Gaza, stepped up patrols along the Green Line and increased security for Israeli cabinet ministers, whom Hamas has threatened.

In a hard-hitting speech before the newest round of violence, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon put Hamas leaders on notice that they were "marked for death," and would not be given "a moment's rest." Laying down a tough new policy, he asserted, " We will continue to hunt them down because they have only one goal: the destruction of Israel."

Israel's struggle with Hamas, which really began following the outbreak of the second intifadah, took a quantum leap in June when Abdel Aziz Rantissi, one of its top strategists, became the object of a targeted assassination.

In its wake, Hamas issued a dire threat. It would reduce Israel to "blood and ruins." As usual, Israel considered this a serious threat. Some days later, a Hamas suicide bomber blew up a bus in Jerusalem, killing 16 passengers. In response, Israel vowed to "wipe out" Hamas, saying that every Hamas militant was a target, from the lowliest member to Yassin himself. But Israel postponed its anticipated invasion of Gaza when Egypt launched a sustained effort to bring about the *hudna*.

The flawed truce was less than a respite and, for Hamas, it was an exercise in compromise. Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, unequivocally rejects Israel's existence and regards Israel as an illegitimate state occupying Palestinian lands. Sheik Assad Tamimi, the Islamic Jihad leader, spoke for his fellow rejectionists when he said: "The Jews have to return to the countries from which they came. We shall not accede to a Jewish state on our land, even if it is only in one village."

Founded in 1987 during the opening days of the first intifadah, Hamas is dedicated to the establishment of an Islamic state in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza. Under Yassin's leadership, Hamas opposed the 1991 Madrid peace conference, the Olso peace process and, now, the road map, the internationally sponsored peace plan supported by the United States, the United Nations, the European Union and Russia. Hamas has consistently sought to sabotage the peace process. Recently, Colin Powell, the U.S. secretary of state, denounced Hamas as "the major obstacle" to peace.

Despite its rejectionist position, Hamas is capable of flashes of pragmatism. Cognizant of Israel's military strength, Yassin has, in the past, expressed a readiness to enter into a long-term truce with Israel, provided Israel withdraws from all the territories, including eastern Jerusalem, and allows the Palestinians to create an independent state. But in its heart of hearts, Hamas does not accept Israel's existence. Hamas, nevertheless, agreed to the *hudna*, pressured to do so by the Palestinian Authority and Egypt. Yet by any yardstick, this was a faux truce, honoured in the breach by Palestinian gunmen and bombers.

Not being a signatory to the *hudna*, Israel continued to hunt for suspected suicide bombers ("ticking bombs"), their handlers and bomb factories.

The PA's refusal to dismantle the terrorist infrastructure, as called for by the road map, exacerbated the situation on the ground. Israel was compelled to target bombers preparing fresh attacks.

Such a person was Mohammed Sidr, the Islamic Jihad commander in Hebron. He was killed in mid-August after resisting arrest. His demise may have been a turning point in Israel's increasingly bitter confrontation with Hamas. In the aftermath of his death, Islamic Jihad promised "an earthquake in the heart of the Zionist entity."

On Aug. 19, Islamic Jihad and Hamas claimed credit for the Jerusalem bus bombing that killed 23 Israelis. It is a toll that almost matches the 2002 Passover massacre in Netanya. Avenging the August bombing, Israel took out Ismail Abu Shanab, an important Hamas figure close to Yassin.

After Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade collectively renounced the *hudna* on Aug. 21, Israel warned that unless the PA cracked down on Hamas, it would press on with operations against the radicals. Fearing a civil war, Mahmoud Abbas, the first, but ineffectual, PA prime minister, made it abundantly clear that he would not disarm the militants.

Sheik Ahmed Yassin

Israel subsequently launched an offensive, picking off Hamas activists. Hamas fired mortars and Qassem rockets into southern Israel and Gaza, and the conflict escalated, imperilling the already shaky road map.

Since the beginning of September, the situation has deteriorated sharply on all fronts. On the day the Israeli cabinet declared an all-out war on Hamas and simultaneously froze the diplomatic process with the PA, Israel's chief of staff, Gen. Moshe Ya'alon, pointedly disclosed that he had readied a brigade for a possible invasion of Gaza to uproot the terrorist infrastructure. Israel was poised to invade Gaza last year, but held off in deference to the United States.

Israel may yet launch an invasion. It would probably be modelled after last year's Operation Defensive Shield and Operation Determined Path in the West Bank.

Barring an invasion, Israel is expected to hit Hamas relentlessly. Since the eruption of the current intifadah, Israel has disposed of several key Hamas operatives, notably Salah Shehada, Ibrahim Maqadmeh, Mahmoud Abu Hanoud, Kayes Adwan and Ayman Halaweh. However, Mohammed Dief, one of Hamas' leading commanders, has eluded Israel. Last September, an Israeli Apache helicopter struck Dief's car, but he managed to escape and now is in hiding, like many of Hamas' top-tier leaders. According to reports, they have shaved their beards, donned disguises and begun using mopeds for basic transportation.

The war that Israel has initiated against the terrorist infrastructure in Gaza is largely the result of the PA's obdurate refusal to disarm groups such as Hamas. Even before he tendered his resignation on Sept. 6, due to PA President Yasser Arafat's absolute refusal to cede control of the PA's security agencies, Abbas was reluctant to crack down on Hamas. "This government does not deal with opposition groups with a policing mentality but with a mentality of dialogue," Abbas said.

But the PA's attempt to co-opt Hamas has been a resounding failure. During the winter of 1996, for example, Hamas and Islamic Jihad killed 60 civilians in four closely sequenced suicide attacks in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. The PA arrested scores of militants and closed mosques where inflammatory anti-Israel sermons had been delivered. But in a "revolving door" policy, the PA soon released their prisoners. As for Arafat, whom Israel has resolved to "remove" from the scene, he has never abandoned his penchant for violence. Last week, Israel's deputy prime minister, Ehud Olmert, said that Arafat may have to be physically eliminated in order to advance the peace process.

Ahmed Qureia, the PA's second prime minister, is one of the architects of Oslo, and was a participant in the 2000 Camp David summit in the United States. He believes the Palestinians should try to achieve statehood through diplomacy. But like Abbas, he opposes the use of force to subdue Hamas and its violence-prone allies.

This leaves Israel with no alternative but to pursue these groups remorselessly. Yet in targeting the rejectionist wing of the Palestinian national movement, Israel is chipping away at the PA, its sole negotiating partner. It is also eroding the road map, which looks like road kill today, and deepening its occupation of the territories, which is antithetical to its interests as a Jewish state.

These crucial issues will have to be addressed sooner or later. For now, though, Israel is engaged in an existential life-and-death struggle with rapacious enemies that deny its existence.

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Here we are at the beginning of a new year; both the school year and 5764, Rosh Hashana.

This year, the BJE staff has decided to study Howard Gardner's latest book, *The Disciplined Mind* - a summary of this famous educator's philosophy of education. Professor Gardner is the man who revealed the importance of the multiple intelligence theory to schooling. He proposes, in this latest volume, that all education should be based on the true, the beautiful, and the good. Of course, he leaves the definitions of those qualities up to any individual culture, but he does believe that learning must be based on these three pillars. It is the last one that has special significance at this time of year, because Rosh Hashana reminds us of the place that "goodness" has in the Biblical creation story. It is God who introduces the value judgment that the world is good, even going so far as to say that it is very good on the day that humans were created, Rosh Hashana. Ever since that utterance, we have felt the power to judge goodness (or its lack) in the world around us. This ability to discern should not be taken lightly. It is the first lesson we learn in our Biblical tradition, and Gardner is correct in asserting its primacy in our schools. It is in that spirit that we wish all of you -parents, teachers and students, a Shana Tova, a good year!

Where are They Now?

Since Toronto's Jewish school system was established many decades ago, thousands of graduates have achieved enormous success in business, public life and community affairs. In this feature, we will be profiling some our Jewish education success stories.

Jewish education is a life-long asset

by Suzanne Wintrob

A younger Hershell Ezrin

Hershell Ezrin truly believes that his day school education helped him achieve great things.

"Because we had to compact two school days into one, I learned how to apply myself and be very disciplined and concentrated in my work," says Ezrin, one of Canada's best known political advisors and public policy experts, who now heads up Toronto-based consulting firm GPC International and serves as consultant to the new Israel Emergency Cabinet. "I know that it was my day school experience that allows me to be able to balance large numbers of different things."

But equally important, he adds, was the Jewish pride that day school instilled in him from a very young age: "It's a pride I've been able to carry with me in all of my jobs and all of my living situations here in Canada and abroad. It made me feel more qualified to be able to explain to other people why I feel proud to be Jewish and why I feel so strongly about Israel."

Ezrin, who grew up in downtown Toronto, began school at Brunswick Talmud Torah (which later became Associated Hebrew Schools). He and his classmates moved to Shaarei Shomayim Congregation on St. Clair Avenue for their Grade 8 year and became the first Grade 9 class to attend Associated's newly constructed Neptune Avenue campus in 1957.

"It was a remarkably intense learning environment with absolutely brilliant teachers," recalls Ezrin, 56. "My only regret now is that I wasn't able to take more advantage of these people, like Avraham Shkop who taught Bible Studies and Rabbi Gedalia Felder who taught *Gemara*. These men were geniuses. On the other hand, day school was also my introduction into a lifelong hatred of the Tam Tam cracker because that's all we ever got as a snack. To this day it's a joke in our family that no Tam Tams are allowed."

Ezrin did indeed achieve great things after high school. He received an Honours BA in history from the University of Toronto, a Masters degree in history from Carleton University and then took on a host of diplomatic and political postings, first in India and then as Canadian Consul in Los Angeles and New York City, head of the Canadian Unity Information Office in the Trudeau era, press spokesperson for the federal government in New York during the first referendum, and Deputy Minister to former Ontario Premier David Peterson. Ezrin moved into the private sector in 1988 and joined GPC International in 1998.

Ezrin's busy life has taken him to many far-flung places, and all too often his day school grounding kicks in and leads to some of his most memorable experiences.

"I seek out the synagogues in almost every new city I visit," says Ezrin, now a father of two grown daughters. "I might not speak the local language but we always have Hebrew or Yiddish."

Camps Offer Much More than Summer Fun

The summer of 2003 may have been a break from school, but not a break from learning.

This past summer, hundreds of Ontario Jewish campers did much more than learn to sing, swim and water ski. Judaism was also on the agenda, albeit wrapped up in fun and games.

Here's what happened while your kids were away:

Reliving Israel's History

One of **Camp Moshava's** goals is to broaden a camper's Jewish experiences all within the framework of informal Jewish education. "Kids go to school 10 months of the year so they certainly don't need to go another two months in the summer," says Camp Moshava director Miriam Allman. "But camp is an opportunity for learning and broadening our campers' horizons in ways that are not possible during the school year."

Each year Camp Moshava, an Orthodox camp near Peterborough, Ontario chooses a central theme based on the history of Israel (from Biblical to modern times) "that children can sink their teeth into," says Allman. This year's theme dealt with Jewish life in pre-statehood Israel from 1881-1948.

As always, the theme was introduced at the start of camp with bus passes, which this year resembled passports from Poland, Russia and Germany. The buses made an "unexpected" stop at a park just outside of camp, where counselors boarded dressed as immigrants from those countries and spoke to the children about why they were forced to leave their hometowns.

Moshava maintained the theme throughout the summer with daily themed programming, introduction of the Hebrew word of the day and various other activities. The third youngest section *(Eidah Bet)* planted trees as the *chalutzim* (early pioneers) once did in order to drain the swamps. The 14 to15 year olds built a watchtower like the newcomers to Israel did to ward off enemies and the entire camp re-enacted the United Nations vote to form the State of Israel. Moshava's second oldest campers learned the importance of *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world) with their visit to a nursing home dressed as clowns to liven up the day of the patients. During Colour War each team painted a creative, theme-related sign to close the competition. Their themes included pluralism in Israel today and the importance of those who defend our country. The educational staff, headed by Moshava's rabbi from Israel counted among its members Israelis who brought a unique perspective to campers.

A Biblical Summer

At **Camp Ramah,** a Conservative camp located near Bracebridge, Ontario, each *eidah* (section) had a Biblical theme of its own.

Nitzanim, the youngest campers finishing Grades 3 and 4, studied the stories of Ruth and Jonah through games and values discussions. *Arazim* campers, completing Grade 5, learned about Jewish history and Judaism's role in the environment. Campers from *Kfirim,* who were finishing Grade 6, took the first steps towards their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs with discussions and activities related to Jewish identity and Jewish law. They also worked with author and poet Danny Segal on a number of *tzedaka* (charity) projects.

Tzirim, representing students finishing Grade 7, were immersed in *teshuva* (repentance), *tefilla* (prayer) and *tzedaka* and created their own *siddurim* with visiting Jerusalem artist David Moss. *Nachshonim,* who head to camp for the whole summer following Grade 8, studied Torah values and family relationships, designed *ketubot* (marriage contracts) with Moss and *havdalah* spice boxes with Segal.

Campers completed Grade 9 in *Magshimim,* also worked on various projects with Segal and took elective courses designed by their counselors and teachers, while members of the oldest group, *Alonim,* focused their summer on Biblical Leadership.

Creating Community

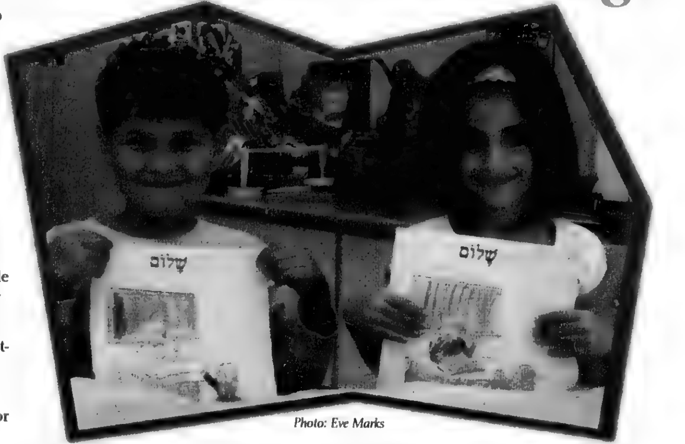
Camp George near Parry Sound, the only Reform camp of its kind in Canada, took yet another approach by spending each summer session on a different theme. July's central theme was *kehilla* (community), which incorporated discussions on God, Torah and Israel.

Karen Collins, assistant camp director, says the theme was introduced to campers through three weekly *shiurim* (lessons) and then woven into every aspect of camp life, from the kitchen to the arts and crafts area and everywhere in between. On the ropes course, for example, campers pulled together to feel the sense of community, while the youngest campers learned about diverse Jewish communities living in Israel and then created their own Moroccan wedding, complete with jewelry and food for the bride and groom.

The theme for August was *Tzelem Elokim* (living in the image of God), with innovative ideas put in place for campers to enjoy. Campers built their own garden as part of the summer's new unit on Jewish education and environmental awareness. Says Collins: "It taught them about sustainable development and sharing in the world's resources."

Jewish Education On the Move

Major Community Effort to Solve Tuition Challenge



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There's no doubt that Jewish life is expensive, what with JCC membership, summer camp and, of course, school tuition.

Given the recent fee increases that have hit many of Toronto's Jewish day schools, the UJA Federation Board of Jewish Education and other community stakeholders have been working tirelessly to help parents better afford to send their children to day school.

"There's a tremendous amount of energy that our staff and lay people have put in over the years," says BJE executive director Seymour Epstein, a.k.a. Epi. "Universal access to Jewish education is our ultimate goal because it represents the strongest guarantee of a thriving Jewish future."

Unfortunately, says Epi, there is no single answer to the tuition fee challenge. Withholding fees, he says, won't reduce tuition but will only aggravate the financial pressure that day schools face. Without government funding, which exists in most other jurisdictions, a system that offers two streams of instruction in a private setting will always be costly, he adds, and that's why the Ontario Equity in Education Tax Credit is so important.

What's needed, he insists, is a variety of complementary responses.

"We need higher day school enrollment from the beginning in senior kindergarten and Grade 1, designated funding for schools to be available as Jewish neighbourhoods expand, and innovate funding options, such as education endowments," says Epi. "BJE is taking a proactive approach by working closely with our schools, the UJA Federation Jewish Toronto Tomorrow initiative, and the Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education. Our schools strive to be cost-efficient and we work with them to develop their budgets accordingly. And we're working on strategic long-term fundraising so that 5, 10 and 15 years from now our schools will have endowed funds to ensure quality Jewish education for everyone."

This academic year, UJA Federation will be allocating nearly $8 million in tuition subsidies for parents who can't afford full fees at Jewish day schools. That's a $900,000 increase over last year and comes almost exclusively from UJA Federation's annual campaign. More than 2,300 students, or 31 per cent of the student population, at 13 BJE-funded day schools received subsidies last year. UJA Federation is allocating another $3 million for other educational programming beyond subsidies, making Jewish education its largest single domestic allocation.

Aaron Blumenfeld, co-president of the Ontario Association of Jewish Day Schools (OAJDS) which worked with the provincial government on the Equity in Education Tax Credit issue, feels the fair funding effort was successful primarily because all of the community groups – parents, schools, religious and community organizations – acted with a unified voice in dealing with the government.

"When fully implemented in 2006, the tax credit will make Jewish education much more affordable, reducing the after-tax cost of an elementary school education by as much as $3,500 per year," says Blumenfeld. "The stakeholder groups, including parents, schools and community organizations, can work together to alleviate the strain that rising tuitions are placing on many middle class families, and OAJDS is prepared to assist in coordinating the schools' efforts in this regard."

Adds Epi, "We are all committed to universal access. We all care about high costs and want our schools to be both effective and efficient. Even with all our differences in ideology and religious practice, we are truly one on this issue."

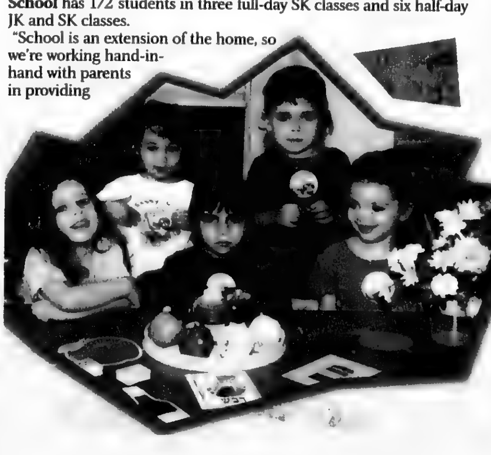
Jewish Pre-School is A Huge Hit

by Suzanne Wintrob

They may be small but they're big on learning. This year, Jewish preschools are brimming at the seams as many more families are choosing to start their children early on a lifetime of Jewish learning.

At **Netivot HaTorah Day School,** for instance, response to last year's nursery school launch was so overwhelming that a second classroom was added this year to meet demand. **Associated Hebrew Schools (AHS)** now has 350 students enrolled in two full-day junior kindergarten (JK) classes and five full-day senior kindergarten (SK) classes plus 10 half-day nursery, JK and SK classes. The **Leo Baeck Day School** is also hopping with 110 students enrolled in a half-day JK class and five full-day SK classes, while **Bialik Hebrew Day School** has 172 students in three full-day SK classes and six half-day JK and SK classes.

"School is an extension of the home, so we're working hand-in-hand with parents in providing children with a whole Jewish experience," says Eileen Goldstein, preschool coordinator at Netivot HaTorah Day School. "It's a true partnership so children get one clear message at school and at home."

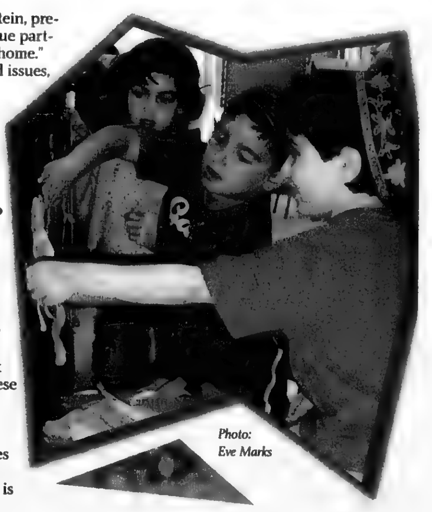


While older day school students delve into Jewish texts and issues, Jewish preschool is where kids get the basics. Much of the curriculum is built around the Jewish calendar, lifecycle events, Israel and Hebrew language, all taught through songs, stories, art and a host of other methods.

And if that's not enough learning for three, four and five-year-olds, there's also a strong emphasis on English literacy, math, science and technology. Children who graduate from preschool are well prepared for Grade One and beyond. **Leo Baeck** not only introduced *Parashat Hashavua* (weekly Bible portion) and new Jewish music at the preschool level this year but also expanded its early literacy program to include leveled early readers. Netivot, which saw preschool enrollment climb 40 per cent this year to 145 students, has taken a unique approach by running Hebrew immersion at all levels, while Bialik is continuing its efforts in oral Hebrew language as well as the core arts and sciences subjects.

Suri Nagel, vice-principal of the AHS preschool, adds that full-day programs allow teachers to expand on all of these topics and offer more one-on-one time with children who need it.

"Our children learn that they're part of a very special community because everything we do relates to who we are as Jews," says Leo Baeck director Zita Gardner. "The environment in which they're learning is infused, both pictorially and in language, with Shabbat, holy days, Israel, Hebrew language, Jewish heritage and customs. Their whole learning and socialization experience happens within a Jewish framework. When the celebration of Rosh Hashana takes place in school and at home, what a wonderfully powerful message that gives to young children."



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Hasty Market ends ties to Thornhill store

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

Employee alleged to have made disparaging comments against Jews

Hasty Market, an Ontario convenience store chain, has severed its relationship with one of its store licensees over an employee's alleged comments that disparaged Jews.

But the employee, who declined to give his name, denied making remarks that targeted Jews. He claimed instead that head office decided for business reasons to cancel its relationship with the store where he works.

The incident that prompted the "he said/she said" controversy occurred about two weeks ago when a customer entered the Thornhill store to purchase two packs of cigarettes. E.M., who asked that her full name not be used, said that when she commented about the high price of the cigarettes, she was startled by the employee's sharp response.

"He started yelling at me that it was the 'goddamn Jews' who owned all the real estate within a three-mile radius and they're gouging everyone," she recalled.

"My mouth just stopped open. I had never heard anything like that before."

When she complained about his remarks, "he walked around the counter and screamed, 'Get out of my store.'"

E.M. brought her concerns to the attention of Canadian Jewish Congress, which relayed them to Nameh Jabbour, president of Hasty Market Corporation.

In a letter to Jabbour, Len Rudner, Congress' director of community relations, quoted the employee's remarks, asked that the matter be investigated and suggested steps be taken to maintain the company's reputation.

In a written reply to Rudner, Jabbour stated he had investigated the incident and "I was met with similar views to those expressed in your letter.

"As a corporation, we certainly do not condone nor approve the views expressed in your letter attributed to the store operator nor any views that express intolerance or bigotry. As you may appreciate, as a corporation whose business is in the service of literally tens of thousands of people in our stores every day, we would and will take issue with any views expressed by those associated with our company that brings our company in disrepute in the community."

Hasty Market quickly required that the store sign be removed.

When asked to comment on the remarks attributed to him, the store employee said, "It is a lie.

"The story is based on a false accusation," he said, adding it would make no sense for him to utter such a remark since "the majority of my customers are Jewish. I would be acting against my customers."

The employee, who said he was related to the store owner, said he would like to meet the customer who registered the complaint, "to make sure she understands me and that I do not speak [against] the Jewish community."

"As far as the Jewish community is, I have nothing against it," he said, adding he has been a human rights activist.

E.M. said she had no interest in meeting the employee.

"I've never had an experience like that in my life. It was a horrible experience… very upsetting," she said.

Rudner said Congress is "impressed and pleased with the quick response of Hasty Market to this matter. It is clear Mr. Jabbour is a responsible corporate citizen who acted quickly to maintain the reputation of his company and to send a very clear message that Canada is a tolerant society."

VAUGHAN MAYOR MEETS WITH JEWISH COMMUNITY: More than 200 members of the Thornhill Jewish community came out for a "meet and greet" evening with Vaughan Mayor Michael Di Biase, right, on Sept. 9. The event, which featured a cocktail reception and presentations by Di Biase and local rabbis, took place at Chabad@Flamingo in Thornhill. Pictured with the mayor are Thornhill resident and event organizer Leslie Fluxgold, left, and Rabbi Mendel Kaplan of Chabad@Flamingo. [Photo courtesy Chabad@Flamingo]

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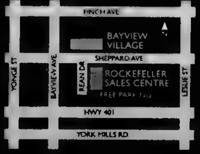
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Jewish Life

Rosh Hashanah resolutions

Books
Bernard Baskin

How are we to order or govern our lives in the next 12 months? Consider the following:

- Spend some time alone. Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav taught, "Someone who does not reserve one hour every day for oneself is not human." Happy is the person who can call a few hours a day his very own – away from the frenzied, insistent demands of family, business and community. Why should the din and tumult of society stifle the nobler promptings of the heart?
- Maintain your individuality. No two people are identical. Imitation may be the source of popularity, but not of greatness.

An ancient rabbi taught: "What a difference between an earthly king and the King of the Universe." A monarch mints coins upon which he stamps his image. They are all alike. But when the King of the Universe creates men and women in his image – untold millions of them – no two are exactly alike. God made us different. It is a divine right.

- Read a good book periodically. A house without books is like a room without windows. Bereft of the inspiration, information and delight of books, human growth and progress is slowed.

We may not agree with the philosopher who wrote: "If all the crowns of Europe were placed at my disposal on condition that I should abandon my books and studies, I should spurn the crowns and stand by the books." But we must surely agree that the person who doesn't read good books has no advantage over the person who can't read them.

- Avoid a static mind. Life is all about flux and alteration. Immobility of thought or imagination means death. Properly considered, life is not about having and getting, but about being and becoming. There is no hope for the satisfied person – and self-complacency is the companion of ignorance.
- Eliminate envy from your life. It is an ignoble passion that wastes time and energy and consumes its victims with hatred. Envy blinds us to our own virtues and blessings and magnifies those of our neighbour – his crops are always better and his cows always give more milk. The Talmud states that when the envious camel demanded horns, they cut off his ears.
- Cultivate the art of tolerance. We are all passengers on the spaceship Earth. Because we live within a stone's throw of each other is no reason to throw stones at each other. We must learn how to accept and tolerate the faults and foibles of others, if our own infirmities and errors are to be accepted in turn. Most of us have committed the Golden Rule to memory. When are we going to commit it to life? As Leo Baeck said, "Those who hold connections, respect connections."
- Make optimism, rather then pessimism, your daily philosophy. Benjamin Disraeli cited the following as the national motto of England: "Something will turn up." Pollyannaism must be shunned, but optimism is the spur to all creativity.

Ours may not be the best of all possible worlds, just the one we must make the best of, as illustrated by the story of two travellers, one a veteran and the other a novice, who were climbing in the Pyrenees. One night, they were forced to sleep on a rock where the winds howled and wailed. The frightened novice cried out, "I think this must be the end." "Oh, no," said the veteran, "This is how dawn arrives in the Pyrenees."

- Adopt a spiritual attitude toward life. At its best, such an attitude says "yes" to the universe. An open hand accomplishes more than a closed fist. This means that despite its manifold secrets and mysteries, the world displays order and makes sense. As Rabbi Akiva used to say, "Just as a door testifies that it has a carpenter, and a coat testifies that it has a weaver, so does the existence of the world testify that it has a creator."

Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it by the handle of anxiety or by the handle of faith. The world may be hard to explain with God, but it's impossible to understand without Him.

Find your family's passenger list

By ZE'EV GLICENSTEIN

Roots & Remembrance

During my ongoing research into the history of my mother's huge Toronto *mispoche*, I have attempted to locate as many ships' passenger manifests as possible that show the arrival of relatives to Canada from their various towns in Belarus, beginning about a century ago.

The recently established Web site of the National Archives' Canadian Genealogy Centre (www.genealogy.gc.ca) has helped enormously in this regard. Thanks to a joint project of the Jewish genealogical societies of Ottawa and Montreal, the site offers an index of about 200,000 Canadian naturalizations that occurred between 1915 and 1932.

In short, it's a gold mine of national heritage.

It costs $5 to apply to Ottawa for copies of the paperwork behind each naturalization. The result is a sheaf of papers that may include the immigrant's original application or petition for naturalization, a standard police report on the applicant, a handwritten oath of allegiance, a list of children and birth dates, and not-always-reliable details about the applicant's birth and entry into Canada.

The documents typically contain sentences like: "I was born at Bobruisk in the country of Russia on the 5th day of October 1887," and "I arrived at the port of Quebec on the vessel SS Corsican on or about the 1st day of August 1909."

No true genealogist can read the latter pronouncement without rushing to the nearest convenient library – for me, the North York Central Library in Toronto – that holds a set of the National Archives' microfilms of passenger arrivals to Canadian ports.

If researching passenger lists is often compared to seeking out a needle in a haystack, knowing the name of the ship and a range of dates generally reduces the size of the haystack to manageable proportions.

At the library, a finding aid indicates that Quebec manifests dating from July 25 and August 30, 1909 will be found on microfilm T-4762. The researcher threads the reel onto a microfilm reader and begins scanning pages, stopping only to read the vessel's name at the front of each new manifest. Luckily, the SS Corsican quickly appears, and a much slower scan of passengers soon turns up the sought-after relatives.

There the serendipity ends, however, because some lazy purser listed initials – I., R., L., N., Iz., G. and S. – instead of first names. Since all Jews have at least three names (Gershon, Tsvi, Hersh or Israel all being reasonable equivalents of "Harry" for example), the puzzle requires careful study of the columns showing age, sex and marital status.

But searches typically involve much more effort than in that example. Some time ago, I learned that a great-aunt gave birth to a daughter aboard ship while crossing the Atlantic, on Feb. 29 of a leap year. Pinpointing the years to either 1904 or 1908, I've searched the records of all obvious ships upon which the mother could have had a "berth," but have had no luck as yet. It hasn't been the cinch I imagined.

Even when armed with details from a naturalization file, the genealogist may still need to scroll through microfilms for hours if key details are inaccurate. The reward, however, will usually justify the effort.

The following are family surnames of Jewish arrivals at Halifax aboard the SS Numidian or the SS Grampian on Jan. 19 and Jan. 25, 1908, respectively:

- Going to Montreal or elsewhere in Quebec were Bergin, Feinstein, Israel, Karnker, Lischisky, Mizicofsky, Rosenberg, Rubin, Turlin, Weinberg and Zaslansky.
- Heading to Toronto or elsewhere in Ontario were Cagman, Schipper and Wiseman.
- Going to Winnipeg were Auerbach, Chuslowsky, Freimann, Gicharman, Goldenberg, Halperin, Ibarz, Margulis, Schalman and Schwarzmann.
- Heading to St. John, N.B. were Bialick and Zelesman.

If this column leads you to find a ship manifest for your family, please let me know. A good year to all.

Samuel Oziel remembered

By RABBI YEHIEL BEN AYON

Through A Sephardi Window

In the Shabbat morning service, there is one custom that brilliantly captures the essence of Sephardi culture. It happens during the reading of the Torah. When a man is called for an aliyah, his children, grandchildren, even great-grandchildren if he has any, as well as his sons-in-law, nephews and younger brothers, all stand up. They remain standing until the end of the aliyah, at which time they kiss him on both cheeks! It is a magnificent expression of family solidarity, warmth and honour.

Growing up in Petach Tikvah, I vividly recall the many occasions when the late Samuel Oziel was called for an aliyah. It seemed that virtually the entire congregation would stand and then go to him in honour.

While honour was something that Oziel lived by, and while it was always given to him, he never looked for it. In his constant and genuine humility, he exemplified the best of character traits of one whose life was seeped in the religious concerns of the community. His great humility was coupled with his unconditional pursuit of peace. The reality is that shalom is unfortunately sometimes just an ideal. But for Oziel, peace, harmony, acceptance, tolerance and patience were simply part of who and what he was. Involved as he was in the community, he never waded into the dirtying waters of politics.

His past was that of the sacred: music, liturgy and ritual. Coming from a family of accomplished *paytanim* (religious singers), Oziel was predeceased by his brother Isaac in Morocco and here in Canada by his brother Mose some 18 years ago. Stored in his musical mind were many centuries of old tunes from Andalusia. He was a teacher of bar mitzvah boys, a service for which he never accepted payment. He played both the violin and the piano, the masters of all the instruments. He was also a gifted painter, and in Morocco, he was choirmaster of the Shir Hashirim choir, a group that preformed for free, bringing much cheer and meaning to many occasions.

Everything Oziel did, he did with joy, always offering pleasantries and compliments to all. He never saw evil or bad in anyone or anything.

Oziel was preoccupied with the accurate transmission of his very dear heritage. As such, years ago, when he saw synagogue youth struggle to find their place in the siddur, he produced his own prayer book that would present the service in a straightforward fashion. In this way, he would facilitate the involvement of an entire new generation in prayers. Today, these siddurim for weekdays, Shabbat and holidays can be found in homes and synagogues around the world.

All this is not to say that Oziel was primarily a man for the community. He was also the most loving and devoted husband and father. He is survived by his wife Esther Oziel and their nine children and blessed with many great-grandchildren. The void he left is felt by many. *Yehi zichro baruch.*

Rosh Hashanah foods

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

The Jewish Highway

The Passover seder has matzah and maror. Chanukah nights are celebrated with latkes and soufganiyot. But what about Rosh Hashanah? While ushering in the Jewish New Year, we grace our table with apples, honey and some of the sweetest dishes of the Jewish year. Today, food and the High Holy Days.

Actually, Passover isn't the only holiday with a seder. One of the most interesting food-related customs of the upcoming holiday is the *Yehi Ratzon* or "May it be the will" Rosh Hashanah seder. On the first night of the holiday, a series of foods is eaten whose Hebrew names have dual significance. **[http://www.diaspora.org.il/holidays/newyear-sed.htm]** For example, the Hebrew word for black-eyed peas, "*rubyah*," sounds like the Hebrew word for increase, "*yirbu*." The peas are eaten and the following prayer is recited: "May it be the will of our heavenly Father that our merits increase."

Other foods in the Rosh Hashanah seder include carrots, fenugreek, beets, dates and gourds. We eat pomegranates so that "our merits increase like [the seeds of] a pomegranate," apples and honey so "that You renew us for a good and sweet year," and the head of a fish or sheep so "that we be as the head and not as the tail." **[http://www.mishpacha.com/roshhashana.shtml]**

Looking for something to eat with your sheep's head? There are plenty of Web sites bursting with New Year's suggestions. Try a Turkish Rosh Hashanah menu with Pan de Calabraza (Pumpkin Bread) and Keftes de Prasa (Leek Croquettes). **[http://www.ritualwell.org/Rituals/ritual.html?docid=550]** Mimi's Cyber Kitchen will tempt you with Beef Brisket with Onion Lemon Marmalade and a sinful (perhaps I should not use that word in a Rosh Hashanah article) Chocolate Babka. **[http://www.cyber-kit chen.com/holidays/highholidays/recipes.htm]**

But the bubbie of all lists belongs to the rec.food.cuisine.jewish archives where you will find almost 200 Rosh Hashanah recipes. **[http://makeashorterlink.com/?I29A12885]** There are five challah recipes, 19 tzimmes varieties and an even larger assortment of honey cakes. If you're still hungry, check out the Jewish-food High Holidays Archives. **[http://www.jewish-food.org/recipes/hhoindex.htm]**

If you prefer to enjoy your holiday meals without meat, you may want to pick up the *Jewish Vegetarian Year Cookbook* by Roberta Kalechofsky and Rosa Rasiel. You can read a review of the cookbook online and sample two of their offerings: Mock Chopped Liver and Van Gogh's Potatoes. **[http://makeashorterlink.com/?D40C253D5]**

Speaking of vegetarianism, Richard Schwartz suggests that Rosh Hashanah is the ideal time to switch to a meatless diet. Here is the first of the nine reasons he presents: "While Jews ask God on Rosh Hashanah for a healthy year, non-vegetarian diets have been linked to heart disease, strokes, several forms of cancer, and other illnesses." **[http://schwartz.enviroweb.org/rosh_and_veg.html]**

This year, on the second afternoon of Rosh Hashanah, Jews will go to a nearby stream or body of water to perform the ritual of Tashlich. **[http://207.168.91.4/vjholidays/rosh/tashlich.htm]** Prayers are recited and sins are symbolically tossed into the depths. Some people even shake out the hems of their clothing while others toss breadcrumbs into the waters. With that in mind, here's a tongue-in-cheek look at the custom.

"Taking a few crumbs on Rosh Hashanah to throw into the water for the Tashlich ceremony from whatever old bread is in the house lacks subtlety, nuance and religious sensitivity. Instead, this coming Rosh Hashanah consider these options: **[http://www.kolel.org/pages/holidays/RoshHashanah_tashlich.html]**

- For ordinary sins, use white bread
- For sins committed in haste, matzah
- For immodest dressing, tarts
- For causing injury or damage to others, tortes
- For committing car theft, caraway
- For substance abuse, stoned wheat
- For being holier than thou, bagels
- For sins of pride, puff pastry
- For unfairly upbraiding another, challah
- And for wearing tasteless hats, Tam Tams."

Warning: Since I first mentioned this site a few years ago, the list has lengthened and the puns have worsened! **[http://www.davka.org/what/text/sermonics/tashlich.html]**

- For gluttony, pound cake
- For flaunting wealth in the form of fancy cars, Rolls
- And for rabbis whose sermons are too long, shortnin' bread.

Enjoy your soul food and have a very happy and healthy year.

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Women raise funds for breast cancer research

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Eighteen-year-old Alanna Petroff is one of the youngest participants in the upcoming Weekend to End Breast Cancer, a three-day event with a 60-km walk spread over this Saturday and Sunday. Petroff was also one of the first of more than 3,500 walkers to inquire about registering last winter.

The event will benefit the Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation. Funds raised will be used for breast cancer research, patient care and educational programs at Princess Margaret Hospital, the largest institution in Canada exclusively devoted to cancer care.

The weekend is the first event of its kind in Canada, Neville Kirchmann, president and CEO of the foundation, said in a news release. "Millions of dollars has been raised for breast cancer research through similar events in dozens of cities across the United States."

Above: Paula Seigel and her son, Dylan. Right: Alanna Petroff.
[Frances Kraft photos]

Petroff, a Thornhill resident who recently started Carleton University's journalism program, was so moved last winter by a radio commercial for the fundraiser that she began to cry, she recalls. The ad ends, "I lost my sister to breast cancer, and I don't want to lose anyone else."

Petroff's father Ian died of a rare form of cancer in 1998, and her grandmother is a long-term breast cancer survivor.

As of last week, Petroff had raised $6,061.60 – more than three times the minimum $2,000 requested of each participant. Originally she thought $2,000 was ambitious, but event coaches encouraged her to set an even higher goal.

Of her total, $50.60 was collected at a reception to honour a group of scholarship applicants, including Petroff. The scholarship committee knew of her fundraising and put out a collection basket on her behalf, she said.

In addition to soliciting individual and corporate donations, Petroff, an artist who worked on commissions over the summer, organized a fundraiser tea and silent auction.

Paula Seigel, who was diagnosed with breast cancer last November, is also a determined walker. Although she had never been involved in fundraising, the 32-year-old Grade 1 teacher and mother of two (4-year-old Jayden and one-year-old Dylan), is one of the event's top five individual fundraisers, according to the event web site, www.endcancer.ca.

Seigel has raised almost $30,000 single-handedly. Her team of three dozen family, friends and supporters – Paula's Possee – has raised a combined total of more than $110,000.

Seigel and her husband, Geoff, who is also taking part in the walk, originally attended an orientation meeting because Paula's cousin was on the organizing committee. Others at the meeting were moved to tears when Geoff Seigel stood up and said he was there for his wife, who had been looking to get involved in a support group or event.

Despite undergoing chemotherapy at Princess Margaret Hospital from January to June, Seigel was determined to be involved. She has appeared on television and was interviewed for *Toronto Fashion*, a glossy magazine in which she was featured in June.

Accompanying the article was a striking photograph of Seigel, with dazzling smile, professionally applied make-up and a completely bald head, having lost her hair to chemotherapy but looking for all the world like a fashion model.

Currently, the Seigels are involved in Rethink Breast Cancer, a charitable organization geared toward young adults in their 20s and 30s.

She said that women, particularly younger women, need to be "aware of their bodies" and to learn to examine their own breasts. Breast cancer is commonly thought of as an older women's disease, Seigel said, but since she was diagnosed she has met many women with breast cancer who are younger than she is.

One in nine Canadian women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, organizers say.

When Seigel discovered a lump in her breast, she was eight months pregnant. Although her doctor did not think it was cancer, and two ultrasounds showed nothing, Seigel was "very persistent.

"You really have to take charge of your health," she said.

Only after a needle biopsy did she learn that she had Stage I breast cancer. "My prognosis is very good."

Over the winter, Seigel did strength training and yoga, and took 5-km walks to prepare for the weekend event.

She fundraised by e-mailing and talking to people. Seigel's story, as told on her Web page (accessible from the event Web site) has prompted donations from people she hasn't seen in years as well as some she doesn't even know, including donors from overseas, she said.

Seigel writes that she was lucky to catch her disease early, and to live in a city with a facility such as Princess Margaret Hospital.

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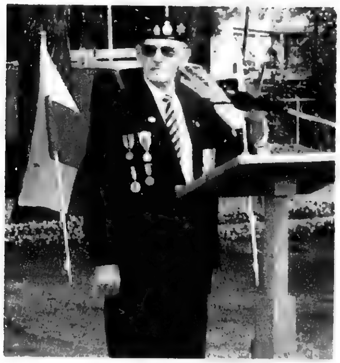

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Winchevsky school marks 75 years of Yiddishkeit

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

On Sept. 21, the Morris Winchevsky School will mark its 75th anniversary with a day-long celebration of Yiddishkeit culminating in a gala concert and reception.

It's a fitting theme for a school that has been devoted to the study of Yiddish language and culture since its inception in 1928, says Maxine Hermolin, executive director of the Morris Winchevsky School and the United Jewish People's Order (UJPO).

"The school was founded by Eastern European immigrants who had a love and passion for Yiddishkeit and *weltlechkeit* [worldliness]. That continues to be the foundation of the Morris Winchevsky School.

"We continue to teach Yiddish culture, Jewish history, holiday traditions along with social justice issues that are relevant in contemporary society."

A reunion of alumnae at 10 a.m. at the Morris Winchevsky Centre (585 Cranbrooke Ave.) will kick off the day of festivities, which will include workshops, refreshments and a sing-along. The keynote address will be delivered at 11 a.m by Ester Reiter, a professor of sociology and women's studies at Atkinson College at York University. She will speak on the history of Yiddish schools in North America.

The highlight of the day is KLEZ- MORE!, a gala concert of Jewish music followed by a reception. KLEZ- MORE! takes place at 7:30 p.m. at the Isabel Bader Theatre (93 Charles St.)

The featured performers are Yiddish soloist Dave Wall and pianist Marilyn Lerner, both of the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band; the Klezmer Swingtet, which performs a fusion of swing and klezmer music; and singer/songwriter Batsheva. Children's entertainer Sharon Hampson, formerly of Sharon, Lois and Bram and an alumna of the Winchevsky school, will be the evening's MC.

"We're hoping that the broad range of the concert's musical repertoire will attract alumnae and the broader Jewish community," says Hermolin.

Video interviews of Winchevsky alumnae spanning several generations will be interspersed with the music.

"It will be an opportunity for people to have a glimpse of the school throughout the decades," she says, noting that her own family has been involved with Winchevsky and UJPO for four generations.

"My grandmother, Eva Swartz, arrived in Toronto a widow with three young children. When she discovered [UJPO], she found a school and camp for her children and a community for herself.

"She passed on her passion for the organization to my mother [Lee Schechter]. She shared it with my father and her children. All my children have been through the school. They've taught in the school. They've contributed to the organization. It's a passion we all share."

Winchevsky class from the 1940s.

She says the school's founders were visionaries who created a community for themselves and their children. "They were social activists with a vision for a better world."

A cornerstone of this vision was the establishment of the Winchevsky School, where social justice, civil rights and other progressive ideas, as well as Yiddish language and culture, could be passed on to the next generation, Hermolin says.

In the early years, the students attended four afternoons a week and were immersed in an intensive Yiddish language program. For the last 30 years, the school has run on Sundays only.

Other events for the anniversary celebration at the Winchevsky Centre venue include a singalong at noon, and a workshop called "B'nai Mitzvah: the Secular Way," which will be led by Leslie and Shane Dyson of the Vancouver Peretz Centre. The daytime events are free.

Concert/ reception tickets start at $25 for students and seniors and $35 for adults. To purchase tickets or for more information about 75th anniversary events, call 416-789-5502.

Eggleton among Liberals opposing Al-Jazeera

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- an e-mail read on the Al-Jazeera program *The Opposite Direction* that "[Jews are] the descendants of apes and pigs [who] will not be deterred unless there is a true Holocaust that will exterminate all of them at once."

Toronto-area MP Art Eggleton said Al-Jazeera's presence in Canada "would be a detriment to Canadian society. The hatred spoken over the airwaves by Al-Jazeera could well contravene Canada's hate laws."

Eggleton said that in recent years Canada has experienced a rise in anti-Semitism tied to events in the Middle East. Adding Al-Jazeera to the roster of cable offerings would add to the incitement against Jews, he said.

Montreal-area MP Jacques Saada said that "Al-Jazeera is a station which has a history of allowing the distribution of materials that are contrary to our Canadian laws and Charter. I don't think Canada has anything to gain by being exposed to hate propaganda. Allowing it would go against the grain of who we are as Canadians."

Coincidentally, one of Al-Jazeera's star reporters, Tayssir Alluni, was charged in Spain last week with having links with Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda terror network.

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Yossi Klein Halevi

Tue. Nov. 4, 2003, at 8 p.m.

Yossi Klein Halevi is the Israeli correspondent for the *New Republic,* a regular commentator for the *Jerusalem Post and* author of *Memoirs of a Jewish Extremist: an American Story* and *At the Entrance of the Garden of Eden.*
Introduction: Irshad Manji

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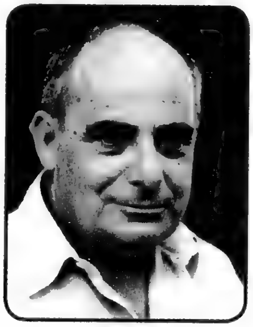

Hirsh Goodman is the Founding Editor of the *Jerusalem Report,* a Senior Research Associate at The Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University and the author of numerous articles on Israel.
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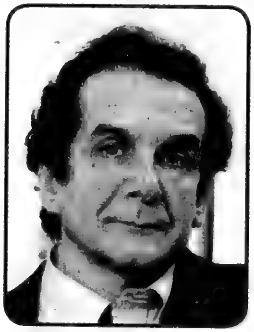

Charles Krauthammer is a regular *Washington Post* columnist, and one of the most influential commentators on American foreign affairs, especially as they relate to Israel and the Middle East.
Introduction: Gerald Schwartz

Michael Oren

Tue. Nov. 25, 2003, at 8 p.m.

Michael Oren is a Senior Fellow at the Shalem Center in Jerusalem, and the author of *Six Days of War: The Making of the Modern Middle East* and of many essays on the Middle East.
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New CJC staffer sets sights on small Ont. communities

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Thumbtacks dot the map of Ontario hanging behind the desk of Arieh Rosenblum, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region's new director of community development.

The thumbtacks mark the location of each of his charges – the 27 unfederated Jewish communities across the province.

Rosenblum, 34, who replaces Michael Soberman, is responsible for a group of staff who develop programs for all Ontario Jewish communities, except Windsor, London, Hamilton, Toronto and Ottawa. "There is no other province where the Jewish community is so diffuse," he says.

"My position is unique in that it is split between CJC and United Israel Appeal. I am involved with providing educational programming, as well as fundraising."

Most of the unfederated communities have old and strong Jewish roots and a tremendous amount of history and experience, says Rosenblum. "While that is a strength, it also presents a challenge because the communities are aging.

"We offer a connection to the broader Jewish community by providing a wealth of educational resources, and showing them that we have a genuine interest in their continuity."

'We provide a wealth of educational resources'

Jews in smaller communities have consistently maintained their interest in Jewish causes and have an appreciation of our values, culture and religion, says Rosenblum.

"They show a value of family and community that perhaps is not so readily observed in larger communities. They take nothing for granted. People in large cities should learn from that."

He says he plans to spend much of his time travelling across the province, "because it is of critical importance to establish personal relationships. Something is missing unless we meet on a personal level."

CJC and UIA is sensitive to the fact many of these communities are dwindling because teens go off to university and often don't come back, Rosenblum says. "This is not the case of every community, but we have to be responsible for those that need us."

Jewish leaders in small communities often have connection with local political leaders, he says, and they can use this relationship to promote the interests of Israel and the Jewish people. "This voice is something that cannot be discounted."

Among the programs offered by his staff are a Holocaust teacher training session, adult education series on various topics, a number of programs about Israel, and Shabbat dinners and Jewish music evenings.

CJC also runs a program for youth that culminates in a trip to Israel, and has an educational consultant to help Hebrew schools develop their curriculums.

"It's quite a challenge, and in the next number of months I expect to get everywhere I need to go. I'm looking forward to meeting some very interesting and active people."

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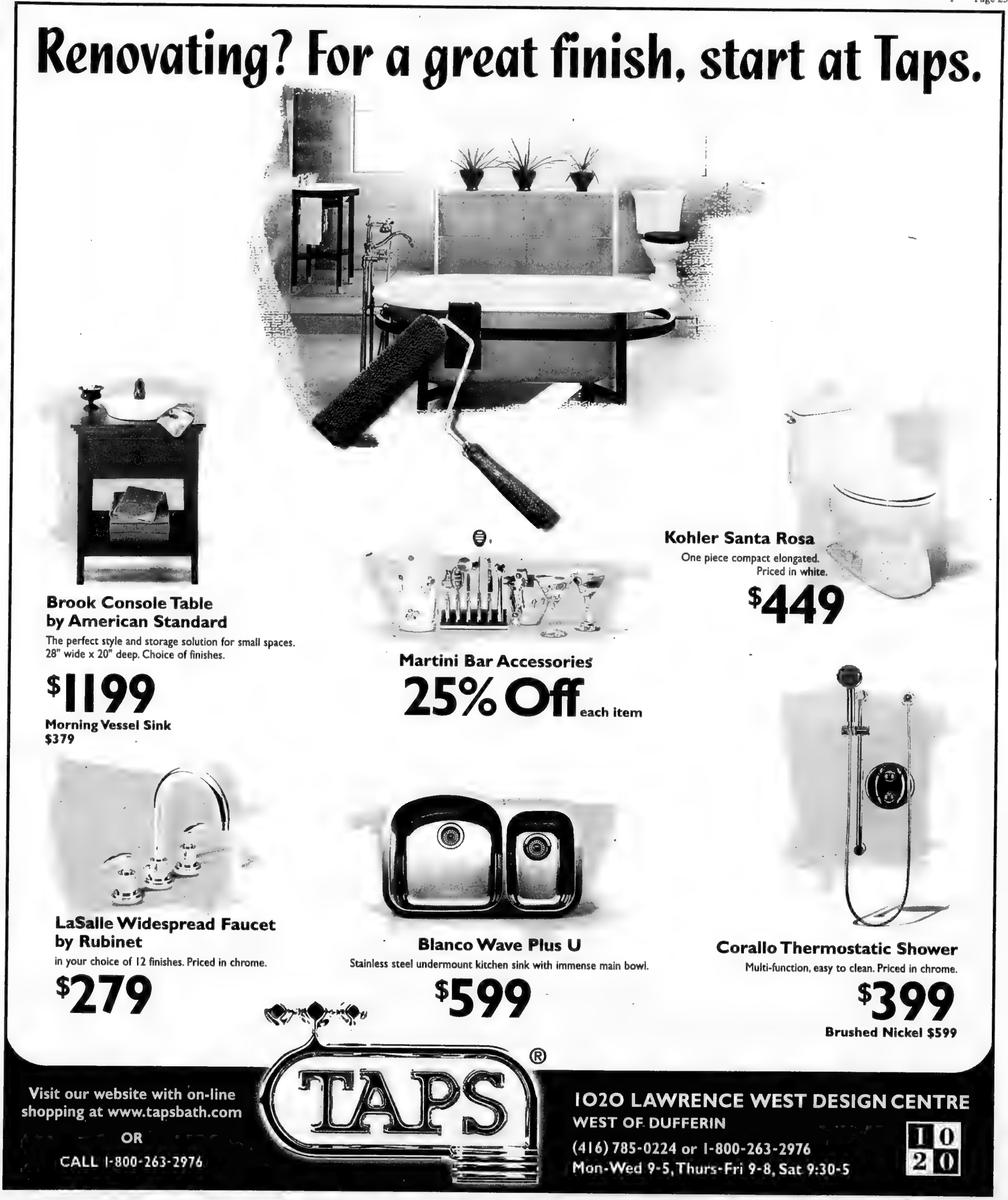

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Photo exhibit displays commonalities, differences

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

Students in photography program teach each other.

During the past year, as suicide bombings and military responses increased the divide between Palestinians and Israelis, a group of 20 teenagers went into each other's homes armed with cameras and a desire to overcome their apprehensions about each other.

The Israeli Jewish and Arab students were enrolled in a photography class at the Givat Haviva Educational Centre, where they learned about more than aperture, lighting and how to develop black and white photos. After three months of classroom work, they were sent on a field trip to snap photos of whatever they chose. The only requirement: Jewish students had to take their cameras into Arab homes and Arab students had to take their cameras into Jewish homes.

The pictures, which will be on display at the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre until Sept. 22, capture elements of commonality, moments of discovery and simple acts of sharing. Cultural differences pepper the exhibit with honest tensions.

"For many of the kids, it was the first time they ever went inside a home of the other," said Etti Amran, the director of the program at the centre, which was founded in 1949 by the Kibbutz Artzi Movement.

Today, formal and informal educational programs are offered for adults and children in a broad range of professional and academic fields. Their catalogue says their classes encourage dialogue and understanding between Jews and Arabs by forcing them to confront stereotypes and learn to deal with those different from themselves.

When the students go into each other's rooms, they can't help but notice that "more is the same than is different," Amran said. They see familiar posters on the walls, hear recognizable music and step over the usual mess of clothes on the floor.

At the beginning of each photography program, the school meets with the parents to explain the requirements. Interestingly, they always want to talk politics, but the kids tell them to stop, Amram said.

After the year is over, the teenagers tend to remain friends, Amram said, but noted that moderate students are more likely to enrol. Those with more radical points of view would never register for this kind of a class.

For more information, call Canadian Friends of Givat Haviva at 416-736-9655.

Photo from "Through other's Eyes," an exhibition at the Miles Nadal Centre.

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Israeli firms promote delicacies at Toronto Fine Foods Expo

By **JENNIFER M. PAQUETTE**
Special to the CJN

At one time, "Israeli food" meant falafel, or, in the grocery store, greasy fried snacks or Passover chocolate bars.

But now, as the Fine Foods from Israel Expo proved earlier this month, Israeli foods are sweet, sour, nutritious, crunchy, frozen, organic, fresh-baked, convenient – and delicious!

Thirty-one Israeli companies offered up their newest and best in an afternoon for 150 invitees at the Richmond Hill Country Club on Sept. 3. Aimed at buyers, distributors, caterers and other food-service personnel, the event's goal, said Israeli Trade Commissioner Benjamin Noy, was to offer them "the opportunity to talk… to make contacts, take cards."

But the exhibitors were handing out more than cards. Samples of tasty Israeli fare flew off the tables – sometimes piping hot.

Canadian distributors Yossi and David Hazan of King David Pizza showed off a "bake in the pack" tray that takes Israeli bourekas and rugelach straight from freezer to oven.

Effie Wiesel of Bagel Bites served up fresh food of a different kind. The U.S.-based importer for Jerusalem's 75-year-old Angel Bakeries said his cakes, cookies and rugelach "taste no different" from bakery-bought fare. "People tell me it tastes as good as they remember from Israel."

He said he is so pleased with his existing market in Montreal that he is now expanding eastward.

Wiesel has good reason to appreciate the Canadian market. According to Noy, we spent $20 million on Israeli food between January and August, a 30 per cent increase over the same period last year. Consumers are increasingly aware of Israeli products, and buyers from Sobey's, Kosher City and other stores browsed displays for exciting products to offer shoppers.

A true Israeli success story, Zoglo's Meatless Cuisine displayed new fresh and frozen foods, including ready-to-bake Yemenite desserts.

Zoglo's has expanded far beyond the traditional Jewish market with high-quality soy and tofu items bearing kosher, halal, non-GMO (genetically modified organisms) and FDA Heart Smart certification.

Checking out the variety of Israeli foods at the fine food expo. [Stephen Epstein / Big Dipper Communications]

Local importer Yael Ender said buying Israeli products supports the state's economy in a way donations alone can't. And there's no reason not to buy, she said. "The products are excellent."

Another frozen convenience food in the spotlight was Dorot brand garlic cubes. Kibbutz-grown and preservative-free, they help home chefs by cutting preparation time and eliminating waste.

Noy said he was pleased with the event's turnout and "ambience."

The Toronto initiative was backed by the finefoodsisrael.com Web site, which links North Americans with quality Israeli brands.

Consumers often simply don't know the products exist, Noy said, so they choose Italian or Spanish olive oil when "before Rome was built, olive oil techniques were passed down in Israel for thousands of years."

But even with traditional foods such as olive oil, Israelis are innovating, as with a new process that solidifies olive oil into a spread form, without the hydrogenation process used in many margarines.

"You can eat it on sliced bread in the morning… it has a lovely flavour," said Yael Shahin of Montreal's IVAM Group, which distributes the spread. IVAM also imports carob, date and nut spreads.

There were even a few surprises from Elite Industries, one of the most familiar Israeli brands. Yaakov Baron, a broker for Elite, said that while Canadians associate Elite products with Passover, we will soon see coffee, candy, baked goods and snack items year-round.

Baron also represents Taamiko Foods, instant baby foods that he believes can compete with domestic brands. First, he said, "they have a very strong kashrut [certification]," with a "Badatz" hechsher. As well, many expatriate Israelis miss these familiar products, and"the pricing is very competitive."

Of course, no food event before Rosh Hashanah would be complete without honey, and Israel's largest apiary, Yad Mordechai (in which Elite recently acquired a 51 per cent share), was on hand to sweeten the event.

Yad Mordechai products are imported exclusively by David Kaplan of Israel's Judaica through his Israel Candy Company.

Noy also praised Israeli wines, a major import for the holidays, saying "they're among the finest in the world."

Janet Klugsberg of Mazel Wines said, "Kosher wine doesn't have to be sweet. Israeli wines rival any around." For the upcoming holidays, she recommended Gamla Cabernet Sauvignon 2000, which "has wonderful black currant, jammy flavours… for soft and easy drinking."

Carol Slatt of Lorac Wine, which imports Carmel wines, said the Carmel Muscat dessert wine is "beautiful for the sukkah." She also suggested sparkling wines, such as Carmel's Cuvée Brut Reserve.

Slatt's company is vocal about supporting Israel. "Yes, we all give, buy bonds," she said. "But when you buy [products], you support Israel directly, which is the highest mitzvah."

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Beth Tikvah welcomes Cantor Kovari to shul

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

The bookshelves in Cantor Tibor Kovari's office at Beth Tikvah Synagogue were still virtually empty during a late August interview, but on his desk were four neatly stacked, hefty black binders filled with the synagogue's music.

"This is a synagogue with a great tradition in music. It's known for being a singing congregation," said Kovari, 30, who moved here recently from Halifax, where he spent three years as cantor, baal koreh, teacher and youth leader at Beth Israel Synagogue.

Cantor Tibor Kovari

Among his initial goals in Toronto is to master Beth Tikvah's extensive repertoire. He has already begun rehearsing with the synagogue choir, which is directed by Eyal Bitton.

An afficionado of traditional chassidic music, Kovari, a baritone, said he likes "every single aspect of Jewish music." He also likes congregational singing, he said, and he hopes that when people leave one of his services that they will not only be moved, but will feel that "they personally – not the cantor – had a wonderful davening experience.

"I want everybody in the congregation to feel that had a part in the service."

Three years ago, Kovari, a native of Romania, moved to Canada with his wife Isabela, now a recent computer science graduate of Dalhousie University. She also worked as an Israeli dance specialist at Camp Kadimah in Nova Scotia.

Born in Cluj, Kovari moved with his parents at age 6 to Oradea, which at that time probably had about 1,500 Jews, he said. Today, its Jewish community numbers around 550.

Living under Communist rule until 1989, Jews in Romania were able to practise their religion, but discreetly, said Kovari. He attended twice-weekly Talmud Torah and sang in a Jewish youth choir called Hakeshet Oradea (the Oradea Rainbow), where he learned hundreds of Jewish songs.

That experience had a significant impact on him, he said, as did a local performance he attended at age 14, by visiting chazzanim including Cantor David Bagley, who has since retired and Cantor Yaakov Motzen, now cantor at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. "That was my first experience with cantorial music," Kovari said.

Also, his two grandfathers, both Holocaust survivors, had excellent voices and taught him Hungarian operetta arias, he recalled. His maternal grandfather, Endre Schwartz, edited *Uj Kelet* (New Sunrise), the Cluj-based Hungarian-language Jewish newspaper that moved to Israel during Romania's Communist years.

Kovari decided after graduating from high school that he wanted to learn more about Judaism, and moved to Hungary to study for four years at the Conservative movement's Jewish Theological Seminary in Budapest, along with other students from former Communist countries.

His mother and late father, both physicians, were very supportive, he said.

Kovari continued his Judaic studies at Ohr Somayach Tanenbaum Educational Center in Monsey, N.Y., from 1996 to 1997, then returned to Romania to work for the Jewish community and pursue cantorial studies at Romania's Federation of Jewish Communities in Bucharest for three years. While there, he served as cantor and director of Jewish education for the Romanian Jewish community; and as acting rabbi, Jewish studies and Hebrew language teacher for Bucharest's Lauder-REUT Jewish School and Kindergarten.

He also met his wife at that time, when she was working as national secretary of the Tnuat Aliyah movement in Romania.

They married in 2000 in Bucharest and immigrated to Canada with the hope of living and eventually raising children in a more Jewish environment.

In Halifax, they opened their apartment to about 40 students for weekly Shabbat dinners. "I really enjoy working with youth and students," said Kovari, who will be involved in developing a new bar/bat mitzvah program at Beth Tikvah.

While it's still early to say, he may even organize a synagogue basketball league. The 6'5" cantor played on a national silver medal-winning team while in school.

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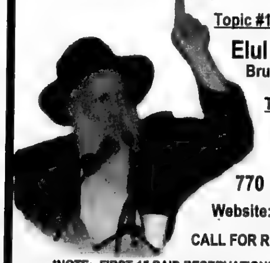

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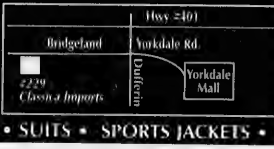

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Recipes for a happy Holiday from COR

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HUNGARIAN GOULASH

SOUP or STEW

Authentic Hungarian paprika provides the colour and flavour in this soup. It can be served as a thin or thick soup or as a stew.

3 tbsp. olive or vegetable oil
2 large tomatoes, peeled and chopped
2 large onions, thinly sliced
8 cups water, approximately
2-4 garlic cloves, minced
2 medium potatoes, peeled and cubed
1 tsp. caraway seeds
2 tsp. salt
2 tbsp. Hungarian paprika
½ tsp. pepper
2 lbs. stewing beef or veal (cubed)

Heat the oil and gently stir in the onion, garlic, caraway and paprika; cook until tender. Add the meat and stir until well browned. Add the tomato and enough water to cover all the ingredients, adding more if necessary to prevent over-browning. Cook for 30 minutes. Add the potatoes and more water to reach desired consistency. Cover and simmer until meat and potatoes are well cooked, about 30 minutes. Taste and season with salt and pepper.

Garnish with green pepper rings and fresh tomato wedges. If the consistency is very thick, you may want to serve it with a fork and mop up the juices with bread. Serves 8.

LEMONY VEAL CUTLETS

6 thin veal cutlets
dash black pepper
2 eggs, beaten
6 tbsp. lemon juice
3 tbsp. flour
3 tbsp. capers
1½ cups dry bread crumbs
3 tbsp. chopped green onions
3 tsp. olive oil
3 tsp. margarine

Dip each veal cutlet into beaten egg. Set aside. Combine the flour and bread crumbs on a plate and coat each veal cutlet in the mixture. Set aside.

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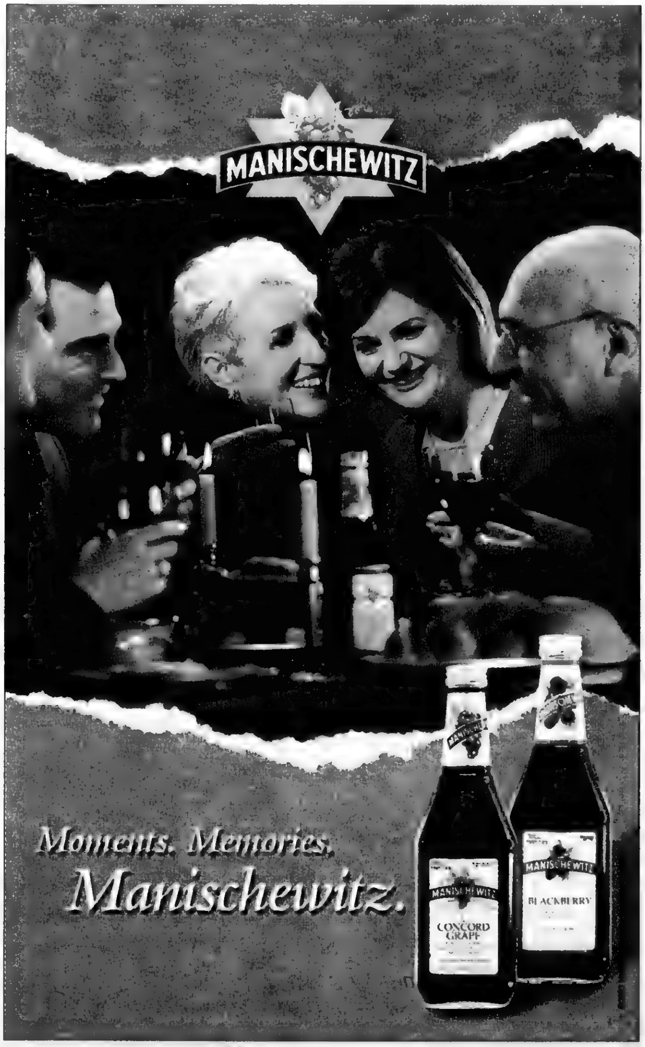

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1/2 cup	sliced celery	1/4 tsp	each salt & pepper
1/4 cup	slivered green pepper	8	eggs
		1/4 cup	milk

- Drain salmon and separate into chunks with a fork; set aside.
- Melt butter in large 12-inch (30 cm) non-stick frying pan.
- Add mushrooms, vegetables, onions, garlic, basil, oregano, salt & pepper to pan.
- Sautée over high heat until vegetables are tender-crisp; remove from heat.
- Beat together eggs and milk; pour over vegetables in pan.
- Arrange chunks of salmon over top.
- Cover and cook over medium-low heat 10 to 15 minutes or until eggs are set.

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Heat the oil and margarine in a large skillet over medium heat for 20-30 seconds. Add the breaded cutlets and cook for 2 minutes on one side. If they overlap, cook in two batches. Turn and sprinkle with black pepper. Add the lemon juice, capers and green onions. Cook an additional 2 minutes. Remove from skillet and serve.

Variation: Preheat oven to 350. Heat the oil and margarine. Place the cutlets in a roasting pan and bake for 5-6 minutes, turning if necessary. Serves 6.

BULGUR AND CHICK PEA SALAD

1 cup bulgur
1 tbsp. dry wine
water
1 tbsp. vinegar
1 can chick peas, drained and rinsed
2 tbsp. olive oil
1 lb cherry tomatoes, quartered
salt and pepper to taste
1 cup chopped flat leaf parsley
6 green onions, thinly sliced

Garnishes:
lettuce, olives, cubed cucumber and lemon wedges
4 tsp. pine nuts, toasted (optional)

Place the bulgur in a bowl and cover with cold water. Let soak for 30 minutes. Drain in a fine sieve, shaking to remove excess water. Return to bowl. Add chick peas, tomatoes, parsley and green onions. Mix well. Add the wine, vinegar, olive oil, salt and pepper. Mix well to combine. Heap the mixture onto a plate on a bed of lettuce. Garnish with olives, cucumber and lemon wedges. Sprinkle with toasted pine nuts. Serves 6.

Variation: Use couscous in place of the bulgur, using the same method as for the bulgur. For dairy, add ¼ cup crumbled feta cheese.

ROASTED PEPPER MEDLEY

6 tbsp. olive oil
4 large red bell peppers, roasted, cut into strips*
⅓ cup pine nuts
4 large yellow bell peppers, roasted, cut into strips*
3 tbsp. balsamic vinegar
⅓ cup golden raisins
1 medium garlic clove, minced
salt and black pepper to taste

In a small skillet, heat 1 tbsp. of the olive oil over medium heat. Add the pine nuts and stir constantly until lightly browned. Immediately remove from heat, transfer to a small bowl and set aside.

In a jar, combine vinegar, garlic and remaining oil. Shake well until emulsified. Can also be processed in a food processor.

Add peppers, pine nuts and raisins. Toss gently and season with salt and pepper. Serve at room temperature.

*To roast peppers, broil until they are charred and blistered. Place in a paper bag for a few minutes to cool. Place the peppers in a bowl, pull off the skin and remove the stems, membranes and seeds. Strain and use the juices in a soup. Serves 6.

Note: Add green and orange bell peppers for a colourful salad.

EUROPEAN APPLE STRUDEL

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3 large apples, peeled, cored and chopped
6 phyllo leaves
⅓ cup pine nuts or sunflower seeds (optional)
3 tbsp. melted margarine
¼ tsp. lemon juice
2 tbsp. bread crumbs
1½ tsp. grated lemon rind
1 tsp. cinnamon
2 tsp. brown sugar

Preheat oven to 400. Combine apples, pine nuts or sunflower seeds, lemon juice and rind. Place 2 phyllo leaves on a lightly dampened cloth. Brush top leaf with melted margarine.

Repeat, layering and brushing twice more, using the 6 leaves. Sprinkle with bread crumbs. Distribute the apple filling 2 inches from the long edge. Sprinkle with cinnamon and brown sugar. Fold over the ends. Fold long edge over the filling.

Roll up, jelly roll fashion and place on baking sheet lined with tin foil and slightly oiled, with the seam side down. Score the top in 10 places with a sharp knife about 1½ inches apart. Brush with remaining margarine. Bake 25 minutes or until golden. Yield: 10 slices.

KIWI AND PEACHES IN RUM

3 kiwis, peeled and diced
2 tsp. brown sugar
2 peaches or nectarines, sliced
1 tbsp. lime juice
1 tbsp. rum or rum extract

Combine the kiwis and peaches. Add the brown sugar and lime juice and let stand for 30 minutes. Add the rum and let stand for 1 hour. Serve in individual dessert glasses. Serves 6.

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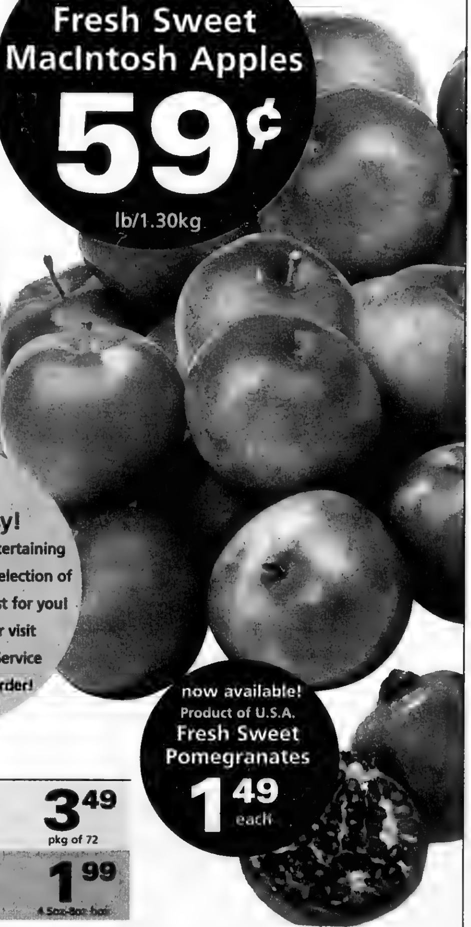

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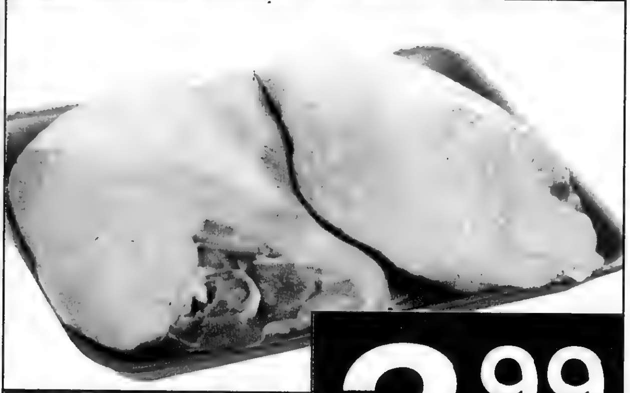

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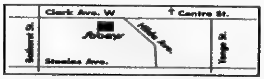

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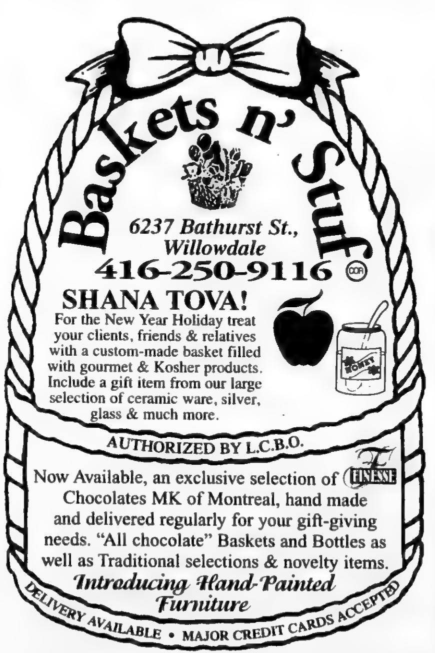

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Holiday Food Ideas

Cooking with 'pan-pals'

BY NORENE GILLETZ
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I spend countless hours each day at my computer, reading recipes and searching for ideas for my cookbooks and food articles, inspired by foodie-friends from all over the world. Although many of us have never met, we are connected through a culinary umbilical cord. In culinary cyberspace, we are called "pan-pals," not pen-pals! We share our recipes, experiences, inspirations and food memories, travelling through time zones with just a quick click of the mouse.

These are some of the recipes shared with me by friends from near and far. I hope you enjoy these delicious dishes for the upcoming High Holy Days… or any time of year.

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My friend Beverley Gordon of Toronto loves to cook. She comes most Wednesday afternoons to help me test recipes, often shlepping bagfuls of ingredients for our culinary adventures. I test a few recipes, Bev marks down my notes, then they are entered into the computer.She kindly shared this family favourite with me, which she got from a cousin years ago.

Beverley says: "I associate September with Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and new beginnings. Rosh Hashanah dinner would not be the same if I forgot to make this wonderful side dish. It is a sweet blend of root vegetables, plentiful at this time of the year. It can be made a day in advance and reheats well."

BEV GORDON'S
CARROT AND SWEET POTATO TZIMMES

3 sweet potatoes, peeled
1 squash, peeled and seeded
4 large carrots, peeled
24 pitted prunes, halved
1 cup orange juice
1 tsp. grated orange rind
1/4 cup brown sugar
1 tsp. cinnamon (optional)
salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 375. Cut sweet potatoes and squash into a 1-inch dice. Slice carrots into 1/2-inch slices. Combine vegetables with prunes, orange juice, orange rind, brown sugar, cinnamon, salt and pepper in a 9x13-inch greased baking dish. Cover with foil and bake for 40 minutes. Uncover and bake 20 minutes longer, stirring occasionally. Yield: 8 servings.

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Jamie Stolper is the co-founder and food editor of www.ShalomBoston.com and we've become "pan-pals" over the miles. She was good enough to share this yummy chicken recipe with me that is part of the excellent recipe collection on their Web site. It is a variation of a recipe she found on the Aish HaTorah Web site, a favourite of the ShalomBoston.com staff. This recipe is now one of her family's favourites as well.

The name and the taste are perfect for Rosh Hashanah, but you can enjoy this year round. You might think it is a very sweet dish, but the soy sauce and spices tone down the sweetness. The end result is a tasty and different chicken dish that you will be proud to serve.

JAMIE STOLPER'S CHICKEN
WITH APPLES AND HONEY

2 cut-up chickens (approximately 3 lbs. each)
2 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 tsp. pepper
5 oz. dried apple rings, chopped or cut into small pieces
2 golden delicious apples, chopped
1 cup honey
1/2 cup apple juice
1/2 cup soy sauce

Preheat oven to 350. Place chicken pieces in baking pan skin side up. Mix together the cinnamon, nutmeg and pepper, and sprinkle over the chicken. (Use a small fine sieve for even sprinkling.) Throw the dry and fresh apples on top of the chicken. Combine the honey, apple juice and soy sauce and pour over the chicken. Make sure to soak all the dry apples, as they will burn otherwise.

Bake for 1 to 1 1/2 hours. If the chicken needs more browning, remove the pieces to another pan and broil for a few minutes, watching carefully. Scrape the sauce from the first pan into a bowl to serve as "extra" or pour over the chicken when done cooking. (The sauce will burn if it cooks too much or at too high a temperature.) Serve hot or at room temperature. Makes 8 servings.

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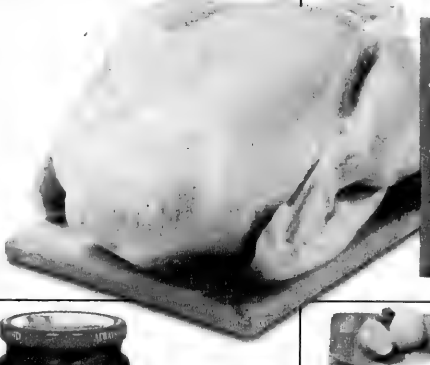

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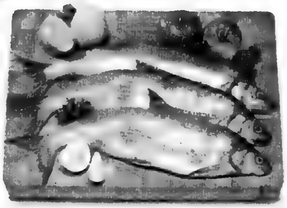

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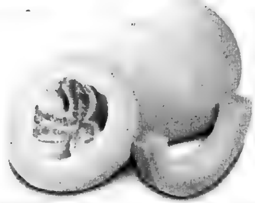

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Ruth Saddick and I forged our culinary connection when she wrote me all the way from Australia. She was asked to give a cooking demonstration at a bridal shower and made my challah recipe from *The Food Processor Bible*. Her demonstration was such a success that many of the guests told her they were going to buy my book! Ruth writes a cooking column for the *Macabbean* called *The Recipe Scribbler.* She comes from Singapore and has a passion for dishes that are exotic and elegant, yet simple to prepare. She asked me to share some entertaining tips and a recipe with her readers in Australia, which I gladly did. In return, she shared this special rice dish with me for my Canadian readers.

Ruth writes: "This rice dish symbolizes the hope and sweetness we pray for on Rosh Hashanah eve. Please make sure that the saffron you use is genuine. It is the world's most expensive spice, but for Rosh Hashanah, only the best will do! Make sure you purchase true saffron, avoiding turmeric as a substitute. Turmeric will give you colour, but not the exquisite flavour and colour of saffron."

RUTH SADDICK'S
SWEET AND FRAGRANT SPICY SAFFRON PILAU

2½ cups Indian basmati rice
¼ tsp. saffron threads (or 1/8 tsp. saffron powder)
1 tbsp. hot water
2 tbsp. light olive oil
1 onion, finely sliced
1 small stick cinnamon
5 cardamon pods, bruised
5 cloves
5 cups hot stock or water
2 tsp. salt
2 tbsp. sultana raisins
¼ cup toasted slivered almonds
¼ cup green peas (optional)

Wash the rice, then drain it in a colander and leave to rest for about 30 minutes. If using saffron threads, toast them for a minute in a dry frying pan, taking care not to burn or darken them. Turn them out onto a saucer and leave for a minute or two to become cool and crisp; then crush to a powder with the back of a spoon. Dissolve the powder in the tablespoon of hot water.

Heat the oil in a heavy-based saucepan and fry the onion and spices until the onion is golden. Add the rice and fry for about 5 minutes, stirring with a metal spoon. Add the hot stock or water, salt, saffron and sultana raisins to the pan, then stir well and bring to the boil. Cover the pan tightly, then reduce the heat to the lowest setting and cook for 20 minutes without disturbing. Turn off the heat and leave undisturbed for 10 minutes.

Before serving, uncover the pan and allow the steam to escape for a minute before fluffing gently with a fork and removing the whole spices. Turn out onto a large serving platter. Garnish with almonds and peas. (Ruth also makes a red chili

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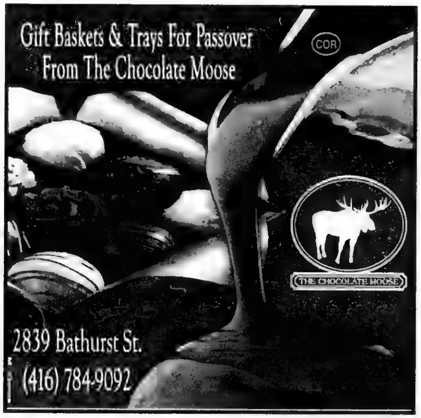
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flower and places it in the centre of the rice. Makes 10 to 12 servings.)

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This delicious apple cake from my cookbook *The Food Processor Bible* (Whitecap Books, $29.95) is packed with apples and is held together with minimum cake batter. It makes a healthy dessert choice that will surely "ap-peel" to your holiday guests. Splenda can be substituted for the sugar for those who are carbohydrate-challenged. For more holiday recipes, tips and menu suggestions, be sure to visit my Web site at www.gourmania.com. Enjoy in good health!

NORENE GILLETZ'S APPLE LOVER'S CAKE

14 to 16 apples, peeled, quartered and cored
1/3 to 1/2 cup sugar (or to taste)
2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 cup additional sugar
1/2 cup canola oil
1/2 cup unsweetened applesauce
1 tsp. vanilla extract (or 1 tbsp. brandy)
2 eggs (or 1 egg plus 2 egg whites)
1 cup flour (half whole wheat flour can be used)
1 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. salt

Preheat oven to 350. Slicer: Slice apples, using medium pressure. Place in sprayed 9x13-inch glass baking dish, filling it nearly to the top. (Apples will shrink during baking.) Sprinkle with 1/3 to 1/2 cup sugar and cinnamon and mix well; spread evenly in pan.

Steel Blade: Process remaining 1/2 cup sugar, oil, applesauce, vanilla extract and eggs for 1 minute, until well blended. Add flour, baking powder and salt; process with 3 or 4 quick on/offs, until blended. Pour batter evenly over apples. Bake about 1 hour, or until golden. Yield: 12 to 15 servings.

This cake gets soggy if frozen. It's unlikely there will be leftovers!

Note: For a small family, make half the recipe in a 7x11-inch baking dish and bake 45 to 50 minutes.

ROSH HASHANAH:

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By LISA J. SOLOMON
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Exploring the stack of old Jewish cookbooks and family recipes my mother brought me when she visited from Atlanta, I found a note. On the top of a small white paper, in her handwriting, were the words Rosh Hashanah, and then the list: Apple Charlie, challah, kugel, green bean salad, brisket.

I asked her if this meal plan was from last year, but she said no.

"That must have been from many, many years ago," she said, standing in my California kitchen with the afternoon sun lighting half her face. That must have been why, when I read it, I tasted decades of family holiday meals and decided we should buy a brisket and make it together.

She chose a nice four-pound cut, and since the ingredients for my mother's brisket are basic staples, salt, pepper, olive oil, garlic, onions and good wine, we lost no time shopping around.

But since it cooks entirely on top of the stove, gently, over hours, it gave us lots of time to watch over a deep, bubbling, burgundy sauce, while absorbing the rich scents filling my tiny kitchen, taking us back all those years.

And when, after the roast had cooled overnight, my mother showed me how to slice it, carefully against the grain, and reheat it, layering the tender meat back in the gravy, framing it with softened orange carrots, I took a picture of our creation, right in the pot. Because it was beautiful.

When I looked up different brisket recipes, I found all kinds of creative approaches – one cooking the meat in molasses sweetened navy beans, and one adding a blanket of cooked prunes. But all of them had a key element in common. Time. Each requires at least an overnight of marinade and anywhere from three to six hours of low heat cooking to soften and season the meat. For my Mom's brisket, the techniques are straightforward, the ingredients few, but if the definition of soul food is cooking simple foods, very slowly, then a Rosh Hashanah brisket must be good for the soul.

KAETHE'S STOVETOP BRISKET

The seasonings and gravy for this recipe are light enough to gracefully enhance the flavour of the meat. But if you like more spice, add salt and pepper to suit your tastes and enjoy!

4-lb. beef brisket
$1\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt (to taste)
$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. pepper (to taste)
4 large garlic cloves, sliced thin
1 large onion, sliced thin
3 tbsp. olive oil
1 cup dry red wine
2 tbsp. olive oil
$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. paprika
3 large carrots

Marinade: Rinse brisket in cold water and place in large dish with sides. Thinly slice garlic cloves and onion and arrange under and over meat. In small bowl, whisk salt, pepper, 3 tbsp. olive oil, and wine. Pour over meat. Cover and refrigerate overnight, turning meat once.

Cooking: Heat 2 tbsp. of oil in heavy, deep, wide skillet over medium heat. After scraping off but saving onions and garlic, place brisket in pan, searing each side until slightly brown, about 4-5 minutes. Place meat aside on platter. Pour marinade into pan, and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to low, return meat to pan, scatter onions and garlic above and below, and spoon liquid over top of brisket. Sprinkle top with $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. of paprika.

Cover and reduce heat to low, simmering approximately 3 hours, turning after $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours and sprinkling other side with $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. of paprika. Add whole carrots during last hour. Test with knife. Meat should be soft but firm enough not to shred.

Turn off heat. Let cool slightly, then remove from marinade.

Cooling: Place meat in large dish, cover and refrigerate overnight for ease of slicing. Strain gravy to separate onion, garlic slices, and whole carrots from liquid. Then store each in refrigerator overnight.

Slicing/Serving: Skim fat off top layer of marinade and pour into deep, wide skillet. Mash onions and garlic with spoon and add to marinade. Heat on medium-low. Test for salt or pepper preferences. Slice brisket in $\frac{1}{4}$-in. wide slices against the grain and layer into marinade with carrots. Cover and re-warm approximately 30 minutes or just until gravy starts to bubble. Do not over- cook. Serve brisket slices on platter with some gravy spooned over and remainder on the side. Serves: 10.

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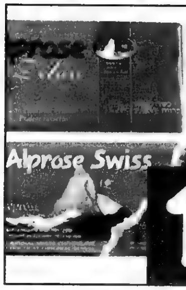

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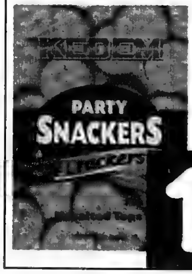

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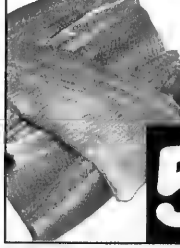

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BY JUDY BART KANCIGOR
Special to The CJN

For Rosh Hashanah dinner Levana Kirschenbaum knows she will have a full house, but just who's coming to dinner is anyone's guess.

"I never invite people. They call me. I take all the calls and let everybody come until the table is full and the kitchen is closed. I'm cooking, and anybody who needs a place, please come."

If you're not planning a trip to New York, however, you can duplicate Kirschenbaum's menu at your house with her new cookbook, *Levana's Table: Kosher Cooking for Everyone* (Stewart, Tabori & Chang), 150 exciting, gourmet, kosher recipes, beautifully photographed, clearly explained and just begging to be tried.

Born in Morocco, Kirschenbaum studied in France and came to the United States at the age of 24. For more than 20 years, her bakery, restaurant, catering business and cooking classes have attracted a loyal following, and no wonder. Her recipes reflect the exotic cuisine of her homeland and the international influence of her travels: Lamb and Eggplant Curry, Chicken Paella, Moroccan Pastillas. Even the old favourites take on new dimension under Kirschenbaum's masterful direction: Cholent with wheat berries instead of beans, pareve noodle kugel bursting with applesauce and onion, hot Russian borscht with parsnips and turnips, tzimmes loaf.

Kirschenbaum is passionate about desserts and tackles the challenge of creating show-stopping endings to kosher meat dinners with what she calls her "mad-scientist experimenting." Her bakery's dairy-free sweets drew a non-kosher as well as a kosher clientele, and were sold at Macy's, Zabar's and many fine New York restaurants.

What does she think of non-dairy creamers and the like? Not much. Kirschenbaum is sold on soy! "You wouldn't believe what I can do with tofu and soy," she says. "Custards, crème brûlée, chocolate truffles." Even tiramisu gets the tofu treatment, and go ahead and try to top this one: Frozen Halvah-Pecan Terrine with Maple-Rum Sauce and Pecan Lace Cookies.

"Soy milk and soy products sales are soaring now," Kirschenbaum notes, "and you don't have to go to a specialty store to find them anymore. Every supermarket… carries these products." For the uninitiated, the book includes a primer on the use of soy.

Kirschenbaum credits her mother for passing along the skills, curiosity and dedication that make her shine in the kitchen. "I have the greatest respect for my mother," she says. "Lidia Bastianich (of PBS) always says that she works with very poor ingredients, because this is the training she had at home. Her family was grindingly poor, like we were, but the food was fabulous. There must be something to it, since they used ordinary ingredients and the result was so great. Maybe the talent was in your labour and how you put things together."

But Kirschenbaum's holiday menu is far from ordinary. "Almost everything we serve the first night of Rosh Hashanah is based on sweet ingredients: pumpkin soup, Chicken Tagine with Prunes," she said. "The whole night is centered around the same theme. Sephardim do a lot of things with sweet vegetables. Here, you have apples dipped in honey, but in Morocco, we sweetened what we call the 'seven vegetables' – leeks, carrots, butternut squash, turnips, onions, zucchini, garbanzo beans. Everything was sweet, everything fragrant. Pomegranates in orange flower water, lamb with fresh dates. Have you ever tasted a fresh date? Delicious! Like Thanksgiving here, it was all about celebrating the bounty, the abundance, the sweetness, the blessing of food."

While the book does offer a honey cake recipe, Kirschenbaum says this dessert was not traditional in Morocco. "We didn't have honey cake, but we did have honey-based pastries, like baklava," she recalled.

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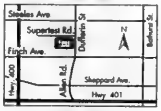

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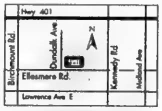

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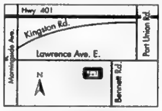

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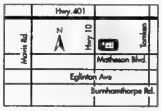

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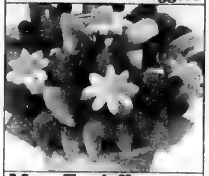

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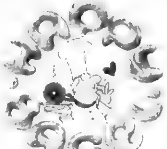

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Holiday Food Ideas

Everything based on sweet ingredients

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CHICKEN TAGINE WITH PRUNES AND ALMONDS

1½ tbsp. vegetable oil
1 medium onion, chopped
1 tbsp. sugar
2 lbs. chicken parts, dark and white meat, or all dark
pinch of saffron
½ tsp. (scant) turmeric
1½ cinnamon sticks
½ tsp. freshly ground pepper
1 cup water
½ tbsp. ground cinnamon
½ lb. pitted prunes (about 1 cup packed)
2 tbsp. sesame seeds, toasted
3 tbsp. slivered almonds, toasted (optional on Rosh Hashanah)

Heat the oil in a heavy pot over medium heat. Add the onion and fry until it is dark brown, about 30 minutes. Add the sugar and cook for 1 more minute. Add the chicken, saffron, turmeric, cinnamon sticks, ground pepper and water and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium-high and cook, covered, for 1 hour. Add the ground cinnamon and the prunes and cook for 15 more minutes.

Using slotted spoon, gently transfer the chicken and prunes to a platter, taking care not to bruise the prunes. The liquid left in the pot should be thick and creamy. If it is too thin, reduce it over high heat for a minute or two. Pour the sauce over the chicken. Just before serving, sprinkle on the sesame seeds and almonds. Serve hot. Makes 4 servings.

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1 large sweet potato (about 1 lb.peeled and grated
1 lb. carrots (4-5 medium), peeled and grated
1 medium onion, peeled and grated
1 cup canned unsweetened crushed pineapple with its juice
1 1-inch piece fresh ginger, peeled and grated
1 cup pitted prunes, coarsely chopped
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
3 eggs
1 cup flour
½ cup olive oil
¼ cup light brown sugar
3 tbsp. rum or brandy
salt and pepper

Preheat the oven to 375. In a bowl, mix all the ingredients thoroughly, but don't squeeze the mixture or you will extract moisture, and the end product will be soggy. Pour into a greased 10-inch round cake pan or tube pan. Bake for 1 hour or until a knife inserted in the centre comes out clean. Cut into slices. Serve warm. Makes 10 side-dish servings.

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Gefilte fish – a classic favourite

By GLENDA MINDLIN
Special to The CJN

I grew up with my grandmother's (Ma's) fried gefilte fish and the poached kind that my mother still makes for Rosh Hashanah and Passover. Handing down recipes from mother to daughter is common among eastern European and Russian Jews.

Now I have the opportunity to pass down this tradition to my daughter Allison, who is 21.

But I want to give her more than just the recipe. There's so much to discover about fish in Jewish cooking.

I always thought this cultural specialty was made with the same ingredients – just handled differently before cooking. Wrong! Choosing the right combination of fish, traditionally fish found in fresh water, is as varied as there are people in a family. Ground fish may contain pike, whitefish or carp, as these were most common in eastern Europe, but pickerel, lake trout and salmon are also used today. Whitefish makes the mixture softer. Carp adds flavour and richness but darkens the colour. I proudly inform Allison that whitefish is high in omega-3 fatty acids, believed to be helpful in preventing heart disease.

I want my daughter to know the roots of kosher fish from the Torah. Leviticus, Chapter 11, Verse 9, describes kosher (fit or proper) fish: "These you may eat of all that live in water, whether in sea or streams, that has fins and scales."

The Talmud cites the expectation that all fish with scales have fins, but the converse is not necessarily true – the presence of fins is not an indication that there are scales.

Scales are defined as ones that can be removed without tearing the skin from the flesh. Whole fish visible to the customer ensures the presence of fins and scales. Fileted and pre-ground fish are not identifiable as kosher. In these forms, some indication of the fish's origin guarantees that the fish has fins and scales. Someone who observes kashrut learns how to determine which fish are kosher. The fish should be bought from a store that is supervised by a mashgiach.

The entire fish, including the blood, may be eaten and requires no special home preparation. Hence the use of the fish's head for the stock. Allison is less excited about handling this part of the vertebrate.

Freshwater fish may come from any of the Great Lakes – Huron, Erie, Michigan, or even Lake Winnipeg and Georgian Bay.

A fishmonger on the Bathurst Street strip states that freshly caught fish is immediately gutted to ensure the flesh remains undamaged. The only exception to this is the carp, which can be found alive, particularly at holiday time. The gutted fish, otherwise untouched, is packed in ice and sold to the wholesaler and retailer in this form.

Gefilte fish is simple to make, but it can take some time to get the "feel" of it and just the right seasoning. For the Old World touch, try mixing the ingredients in a large wooden bowl with a metal "hucker" (chopper).

MOM'S CLASSIC POACHED GEFILTE FISH

Recipe
by Sophie Casselman

Stock:
3 lb. fish heads and bones
about 8 cups of cold water.
2 tsp. kosher salt
$^1/_2$ tsp. pepper
1 onion
2 carrots cut up

Boil the fish in the water and remove the scum – about 15 minutes. Add remaining ingredients. Let this mixture simmer for about 1 hour.

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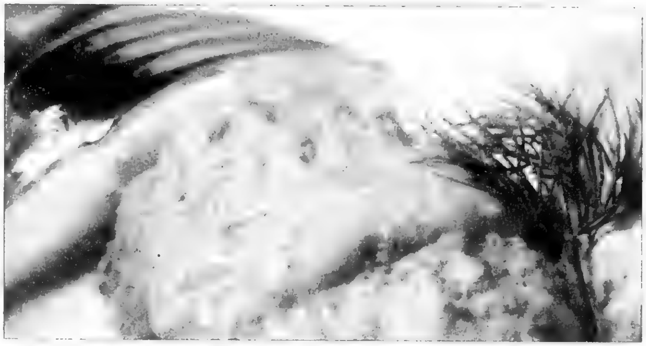

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Gefilte fish – a classic favourite

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Fish:
3 lb. ground fish – 2 parts whitefish and 1 part pickerel
4 eggs
1 onion
2-3 tsp. kosher salt
1 tsp. pepper
2-3 tbsp. matzah meal

Using a large wooden or other big bowl mix all the ingredients well. Form the fish mixture into oval shapes, using about 2-3 tbsp. each, and carefully drop the balls into gently boiling stock.

If you are a novice, I strongly advise that you put a little of the stock in a saucepan, and poach a small ball for about 15 minutes. Then cool and taste for seasoning.

After simmering the fish covered for about 1 hour, remove the fish to a platter and place a cooked carrot coin on top of each fish ball. It is best to cook these carrots separately. Discard all the remaining bones and vegetables that remain in the pot. Cool the fish and refrigerate.

CLASSIC BAKED GEFILTE FISH

By cousin Gerry Prenick

2 lb. ground fish – any combination of pike, pickerel, whitefish and lake trout
3 eggs
2 tsp. salt
6-8 tbsp. sugar – a Galician (southern Polish) tradition
1 scant tsp. pepper
1-2 tbsp. matzah meal
2 large grated carrots
1 Spanish onion, chopped
2-3 tbsp. oil
½ cup ice water

Preheat oven to 350. Sauté onion and carrots in oil. Cool. Mix all the fish together. Put fish in the food processor. Add all the remaining ingredients and give the mixer a few spins. Divide the mixture and put it into 2 lightly oiled glass loaf pans. Put a piece of tin foil under as sometimes it bubbles over. Bake covered with waxed or parchment paper for 1–1¼ hours. Remove the cover for the last 10 minutes. Cool and refrigerate. Slice to serve

HELPFUL HINTS

- To get the best selection of fish, shop a day or two before the holiday.
- You can buy filleted fish and grind it yourself or use the food processor.
- The fish tastes better the day after it's cooked.
- Homemade horseradish is great with any gefilte fish. Peel and cut large coins of radish and place in the food processor. Turn on the motor and firmly hold the processor as it dances. Add sufficient vinegar to remove the dryness – more than you would think. Add 1-3 tsp. of sugar depending on the quantity of radish. A small grated beet will make it red.

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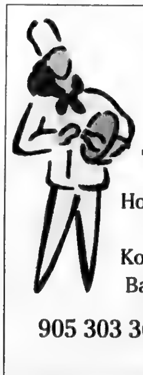

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A very special first day of school

The first day back to school each year is always significant, but for one group of youngsters and their parents, September 2, 2003 was especially meaningful.

That was the day when 89 students filed into their classes at the Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School in its permanent home in the newly renovated Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre. The opening was made official when the mezuzah was placed on the school's door, with UJA Federation leaders, donors and many community supporters looking on.

The school recently signed a new, seven-year lease with the Nadal Centre.

"It was indeed a special opening day," says principal Elysa Cohen. "This opening day was more than a year in the making, and being back in the Nadal Centre really gives us the sense of community and of coming home again."

(left to right) Kate Brooks, Natalie Cappe, and Emma Miloff, are all smiles at the Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School.

Michael Sue Goldblatt, president of the school since February 2002, echoed Cohen's sentiments.

"It was exciting and wonderful to be there, at the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, as we started our sixth year of classes," says Goldblatt. "Six years ago, a small group of parents and educators founded the Downtown Jewish Day School, here in this very building, with only 10 children. We have certainly grown."

However, if not for the efforts of many dedicated supporters and volunteers, these opening day festivities might never have happened.

Originally opened in 1998, Toronto's Downtown Jewish Day School quickly learned the growing pains synonymous with any business venture.

The school, which then operated out of the Bloor Jewish Community Centre (BJCC), was started as a labour of love in 1998 by a group of ambitious and committed parents who had earlier sent their three and four-year-old children to the BJCC's nursery and junior kindergarten. The school had 10 students enrolled in its first year.

In 1998, the school, struggling to make ends meet with tuitions falling short of covering operating costs, received a much-needed shot in the arm in the form of a grant of $200,000 U.S. from Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education (PEJE) thanks to UJA Federation's Jewish Toronto Tomorrow (JTT) initiative. With that financial help, the school was able to expand to 61 students.

However, later that year, the DJDS was in financial crisis. It required an immediate cash infusion of $250,000 just to keep the doors open until the end of the year.

In 2000, as renovations began to transform the BJCC into the new Miles Nadal JCC, a JTT project, this pioneering group was forced to look for new quarters. The school moved out of the BJCC into a rental facility (a vacant Catholic School) during renovations.

However, after meetings led by JTT, the school was able to head home once again, into the new Nadal Centre, to become part of the 'Dream Downtown.'

JTT was then able to identify a donor - the Paul Penna estate. The executors of the estate determined that his passion for children and Jewish education during his lifetime made the school the perfect vehicle to honour his memory.

"I've always thought that the most important things in life are relationships," says Goldblatt. "The relationship we've had with JTT brought us to where we are. We're back in the Nadal Centre now, which is truly our home."

Pups for Peace: sniffing out trouble

Shortly after the 2002 Passover suicide bombing at Netanya's Park Hotel that killed 20 Israelis, Yuval Rotem, Israel's consul general in Los Angeles, received an intriguing e-mail message from Santa Monica, California.

Glen Yago, the director of capital studies at the Milken Institute - an independent economic think tank whose mission is to improve the lives and economic conditions of people in the U.S. and around the world - proposed to Rotem the idea of starting a local bomb detection school for dogs, which could then send the trained animals to, quite literally, sniff out and prevent terrorist attacks in Israel.

After getting the go-ahead from the Foreign Ministry in Israel, Rotem gave Yago the okay, and just five months later, the Israeli Defence Forces had an extra 17 highly trained canines to sniff out bombs, as Pups for Peace was born.

"A bomb dog is not a panacea, but it is the most effective detection device we have available to us at this time," says Mike Herstik, co-founder of PFP and its Director of Canine Operations. "The dogs search for an odor, a scent, and when they find it, they point it out to their handlers."

"Of course, Israel already had dogs performing this task, but they simply needed more," says Mike Freedland, 42, Canadian fundraising chair, Pups for Peace. "Unfortunately, unlike places like Toronto, where these dogs are not usually required, Israel needs a lot of them at a lot of different events, at airports, bus terminals, even movie theatres."

A recent request for 80 dogs from Pups for Peace was made by Israel's Egged Bus Company following a highly successful pilot project that had been carried out between Egged and the Transportation Ministry.

"They were so happy with the results that they placed the order for 80 dogs," says Freedland.

"We submitted a proposal to Toronto UJA to donate money, and through its 2003 Israel Emergency Campaign, UJA contributed around $150,000," says Freedland. "This money goes to buying more dogs, their training, and some of their general expenses such as housing, food, and medical bills."

Thanks to their outstanding sense of smell, these four-legged friends - which cost about $10,000 U.S. each - make surprisingly fast and efficient workers. In fact, according to a report from the U.S. Customs Service, a dog can search 400 to 500 packages per half hour. Another report from the U.S. Navy compared the accuracy and speed of detection dogs to that of human searches and detection machines and found that the dog was the fastest and most accurate.

"Our mission is to detect terrorism in order to save lives at civilian sites all over the world," says Yago. "I sincerely believe that Pups for Peace can make a really valuable contribution to restoring the conditions necessary for people to be able to go back to the peace process."

One of the highly trained Pups for Peace canines demonstrates his bomb-detecting skills.

Draw winner thrilled with tickets to Israel

On August 20, Perry Budovitch and a friend were among the more than 1,000 people at Toronto's Royal York Hotel for the official launch of UJA Federation Campaign 2004.

Budovitch's decision to attend proved to be especially fortuitous, because he was named the winner of two Air Canada airline tickets to Israel from a draw at the launch.

"It was unbelievable," says Budovitch, a 44-year-old Montrealer who moved to Toronto in 1992. "There I was, watching the keynote speaker, Malcolm Hoenlein, who was giving this amazing, passionate and inspirational speech about Israel and the state of Jewry, and the next thing you know they're announcing the winner of plane tickets to Israel."

Wendy Posluns – Campaign Launch Chair (along with Michael Diamond) and Jacob Bregman congratulate Perry Budovitch, winner of two free airline tickets to Israel, at the UJA Federation launch of Campaign 2004 – For Israel and the Jewish World.

Budovitch says he and his friend both did a double take when they heard the winning ticket number, and it took a few seconds for him to realize he had won.

"I've never won anything before," says Budovitch, who, not coincidentally, bought a lottery ticket the next day. "The last time I was in Israel was in 1983 – 20 years ago – but I am so excited about going back there, to see how the land has changed. I think it's wonderful that UJA awarded the prize because Israel needs as many of us to go to Israel now as possible."

Another gentleman who will benefit from Budovitch's good fortune is 80-year-old Jack Budovitch, Perry's father.

"When I heard that my son had won tickets to Israel, I was thrilled and excited," says Budovitch Sr. "I have never been to Israel and I've always wanted to go. This is a wonderful opportunity. Israel needs us."

For the younger Budovitch, choosing his travel partner was easy.

"Definitely, it was going to be my dad," he says. "I thought of him right away. I just thought that it would be a wonderful thing to bring him since he's never been there before. He's always wanted to go to Israel, but, unfortunately, life goes by so quickly. I guess sometimes people just need a push to do things, and for my dad, these tickets will definitely be that push."

Budovitch is hoping to use their tickets to Israel by joining one of UJA Federation's monthly solidarity missions.

"It would be a dream come true to spend Pesach in Israel with my father. I can't imagine how special it would be there with him, to experience that, especially if I could get my brother, Joel, to come with us. I was with Joel, back in 1983, the last time I was there."

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Super Sunday brings out UJA Federation's superheroes

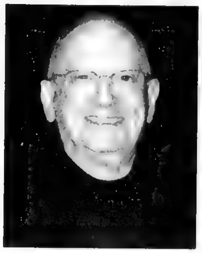
Telethons set to start for urgent UJA Federation campaign

By WENDY LAMPERT

In just a few days, UJA Federation Super Sunday / Super Week will begin, during which hundreds of volunteers will pick up the phones in the first critical set of telethons during Campaign 2004 – For Israel and the Jewish World. The campaign has already raised more than $23 million.

Telethons, through which more than 10,000 members of the community are contacted each year, are crucial to the success of UJA Federation campaigns, especially this year when Israel is reeling from ongoing terror attacks. Donations to Campaign 2004 will fund, among other initiatives, support for children who have lost their parents in terror attacks.

All Campaign 2004 contributions beyond those required for core needs will be allocated to three strategic initiatives:



Don Bennett

- Financial support for Israel's deteriorating social service network, including additional help for children whose parents were killed in terror attacks.
- Stepped up efforts to combat a worldwide wave of anti-Israel and anti-Semitic hatred, through the new national Israel Emergency Cabinet.
- Education and training for our next Jewish generation to answer those who preach anti-Israel and anti-Semitic hatred.

Super Week participants are often the unsung heroes of UJA Federation campaigns. They are the dedicated volunteers staffing the phones and performing other important telethon tasks. Together, they raise more than $5 million annually through a community effort that spans all ages.

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Aliza Glatter works the phones for UJA.

And without a doubt, veteran telethoners Don Bennett and Aliza Glatter will be there to lend a hand when Campaign 2004 Super Week kicks off on Sunday, September 21.

Don first got involved with UJA Federation in 1959, when he arrived in Canada from Britain, and he has been an avid telethon volunteer since 1975. "I'm good on the phone, and if I can make a difference in my own community, in Israel, or for Jews in need in other parts of the world, I want to do my part," he says.

"This is a great way to get involved in your community," says Aliza Glatter, a 16-year-old CHAT student who became active with telethons three years ago. She has gotten such fulfillment out of the experience that this year she became part of the Super Week volunteer recruitment committee.

"Super Sunday / Super Week is an experience that nobody should miss," she says.

"With Israel constantly threatened by terror, during a severe recession, and with anti-Semitism looming ever larger around the world, raising funds through telethons to help support Israel and the Jewish people is truly urgent," adds Bennett. "Each person who participates today is literally changing a life tomorrow."

Bennett is especially encouraged by the number of young people who participate. "They are the future of the Jewish people, and it's very important for them to get involved at an early age. They learn leadership skills, and start to understand how important it is to support the Jewish people now so that we remain strong into the future."

Aliza agrees. "I'm getting closer to university, and I'm realizing that it could be me next year. It's time to get the resources to help us fight anti-Semitism now."

From the front lines

This new column profiles the men and women who are actively involved in meeting the urgent needs of Jews around the world during this troubling time.

York U student confronts anti-Israel intimidation

For many Canadian Jewish students today, defending Israel's right to exist has become a far too common task.

Shira Zeliger, a 19-year-old student at York University knows all too well about anti-Israel and anti-Semitic influences plaguing Canadian colleges and universities, and she is doing everything in her power to counter that hatred.

Majoring in Judaic Studies, Zeliger, a passionate, creative, and articulate second year student, is York's Israel Affairs co-chairperson for Hillel, the campus organization, strongly supported by UJA Federation that serves Jewish students in the Greater Toronto area. She has been involved in Toronto's Jewish community ever since she can remember, and has no intention of letting up now.

"My parents were always very involved in the Jewish world and since I was young, I would help out in whatever way I could. I have always wanted to follow in their footsteps, and now at York, I have that opportunity, and I'm excited about it."

A product of Toronto's Jewish day school system – she attended Bialik Hebrew Day School before moving on to CHAT in 1998 – Zeliger was quick to connect with York's Jewish scene.

WHEREVER WE
WE STAND WITH
ISRAEL
Hillel

Shira Zeliger
Photo: Eve Marks

"I admit, I came from a somewhat sheltered life having attended CHAT, so, initially, there was a bit of a culture shock when I got to York," she says. "It was pretty impersonal, especially sitting in a lecture with 500 others, and I wanted to find my place within a Jewish organization on campus as quickly as possible."

Enter Hillel, where Zeliger applied to be a part of its Israel Affairs Committee. She was accepted and the rest is history.

"Last year was probably the worst year on campus in terms of anti-Israel and anti-Semitic rhetoric," says Zeliger. "One of the first things I did was set up a table promoting various Israel issues and programs designed to bring students together to learn – in a low key, subtle way – about Israel and the truth about Israel," says Zeliger. "I love Hillel's motto which is 'Wherever we stand, we stand with Israel.'"

Immediately after setting up shop in her York corridor, Zeliger realized things were not going to be quite so simple.

"Right across from our table was a table set up by the Middle Eastern Students Association and a group called Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights," she says. "Their table would be full of stuff talking about the 'Israeli occupation,' and they would always try to provoke us."

Zeliger has seen the anti-Semitic posters, signs, and buttons complete with swastikas and "stop the Israeli occupation" rhetoric all around her and feels that education is the key to stopping it.

"On campus I try to educate people as to what Israel is really all about," she says. "And it's not just non-Jews who need an education – in fact, there are far too many Jewish students who aren't educated about the issues and are simply not equipped with the tools they need to fight. I plan to teach as many as will listen – through various programs for all faiths – about Israel."

Zeliger knows that once her university days are completed, her task of educating people about Israel must continue.

"Of course," she says. "On campus you really have to advocate on Israel's behalf almost on a daily basis – much more than I think you'd have to in the real world. Still, I want to continue to fight for Israel after university by teaching as many people as I can about the truth."

Colors of Hope

by YEHUDIT YEHEZKEELY

The life of Omer Golan was changed irrevocably one Friday afternoon in December 2000 in the Jordan Valley. Omer, then a soldier, a poet and musician, was severely injured by a suicide bomber who detonated a large explosive charge. His recuperation was considered a medical miracle. That is the reason why the new exhibition of his paintings has been called "Rebirth."

Omer Golan and his wife, Tal

Omer will donate 50% of the proceeds of the exhibition -- currently being shown in Amsterdam -- to the Jewish Agency's (JAFI) Fund for Victims of Terror, which provided him with support during his long period of his convalescence. "I'm interested in working with Palestinian artists," he says. "Together we'll be able to create an exhibition for the benefit of all of us."
The Fund was set up to provide victims and their family members with direct assistance in addition to financial aid provided by the Israeli government. The Fund has assisted, among others, more than 400 orphans who lost their parents as a result of terror attacks during the past two years.

UJA Federation of Greater Toronto – through donations to its 2002 and 2003 annual campaigns – has already sent nearly $2 million to JAFI's Fund for Victims of Terror. The Jewish Agency for Israel is UJA Federation's overseas partner.

"We were serving at Kibbutz Ma'oz Chayim in the Jordan Valley," recounts Omer. "In an instant everything changed on December 22, 2000. I stopped on my way to the Kibbutz at a café near the bus station. A young Arab was sitting there, wearing jeans and a red plaid shirt. He looked me in the eyes and smoked a cigarette. It didn't even cross my mind that he was choosing me as his victim. He had been there for about two hours. I left the café and walked towards the bus when suddenly the terrorist attached himself to me from behind. He didn't say a word. With one hand I tried to pull him away and with the other hand I tried to draw my gun. Then he exploded. I absorbed all the blast of the explosive charge."

The idea of donating the proceeds from the exhibition came to Omer and his wife Tal, when they attended a ceremony for the JAFI fund.

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UJA Federation committee seeks replacement for president

By DANIEL HOROWITZ

The search is well underway for the next president of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, following the recent announcement by Dr. Allan Reitzes that he intends to step down after 12 years in the position.

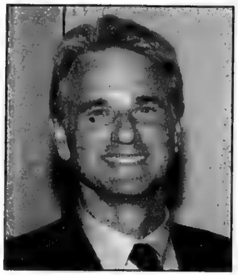
Search committee chair Ralph Shedletsky, immediate past chair of the board, feels confident that the transition will be a smooth one and expects to have Reitzes' successor in place by early 2004.

Dr. Allan Reitzes

"It's obviously with mixed emotions that we must say goodbye to Allan," says Shedletsky, "but, at the same time, we are fortunate that his tremendous leadership will remain intact until a replacement is found."

The search for his replacement is being lead by a committee made up of eight current and prior members of UJA's lay leadership, including past presidents.

"The committee has enlisted the services of a senior executive with United Jewish Communities (UJC) in New York, specializing in executive recruitment, to help us conduct a North America wide search," says Shedletsky. "We are very excited to be working with UJC professionals who are so knowledgeable concerning recruitment of senior Jewish communal professionals across North America. In addition to working with them, we will be running ads locally, nationally, and in the United States."



Ralph Shedletsky, Chair, UJA Federation's search committee

The UJA search committee will continue to consult with a broad spectrum of lay and professional leaders to solicit their input regarding future leadership.

"Our goal is to select the best possible leader for Toronto's outstanding Jewish community and we are encouraged by the fact that our preliminary consultations indicate that Toronto is viewed as one of the preeminent Jewish communities in North America - a very desirable community for senior executives."

Shuk in the Park

A few thousand people recently made their way to SHUK IN THE PARK at Suydam Park in Toronto's Spadina Village. Proceeds from this year's SHUK - an outdoor marketplace complete with Israeli wares, kosher food and music - went to Orr Shalom which provides group foster homes for Israeli children at risk. The shuk, jointly organized by Olive Branch for Israel and Reviving Eden, was supported by a number of community organizations including the Israel Now Consortium, under the auspices of UJA Federation and the Consulate General of Israel.

"This year's shuk was very exciting," says organizer Grae Sibelman. "So many people came out and had a great time for a great cause. It was a tremendous success and my hope is that the people who were there this year become part of next year's organizing committee."

Photo: Sarit Kapon

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Correction

The May 29 edition of Jewish Toronto incorrectly reported that a new group home, sponsored by Orr Shalom, in Mevasseret Tzion, was purchased with funding from Toronto's Paula Nussbaum. The gift is from the estate of Norbert Rosen. Paula Nussbaum is the representative of the estate.

Girls Town Jerusalem - From pigtails to wedding dresses

It has been said that necessity is the mother of invention, and nowhere is that axiom more true than in Bayit Lepletot – Girls Town Jerusalem.

Back in 1950, hundreds of thousands of Holocaust refugees flooded into the welcoming arms of the State of Israel. Many of those in need of a new home were orphans.

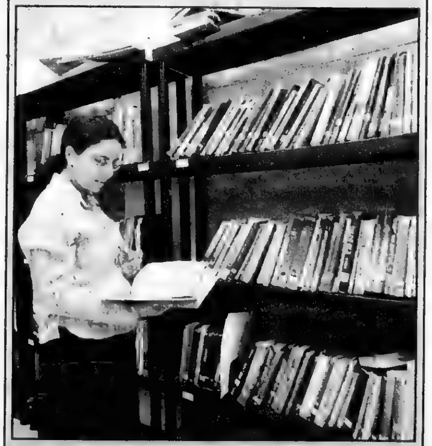
Bayit Lepletot (which translates to "home for refugees") started with eight of those war orphans in a small room rented in Jerusalem. The number of girls cared for quickly grew, first as more refugees arrived, followed by a wave of immigration from all over the world.

"Through the years we have kept our doors wide open for these children irrespective of whether or not we had the proper funds or the place to house these children," says Rabbi Samuel Stern, Founder and Executive Director of the orphanage. "It is always better to crowd a room with more children than to turn down a child in need."

Following the boom in immigration to Israel from the Former Soviet Union, scores of Russian children arrived and Bayit Lepletot needed to expand. Consequently, a sister project, Girls Town Jerusalem was hatched. Girls are welcomed from the age of 3, until around 25, or until they get married. In fact, when one of the young women in its care is to be married, Girls Town Jerusalem makes the wedding itself, right on their premises. If, however, a girl chooses to leave, she has the legal right to do so at the age of 18. The girls may continue to live at the home while they work or perform their mandatory army service.

Today, the new campus includes additional dormitory space, kitchen and dining halls, landscaped gardens, recreational facilities and a vocational training centre. There are currently around 600 girls at the facility, from 32 countries including Iran and Iraq.

"We feel that from their infanthood, until they have a husband and their own home, we will be their family," says Rabbi Stern. "We are proud to represent a United Nations of worldwide Jewry, and we are especially proud to take care of the girls from age 3 to 25, so that they are not shuffled around from one institution to another. We simply do not feel that that is the proper thing to do."



One of the residents of Girls Town Jerusalem checks out the latest addition to the library.

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By Peter Ekstein
Chair, Volunteer Relations, UJA Federation

Changing Jewish lives is all in the family

Peter Ekstein

The other day someone asked me why I volunteer for UJA.

I suppose that I understood from an early age that when Jews were in trouble, other Jews helped. That's what Jews did. Somehow I always understood that the Jewish people were just one big family, and that when your family needs help, there's no one else they can rely on but you. Perhaps it was from tagging along with my mother delivering Meals on Wheels when I was just a little kid, or maybe it was from growing up on stories of the Holocaust, and how my mom was helped by Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) when she arrived in Canada as a child survivor in 1948. On June 5 1967, on the eve of the Six Day War, I remember my father buying an Israel Bond for my mother for their 13th wedding anniversary; and when I was a teenager, my parents sponsored a family from the Soviet Union. I remember giving my train set to their young son, who had no toys of his own.

When I was 15 years old, my mom dragged me to my first UJA Super Sunday telethon. I made a few calls, raised a few bucks, and for the first time, felt like I was doing my part to help the cause. Slowly I got a little more involved, and the more I did, the more I learned of the tremendous and somewhat overwhelming needs of Jewish communities here at home and around the world. How could we possibly help all of these people? One step at a time. That's what became crystal clear to me - whether it was delivering a box of food staples on behalf of the Joint Distribution Committee to an elderly woman in a shtetl outside of Kishniev, who could have been my grandmother, or offering a job to a refugee from Sarajevo, who had come to Toronto through the help of the Jewish Agency and JIAS. Slowly but surely the lessons of my youth merged with my experiences and I understood. This was my family, and if I didn't help them, who else would. I understood that by volunteering at UJA, I wasn't just raising money, I was actually improving or even saving people's lives. One dollar at a time, one individual at a time.

Today, the needs of the Jewish world are once again extremely urgent. Our brothers and sisters in Israel, around the world and here at home need our support. Anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism are raging. We must speak out, and we must give our children, my children, the tools to deal with these new realities. This is your family! It's your obligation to help, for if you don't, who will?

Remember, it's not about campaigns, or telethons, or raising money. It's about Jewish lives. If you come out and volunteer, you will make a difference. Your commitment today will change a life tomorrow, and trust me, you'll feel great doing it.

It's what Jews do.

Exciting Leadership Institute launched in Toronto

By DANIEL HOROWITZ

A new initiative was launched in Toronto earlier this month, and the program promises to play a key role in developing Jewish leaders.

The New Leadership Institute, made possible with the support of the Sam Cohen Family Foundation, via a unique partnership between the Hartman Institute of Jerusalem and UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, provides 30- to 45-year-old donors with the opportunity to be part of this innovative and interactive learning process.

"The Shalom Hartman Institute, based in Jerusalem, is one of the Jewish world's preeminent educational institutions and think tanks," says Cohen, President of Canadian Friends of the Shalom Hartman Institute CFSHI). "My wife Beverley and I established an endowment fund with the CFSHI to transmit the learning and knowledge developed at the Institute to the Toronto community. I believe that the approach of the Institute to the key issues affecting Israel and the Jewish people and its profound respect for tradition combined with a commitment to modernity, will provide a great foundation of learning for the next generation of leadership in our community."

Sam and Beverley Cohen

Through the New Leadership Institute, which held its inaugural session on September 2, participants will explore creative approaches to Jewish principles - overseen by professional Jewish educators - by learning together, and challenging each other. The program is designed to enhance the understanding of important ethical values that we – as Jews – face in every aspect of our daily lives, through the study of different Jewish practices and beliefs.

The New Leadership Institute is chaired by Karen Basian, Michael Buckstein, Stephen Goldhar, Antony Karabus, and Mark Waldman.

Looking for answers at Jerusalem's Shalom Hartman Institute

The kickoff session, entitled The Foundations of Moral Obligations, tackled the issue of what it means today to be considered a moral Jew. Rabbi Donniel Hartman, Co-Director of Shalom Hartman Institute, was on hand to lead the session.

"I thought that the first session was absolutely brilliant," says Basian. "Donniel Hartman is one of the leading Jewish scholars in the world and the way he shared his favourite texts with us and what they meant to him was very powerful. He showed us that one of the great things about Judaism is that you can challenge one another, have different interpretations, and find out exactly what Judaism is to you. This is an important aspect of the Institute, sharing ideas and beliefs and helping to build a strong and educated foundation for tomorrow's Jewish leaders."

Toronto teen makes music in Israel

Thanks to Toronto's Evan Goldenberg, a young Israeli boy is living his dream in Israel today – the dream of learning how to play the violin at the Gilo Music Conservatory.

When Goldenberg, 14, was preparing for his bar mitzvah in June 2002, he wasn't thinking only of himself, but also about how his bar mitzvah money could be used to benefit the life of an Israeli youngster.

Goldenberg, who celebrated his bar mitzvah on June 15 at Toronto's Adath Israel Synagogue, is a talented musician, specializing in piano and violin. He decided that supporting the arts in Israel is vital, especially at this time.

"I figured that with Israel going through so much for the past few years, and the government redirecting a lot of money to defence, other programs must be hurting," says the articulate Goldenberg. "I believe that it's important - especially during really bad times - that people can enjoy the arts, especially music. It lifts people's spirits."

With that philosophy in mind, Goldenberg decided that he wanted to combine his love for music with his passion for Israel and find a way to donate his bar mitzvah gifts to benefit an Israeli music lover of his age.

"Evan was very clear from the outset about how he'd like to use his bar mitzvah money," says his proud mother, Sari. "We called UJA Federation and told them how we wanted to help, and they were terrific. Eventually, they found the perfect place to send Evan's money."

That place turned out to be the Music Conservatory in Gilo, a southern suburb of Jerusalem, which has come under frequent Palestinian attack. The fortunate young Israeli who benefited from Evan's generosity was Roei Appelbon.

"UJA told me that with the amount of money I could donate - around $1,200 - I could afford to pay for Roei's lessons for one whole year, as well as buy him a new violin. So that's what we did," says Goldenberg.

"I'm so proud of my son, especially in the way he sees the big picture. He took his Jewishness and his musical talents and brought them together for the sole purpose of helping someone less fortunate than himself. His decision represents much of what his father, Ron, and I have tried to teach him," says Sari.

According to the musical benefactor himself, you don't have to be a music lover to help Israel.

"Not everyone is interested in the arts," says Goldenberg. "But there are plenty of other ways that we can help Israelis, and I know other people my age are investigating those possibilities."

Israeli music student, Roei Appelbon

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Argentine immigrants boost day school numbers

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — An increase this fall in the number of Argentine immigrants in some Winnipeg Jewish day schools has helped to offset ongoing enrolment declines of the last few years, educators say.

Enrolment at the Board of Jewish Education's Gray Academy, the city's largest Jewish day school and only Jewish K-12 program, stands at 590, more than the 485 students it projected, but considerably fewer than the approximately 800 students it had when it moved into the new Asper Campus in south Winnipeg in 1997.

The difference comes primarily from Argentine immigrants, said Jack Cipilinsky, director of finance for the Winnipeg Board of Jewish education.

This year, Gray Academy has welcomed more than 70 new children whose families have come to Winnipeg, mainly from Argentina, within the past couple of years, he said.

While a large number of older Jewish students are choosing to attend regular public high schools or prestigious non-Jewish programs such as St. John's-Ravenscourt School, Winnipeg's top private school, or the University of Winnipeg Collegiate – where an estimated one-third or more of the students are Jewish – almost all younger Jewish children are enrolled in one of the city's five Jewish elementary day school programs.

Despite that, Cipilinsky said, long-term demographic trends in the Winnipeg Jewish community have led to an overall decline in day school enrolment, particularly at Gray Academy.

"There just aren't as many pre-schoolers in the community as there used to be," he said.

"In the 1970s and '80s, there used to be over 150 three- and four-year-olds in the community and [Gray Academy] would get half of them. Now there may be 70 to 75 overall in those age groups. We have 50 kids coming into our junior kindergarten program this year, but just 30 in kindergarten."

But the Argentine students "have been a breath of fresh air," he said.

"They have had a tremendous impact on our school system," Cipilinsky said. "Ten per cent of our student body are Argentine kids. You hear Spanish being spoken all over the place here."

Cipilinsky said he is also optimistic about the impact a new administration will have on Gray Academy. The new team consists of head of school Rory Paul, a longtime principal in the Seven Oaks School Division in north Winnipeg; Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate principal Hart Sera, a longtime principal in Winnipeg School Division No. 1; and Shaul Wachsstock, an educator from Belgium by way of Israel, who fills the long-vacant position of director of Judaic studies.

"The teachers and parents are anticipating new ideas and projects from them," Cipilinsky says. "We believe this new team will give our school increased credibility."

The Hebrew bilingual program at Brock Corydon Elementary School (one of the public schools that offer half-day Hebrew programs) in south Winnipeg also seems to be benefiting from Argentine immigration. Registration is up to 175, about five more than last year, and the kindergarten has 26 children, up six from last year.

The Hebrew program at Margaret Park Elementary School, Brock Corydon's equivalent in north Winnipeg and the principal Jewish day school program in that part of the city, has an enrolment of 86 students this year (compared to 90 last year), continuing a decline that has been ongoing for the past eight years. Not only do the majority of young Jewish families now live in south Winnipeg, but all of the Argentine families have settled there.

"We have 12 students in kindergarten this year," said Margaret Park principal Pat Stefanchuk. "We have some concern about next year, because we haven't been able to identify many children in our area who are the appropriate age."

Winnipeg also has two Orthodox day schools. Ohr haTorah, which has classes at the Herzlia Synagogue in south Winnipeg, is going into its sixth year with a significantly smaller student body. This year, the school has 24 students spread over seven grades (including kindergarten), compared to about 40 last year.

A spokesperson said a number of students simply left for other programs.

The other Orthodox elementary school, located in north Winnipeg, is a long-running Chabad program for the small number of Chabad families in the city.

Livingston was a prominent Hamilton furrier

By PHYLLIS SHRAGGE
Hamilton Correspondent

Obituary

HAMILTON — Jordan Livingston, a prominent furrier who devoted much of his life to volunteerism, died last month at age 76.

He headed Livingston Furs Ltd. until his retirement in the mid-1990s, and was a committed volunteer who was recognized for his work on behalf of a number of organizations.

He was to be inducted into the Hamilton Gallery of Distinction this November.

In the 1940s, Livingston dreamed of becoming an eye doctor, but he was turned away from medical school in Toronto because it had met its Jewish quota, said his son, Alan Livingston.

Jordan Livingston came to Hamilton in 1950 and took over Warner W. Howell Furs, which was established in 1910. Alan succeeded him, and the store operated in downtown Hamilton until 2001,when it moved to Burlington.

In his volunteer work, Livingston was most recently chair of the board of governors of the Art Gallery of Hamilton; chair of the Retail Fur Council of Canada; vice-chair of the Boris Brott Musical Festival; and a member of numerous committees, including St. Joseph's Hospital Research Foundation and the board of the Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa.

He was a past president of Beth Jacob Synagogue as well as a past chair of both the Hamilton Hebrew School Board and Beth Jacob Hebrew School.

He also served as president of the Art Gallery of Hamilton and the Hamilton Downtown Business Association, and was a member of the Mayor's Task Force.

He received the Hamilton Volunteer of the Year Award in 1991 and was one of five finalists nominated as Citizen of the Year.

His son said that volunteering is a family tradition. In the 1930s, Jordan Livingston's father Albert was a co-founder with Marshall Gold, of Camp Tamarac, which was established as a Jewish Boy Scouts camp.

In his eulogy, Alan said his father always carried around a note from his own father about how important it was for a person to create a good name.

"The need to volunteer was key. Dad took his volunteer positions and commitments so very seriously — as strongly as if his life depended on them. He truly believed in volunteerism."

Rabbi Mark Biller of Beth Jacob Synagogue said Jordan Livingston was "a contributor, a giver of means, time and thought."

Rabbi Biller described Livingston as "a one-man think tank… a designer of organizations… a mediator… a man who knew instinctively what must be done, or thought about it until he created a solution."

Last summer, Livingston started a special programs committee at Beth Jacob, out of which a Klezmer group was formed. It then entertained at a concert that attracted 400 people, Rabbi Biller said.

Jordan Livingston leaves his wife of 55 years Sylvia, sons Neal, Barry and Alan and daughter-in-law Yael, as well as three grandchildren.

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Thursday, Sept. 18

LODZ GHETTO MEMOIRS

The evening marks the publication of *Memoirs of the Lodz Ghetto* by **Yankl Nirenberg**, translated from Yiddish by **Vivian Felsen**. A short documentary *The Bundt: Work and Revolution*, will also be screened. 7:30 p.m. Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W.

Saturday, Sept. 20

POST KIDDUSH TALK

Join the First Narayever Congregation for Shabbat services and kiddush at 9:15 a.m. and stay for a post-kiddush talk with **Frida Forman** on "Yiddish Women Writers: A Culture Retrieved." 187 Brunswick Ave. All welcome.

SLICHOT PROGRAMS

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue presents "The Meaning of Sin: Lessons from Rav Kook and Hermann Cohen" with **Rabbi David Bauman**, 9:30 p.m., followed by Slichot services.

Beth Tzedec Congregation presents an address by **Rabbi Joseph Polak**, Hillel director at Boston University, discussing "Jewish University Students in an Age of Anxiety: New Fears, New Challenges." **Marty Lockshin** of York University, and a student will respond. 9:30 p.m. The discussion will be followed by two services: one at 11 p.m. with **Cantor Finkelstein** and the synagogue choir; the second at 11:30 p.m. on "The Sulha Selihot Peace Project: Reconciliation for the Children of Abraham," a contemporary expression of Slichot service with **Rabbi Aubrey Glazer**.

Beth Tikvah Synagogue presents "Reflections of the *CJN* Editor Before Rosh Hashanah" featuring **Mordechai Ben Dat** at 10 p.m., followed by a dessert reception and Slichot services with guest chazzan **Rabbi Avraham Feder**, The Festival String Quartet and the synagogue choir at 11:45 p.m.

Kehillat Shaarei Torah presents **Elliot Malamet** discussing "What is Our Purpose in Life: Thoughts on Rosh Hashanah" at 10:30 p.m., followed by Slichot led by **Pesach Goldman** at midnight.

Shaarei Tefillah Congregation will have a melaveh malka with an address by **Rabbi Moshe Stern** at 10:30 p.m., followed by Slichot with **Cantor Yossi Lebovics** at midnight.

Sunday, Sept. 21

YIDDISH CLASSES

The committee for Yiddish of UJA Federation offers free Yiddish classes for children, and Yiddish classes for adults at a nominal fee. Classes begin today at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. For information, call **Shira** 416-635-2883, ext. 155.

SINGLES BREAKFAST

Join Shalom Singles ages 39+, for breakfast at 11:30 a.m. $4.99 +$2 donation to Zareinu. For information, call 416-631-3664.

WINCHEVSKY REUNION

The Morris Winchevsky School celebrates its 75th anniversary with an all-day reunion celebration. 10:30 a.m., bagels and coffee, 11 a.m., a keynote address by **Ester Reiter** on "Yiddish Folkshules," followed by a sing-along, lunch and workshops. All welcome. No charge. Call 416-789-5502 for information.

ROSH CHODESH GROUP

The Beach Synagogue presents the film *Trouble In the Family* from the series "Judaism: A Quest For Meaning," followed by a discussion. 7 p.m. at 109 Kenilworth Ave. For information, call 416-763-2799.

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sents its 19th annual concert featuring cellist, **Nata Belkin** and pianist, **Shaya Petroff** at the Briton House, 720 Mt. Pleasant Rd. Proceeds will provide dental care for underprivileged children at the DVI clinic in Jerusalem. For tickets, call 416-781-8607.

Monday, Sept. 22

BUBBIE, ZAIDE AND ME

An interactive, intergenerational program for grandparents and preschoolers. Every Monday, 10:30 a.m., at Beth Tzedec Congregation until Dec. 8. Call 416-781-3511 for information and registration.

B'NAI MITZVAH PROGRAM

Shaarei Shomayim Congregation presents a family information night, an opportunity to learn about this year's bar and bat mitzvah programs, 7:30 p.m., 470 Glencairn Ave. Open to non-members. For more information, contact **Rabbi Yechiel Goldreich** 416-789-3213.

Tuesday, Sept. 23

AGEISM IN HEALTH CARE

The Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizen Organizations and the Running to Daylight Foundation invite seniors, family members, health-care providers and administrators who have experienced or witnessed age discrimination or age inappropriate care to join **Jane Hawtin** for a public forum to voice their concerns and plan for future action. 7:30–9:30 p.m. at the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts, 27 Front St. E. Free. For information, call 416-782-3249.

UNDERSTANDING SHOFAR

Join **Rabbi Howard Morrison** for "Different Understandings of the Shofar in Rabbinic Literature." A survey of different sources explaining the rationale for the way we sound the shofar on Rosh Hashanah. 8 p.m. at Beth Emeth Synagogue.

Wednesday, Sept. 24

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Jewish Genealogical Society's monthly meeting will feature **Sarah Taieb Carlen**, of York University, speaking on "Origins, History and Naming of Sephardi Jews." 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. $3 non-members.

Other news

LEARN HEBREW

The Canadian Zionist Federation offers Hebrew language studies with **Channa Sargon**. Classes begin the week of Sept. 22 and are offered during the day and evening, at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. Explore current events, newspaper articles and literature in Hebrew. For information and registration, call 416-633-3988 or e-mail czf@bellnet.ca. Classes will be at 4580 Dufferin St. #508.

Beth Jacob Lubavitch offers Hebrew classes for women every Tuesday morning at 11 a.m. and Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. 44 Edinburgh Dr. Call 416-633-6149 to register.

MEKOROT CLASSES BEGIN

Mekorot Institute of Torah Study for Women fall sessions begin in the next few weeks. Courses offered in Talmud, the story of Joseph, Kohelet, Mishnah, parenting in traditional sources, the matriarchs, the prophets Eliyahu and Elisha, the Ten Commandments, parshah of the week and more. Call **Lisa** at 416-398-1510 or visit www.mekorot.ca for course information and registration.

HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

Join **Kehillat Shaarei Torah**, a modern Orthodox synagogue. The main service is led by **Rabbi Reuven Tradburks** and the learning service by **Elliot Malamet**. Call 416-229-2600.

Join **Rabbi Elliott Diamond** for Pray and Learn, an interactive experience suitable for all levels of knowledge and observance. **Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue**. Call 416-789-3213.

VENDORS WANTED

Beersheba and Aviva chapters of Na'amat are looking for vendors for their Oct. 13 Craft and Gift Show at Bayview Village Shopping Centre. Call 416-636-5425 or 905-881-8161 (evenings).

VOLUNTEER IN ISRAEL

Toronto Israel Experience Centre is organizing a volunteer program for people age 30 to 50-something, Dec. 21-Jan. 4. $1,999 (plus taxes) includes flight, meals and accommodations. This is a volunteer work program in the region of Eilat/Eilot. Acceptance based on personal interview, medical report, and a contribution to the 2004 UJA campaign. Space is limited to 25 spots. Call **Lil** 416-635-2883, ext. 111, or e-mail lnobel@ujafed.org.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service information/registration. **Shawna Sidney** 416-638-7800, ext. 215.

"When You're About to Separate: What to Tell the Kids." A workshop for parents about to separate or in the early stages of separation. Tuesday, Sept. 23, at The Promenade Mall, Suite 313, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

"Adult Children Losing a Parent." A six session group for adult children who have recently lost a parent. Begins Tuesday, Sept. 30, at the Lipa Green Building, 7:30-9 p.m.

"Developing a Successful Parenting Plan." A workshop for parents wanting to develop a businesslike relationship with their ex-partners. Tuesday, Sept. 30, at The Promenade Mall, Suite 313, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

FOR SENIORS

The Lizzies Old Timers Association will hold its 20th annual reunion on Tuesday, Sept. 23, at North Memorial Centre, 200 Eglinton Ave. W., 4:30 p.m. Honorees are **Howard Garfield** and the late **David Sugar**. Call **Harvey** 905-886-6580 or **Norm** 416-749-6735.

Adath Shalom Sisterhood Atlantic City trip, Oct. 13-16, $389. Call **Bunnie** 416-633-9691.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Bridge every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 1 p.m.; Bingo every Tuesday at 1 p.m.; Nov. 18-21, Soaring Eagle Casino. Membership open. Call 416-395-7881.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the boardroom at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Call 416-630-9444 for information.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. Sept. 18, bingo; Sept. 25, Israeli movie. **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 416-630-5771.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

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Current issues and events with **Joe Black**, Mondays, 10-11:30 a.m. Members $1, non-members $3.

Israeli Club Etrog for Hebrew speakers meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Sept. 23, picnic at Earl Bales; Sept. 30, lunch out; Oct. 21 anniversary party – purchase tickets in advance. For information, call **Anna** ext. 110.

WAGMAN CENTRE

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Lunch and Learn with guest speaker **Elsa Marziali**, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in The Gathering Place.

Rosh Hashanah lecture/celebration, Wednesday, Sept. 24 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room.

BATHURST JCC

Bathurst Jewish Community Centre and Koffler Centre of the Arts, 4588 Bathurst St. 416-636-1880 or www.bjcc.ca.

The BJCC presents a preview evening of *The Producers*, Wednesday, Dec. 10. For tickets and information, call **Marni**, ext. 271.

The Jewish Discovery Place offers weekly programs for young children. Mondays, Circle Time, 1 p.m.; Tuesdays, Play Together, 3:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, Storytime, 11 a.m.; and Thursdays, Under a Year Fun, 10:15 a.m. All programs are free for members or included in the cost of admission. For information, call ext. 390.

Registration is now under way for fitness and recreation programs at the BJCC Membership Desk, or call ext. 291 to register for kids' house league basketball, swimming lessons, karate and more.

Register for fall programs at the Koffler Centre. Classes offered for children and adults include ballet and jazz; visual arts, including ceramics, painting, calligraphy, photography and drawing; music, including private piano, flute, violin, guitar and band, dance, drama and choir.

For a complete list of programs, pick up a program guide at the BJCC or visit their Web site at www.bjcc.ca.

MILES S. NADAL JCC

Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211 or www.milesnadaljcc.ca.

"Through Others' Eyes" photo exhibit on display until Sept.22.

Lunch & Learn 2003-04 series starts Thursday, Sept. 18, at noon. **Harold Troper** will speak on "Federalism Schmederalism: Pierre Trudeau and the Jews." $7 per session includes lunch.

The Downtown Ken, a new, downtown Jewish teen group for grades 7 and up. Sundays, 2 to 4 p.m., begins Sunday, Sept. 21.

The Toronto Jewish Film Society, Sunday, Sept. 21, presents: *In Search of Peace*, a compelling and timely documentary about Israel from 1948 to 1967. 5:15 and 7:30 p.m. at the Art Gallery of Ontario. For membership information, call the Nadal JCC.

A reading of *Sara's Cave* by **Don Molnar**, Thursday, Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m. This 2001 Canadian Jewish Playwriting Contest winner tells the story of a Polish woman who hides a Jewish family in her cellar while billeting two Nazi officers on Passover, 1942. PWYC.

Downtown Jewish Learning Council courses registration now under way. Call for information.

Good Age Club: Sept. 18, "scrapbooking memories." Bring four favourite photos and create a memory album, 1 p.m.; Sept. 25, Rosh Hashanah tea, 1 p.m.

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‘Judges meet supreme test in war on terror’

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Once any democratic nation uses undemocratic means to wage war, its very foundation is threatened, he told an audience of about 250 lawyers, judges and donors.

“Terrorism poses difficulty for any country, but especially a democracy, which cannot use any means to respond. Democracies often must fight with one hand tied behind their back, but they nonetheless have the upper hand.”

Democracies, he said, are fragile and need constant tending. “We cannot take [democracy] for granted. If democracy can be perverted in [Nazi] Germany, it can happen anywhere.”

The 67-year-old Barak, who joined the Supreme Court court in 1978 and became its chief justice in 1995, is known for rulings that have upheld Palestinian human rights and limited the army’s response to terrorism.

Detractors have accused his court of high levels of judicial activism and of interfering in the political battle against terror.

But Barak, a former attorney-general of Israel, defended the court’s activist stance as a way of bolstering democracy.

“The purpose of judicial power is to protect democracy and human rights. We cannot limit it to peace. The real test comes in war and terror, [which] must not deprive us of our character.

“Judges meet their supreme test in war and terror.”

The power of courts “fortifies and strengthens people in the long term, even if it makes the war on terror harder. It makes the struggle worthwhile.”

Among the rulings handed down by Barak’s court have been prohibitions on the use of Palestinian prisoners as bargaining chips for Israeli prisoners; on the torture of suspected terrorists, even if it would mean saving lives; and on attacks on Palestinian ambulances, even if the vehicles are suspected of carrying weapons or terrorists.

Barak said those and other decisions reflect the need to strike a balance between protecting citizens and the state’s values. Or, as he put it, “to protect both from terrorism as well as the means to fight it.”

Despite accusations that Israeli courts are soft on terror, they “do not examine the wisdom of war on terrorism, only its legality,” he said. “Security considerations are not a magic wand. They must be proved by the government [and] must consider human dignity and freedom.”

Ultimately, the preservation of democracy is paramount to a state’s survival. And “even if the state loses, the rule of law wins.”

But Barak’s views are not shared by all Israelis, as recent polls show slightly more than half of all Israeli Jews believe Israeli Arabs should not have equal rights, and that only 77 per cent of those surveyed believe democracy is the best form of government for Israel.

Born in Kanaus (Kovno) in Lithuania, Barak was hidden as a child during the Holocaust. He said that experience imbued him not with hatred and recrimination, but with a determined view of the centrality of Israel and the need to ensure its security.

He conceded that reconciling the Jewish state’s democratic values with protecting its citizens isn’t always easy.

“Israel is not just a democracy, but a Jewish democracy. Only a state that gives expression to our heritage can be built on the foundations of human dignity. Only then will it be able to live at peace with itself.

“Even in hard times, we must remain true to ourselves.”

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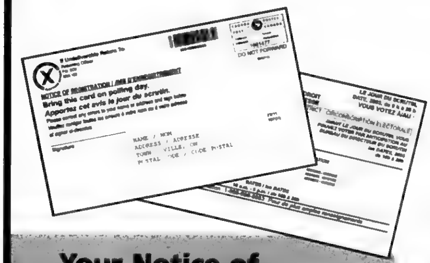

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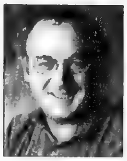

גידי קורן וחברים

בלדה לישראלי המכוער

אבי זר אביב הוא על פי הגדרתו "סטודנט קנדי ממוצא ישראלי" שבילה רבות מחופשותיו בישראל. יש לו דיעות שמאלניות שהוא גאה בהן, ואת הקיץ האחרון בילה בגדה המערבית והזדעזע ממה שראה. לגדר ההפרדה, למשל, הוא קורא "גדר האפרטהייד". הוא מאמין שישראל עושה עוול גדול לפלשתינאים. מה עשה זר אביב? ישב וכתב בכתב ידו מכתב בן חמישה עמודים לקונסול הישראלי, שבו הוא מבקש-דורש מישראל לשנות מן הקצה את מדיניות ממשלת שרון.

עד כאן-סיפור של סטודנט שאכפת לו, שלדיעותיו שותפים גם ישראלים לא מעטים. מה לעשות-זר אביב חי בקנדה (הוא מברך באנחת רווחה על כך שאינו חי בישראל) וכן, מה לעשות, את המדיניות בישראל קובעים בבחירות דמוקרטיות *רק* האנשים שחיים שם.

מסתבר שלקונסוליה הישראלית יש קצין-קצינת יחסי ציבור שטרחו לענות לזר אביב על מכתבו. על פי דבריו-הם נתנו לו את גירסת הממשלה ובסוף גם אמרו לו משהו בסגנון "שתתביש לך, אנחנו נספר על זה לאבא שלך". ואכן- שלחו את מכתב הבן לאביו.

זר אביב מציין במכתבו לקונסול שאביו הוא ממנהיגי הקהילה. מי שכתב את המכתב בקונסוליה קרוב לודאי שמכיר את זר אביב האב, ואם לא הכיר- זר אביב הבן עזר לו שיכיר.

עכשיו תשאלו-איך זה שאתה, גידי קורן , רופא עסוק, יודע על השטות הזאת? פשוט מאוד- זר אביב הבן, כמו עגל שחוט, פצח בזעקות מרות ושיטח את העוול הנורא שנעשה לו בסמרטוטון הטורונטאי "Now" ב 29 באוגוסט. ושם- בין עמודי הקולנוע ופרסומות הפורנו מופיעה כתבתו המתייפיפת של זר אביב. הוא מסכם את כתבתו בהצהרה ש "תיזהרו לכם-אם תכתבו לקונסול הישראלי-הוא יגיד אתכם לאבא".

ממש שיא חדש בכיעור ישראלי. ילד מפונק רץ לספר לעולם איזה חלאות הם הישראלים. אם באמת רצה להשפיע-היה כותב לעיתון ישראלי. כמה עצוב, כי דווקא אביו, בספרו החדש, מבקש מישראלים שלא להוציא את דיבת הארץ. ומכוערת לא פחות ממנו היא התנהגות קצין-קצינת הקונסוליה. מאיפה החוצפה הזאת לשלוח מכתב שנשלח על ידי אדם בוגר לאביו? יותר מזה, גם אם היה זר אביב קטין- זכותו לפרטיות. מאיפה האנשים הביאו את ההתנהגויות האלה? מסיביר של שנות השלושים? ממועצת פועלי אשדוד?

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Coast to Coast

Globe and Mail, National Post both say Arafat must go

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

The *Globe and Mail* and the *National Post* rarely agree on the key issues of the day, but they find themselves of one mind on the root cause of the tragic state of Israeli-Palestinian relations.

In editorials marking the forced departure of Palestinian Authority prime minister Mahmoud Abbas ("The wrong man quit," *Globe*, Sept. 8; "No chance of peace with Arafat," *Post*, Sept. 9) both papers argued that the main impediment to peace is PA President Yasser Arafat.

"From the beginning," says the *Globe*, "Mr. Arafat undermined and schemed against Mr. Abbas, keeping his own loyalists and cronies in place and jealously hanging on to four of eight Palestinian security branches. Without the security services, Mr. Abbas could not begin to confront terrorism, as he was required to do under the international road map to peace."

Using stronger language, the *Post* writes: "So long as the murderous Palestinian dictator and terrorist remains in effective control of the PA, neither the U.S.-sponsored road map nor any other peace agreement can be effective."

While the road map has been promoted mainly by the United States, it's important to remember, as the *Globe* notes, that it is also sponsored and backed by the international community in the form of the United Nations (as well as by the European Union and Russia). Accordingly, the essential condition for the road map's success – the disarming and dismantling of Palestinian terrorist organizations, a condition laid out explicitly in the opening paragraphs of the plan – is something the international community as a whole is insisting upon.

Now that Arafat's machinations against Abbas are common knowledge, an increasing number of media outlets understand that Arafat has betrayed not only his own people but the world at large. Of course, many in the Palestinian camp will continue to blame Israel (and Prime Minister Ariel Sharon in particular) for all their failures, as Mustapha Barghouti did on CBC Radio's *As It Happens* (Sept. 8).

Yet, Likud MK Yuval Steinetz's forceful rebuttal on that program the following evening underscores what has become the majority viewpoint in the West today.

U.S. National Security advisor Condoleezza Rice put her finger on the problem during an interview with CNN's Wolf Blitzer (Sept. 9): Will the PA be committed to "one law, one gun, and one authority" or "is it going to continue to support terrorist organizations running all through the territories, and corruption? That really is the struggle that's going on."

So if there is to be any real movement to peace, the PA must truly reform, something that is virtually impossible as long as Arafat remains on the scene.

"If Mr. Arafat cannot step aside, he should step down," concludes the *Globe*. Again, the *Post* goes further, suggesting the time may have come for Arafat's expulsion, problematic as that may be in other respects.

Writing in the *Winnipeg Free Press* (Sept. 9) Samuel Segev, a veteran Israeli analyst and author, argues that as treacherous as Arafat is, expelling him would likely be more damaging than continuing to isolate him in Ramallah. But that opinion was published before the horrific, twin terrorist attacks later the same day.

In his interview on *As It Happens*, Steinetz took a more aggressive line. Since the September 1993 signing of the Oslo accords, there have been 10 years of terrorism under Arafat. "Enough is enough," Steinetz said. His solution is to expel Arafat and his cronies and wait for the emergence of an indigenous West Bank Palestinian leadership dedicated to genuine reconciliation with Israel.

Paul Michaels is director of communications with the Canada-Israel Committee.

Walk set for Sept. 21

On Sunday, Sept. 21, women and their families in more than 70 communities in six provinces are expected to gather by the thousands to help the Heart and Stroke Foundation raise nearly $2 million in the ninth annual Cheerios Mother Daughter Walk for Heart & Stroke.

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Participants in the Toronto walk at Ontario Place will have a choice of 4km or 8km routes. Ontario Place will also be reserved for walk participants, with activities to entertain walkers and their supporters of all ages, from face painting to taking a plunge in a giant cereal bowl. This year, registration includes a "Play All Day" pass to all Ontario Place attractions.

Registration takes place up until event day at various GTA locations. Registration is free, but participants 16 years and older are asked to raise a minimum of $20. You can register in the following ways: by mail at P.O. Box 3706, Station Industrial Park, Markham, ON L3R 6G9; by fax at 905-479-9707, by phone at 416-489-3724 or 1-888-HSF-INFO, online at www.heartandstroke.ca/walk), or in person at one of the following Heart and Stroke Foundation offices:

- 1920 Yonge Street, 4th Floor, Toronto;
- 1450 Midland Ave., Suite 202, Scarborough;
- 1200 Sheppard Ave. East, Suite 104, North York;
- 48 Village Centre Place, Mississauga.

Event day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. in the registration tent south of parking lot 2 at Ontario Place.

This year, fundraising is even easier with online pledging. Participants must first register online at www.heartandstroke.ca/walk, then send e-mails to friends, family and colleagues whom they hope will sponsor them. Sponsors can pledge online and will receive an e-mailed tax receipt for each donation of $10 or more.

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Hillel peace initiative marks first anniversary of demonstration

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

Concordia Hillel members extended an olive branch to their fellow students on the first anniversary of the violent demonstration at Concordia University that began as a protest to keep Benjamin Netanyahu, whom Hillel had invited, from speaking on campus.

On Sept. 9, Hillel threw a party, with live bands, cheap beer and kosher hot dogs, and invited all students to come. The “concert for peace” went off without a hitch all evening on the outdoor terrace, under the watchful eye of university security guards. At its peak, about 100 students showed up, including a large number of non-Jewish students.

Hillel put up a poster with the message: “Peace, Paix, Shalom, Salaam.” Except for a large poster promoting Birthright with the slogan “Israel for Free,” the event avoided politics.

A blank board offered students the opportunity to pin up their national flags.

Although its members did not attend, the Muslim Students Association earlier presented Hillel with a gift basket containing, among other items, a Qu’ran and information about Islam, as a goodwill gesture.

Hillel decided to go ahead with the celebration despite the two deadly suicide bombings in Israel that occurred just a few hours earlier.

“We felt we had to start somewhere to promote peace and unity on campus. We want to show that Hillel is supporting student life,” said Hillel co-president Josa Alley, who is in her second year at Concordia studying psychology and religion, after transferring from the University of Victoria. “As the largest student club after the International Students Association, we have a responsibility to maintain a positive atmosphere. There is a general feeling among students that there should be a change of tone. They are very tired.”

Hillel will continue to be “100 per cent supportive” of Israel, but no major speakers or activities have been firmed up yet for the year, she said.

Fourth-year student and Hillel vice-president for finance Adam Spiro said the “environment on campus is the best I’ve seen in three years… I’ve never felt the same vibes; the students are happy. We don’t feel the same tension, but that could change.”

Jewish group extends olive branch to fellow students

The Hall Building was a dramatically different place one year after Sept. 9, 2002, when riot police stormed the lobby and pepper-sprayed protesters occupying the mezzanine and escalator leading to it. Demonstrators outside broke a window and those inside threw chairs and overturned newsstands.

On the anniversary last week, all was normal as students took in orientation activities. The only reminder was at the information table of Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights, the student club that was the principal organizer of the anti-Netanyahu protest.

A video of the protest was playing, taken from the perspective of someone who was on the escalator when the police broke up the demonstration. A student manning the table said the video was taken by “a Jewish girl” among the protesters who did not want her name known. She said the video, which was not previously shown, is meant to counter the documentary *Confrontation at Concordia*, which was aired on Global Television.

Hillel welcomes the moderate, apolitical tone set by the new Concordia Student Union (CSU) executive, but it is not yet ready to drop its legal action against the CSU. However, Spiro characterized the matter as “on the back burner.”

Alley said the dispute with the CSU is “negotiable.”

Hillel is due to return to court Oct. 10 to appeal a Quebec Superior Court judge’s decision to suspend the case and allow the university’s own conflict resolution mechanisms deal with the dispute.

Hillel’s funding from the CSU – amounting to about $3,000 – was frozen last year because Hillel refused to sign an agreement with the CSU that commits clubs to mutual respect and non-violent and non-discriminatory behaviour, and prohibits recruitment for any military or paramilitary organization.”

All 58 CSU-affiliated clubs have signed the agreement.

Hillel’s funding will be withheld this year, too. Spiro said the amount is probably a little more than last year. “But we are able to operate as a club. It’s not stopping us,” he said.

Alley and Spiro said they see no reason for Hillel to sign the document because it is “redundant.” Last November, the the university administration issued an “administrative protocol concerning acceptable public expression,” which is essentially identical to the CSU agreement, except the CSU added a clause about not supporting war.

According to CSU researcher David Bernans, it was later altered to a ban on military recruitment when Hillel’s lawyer Michael Bergman said at a press conference last December that Hillel could not sign the existing agreement because Hillel might want to support a “just” war, such as the war against Iraq.

“For that reason, the statement was changed,” said Bernans. “The vague statement [about not supporting war] was replaced with a more specific one about not doing any recruiting for military or paramilitary organizations. It was not added on to the existing statement, but was a replacement for the sentence that Hillel objected to. In other words, the statement was changed to be more accommodating to Hillel.”

Spiro is not convinced: “They were just [trying] to win a political battle.”

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Ontario Election '03

The CJN is providing thumbnail sketches of ridings in the Greater Toronto Area with large Jewish populations. Candidates in these and other ridings have received questionnaires from Canadian Jewish Congress asking them where they stand on certain issues. The results will be printed in next week's *CJN.*

The information on these pages was compiled by *The CJN*'s Ron Csillag with data from cbc.ca, canoe.ca and the Election Prediction Project.

York Centre:

- Redrawn in 1999 to combine most of the old ridings of Wilson Heights and Downsview, with a small portion of Willowdale.
- Province's largest percentage of Russian speakers
- Large concentration of Jewish residents.
- Incumbent seeking his sixth term

Candidates:

Liberal Party:
Monte Kwinter (Incumbent)

Progressive Conservative:
Daniel Cullen

New Democratic Party:
Matthew Norrish

Green Party:
Constantine Kritsonis

1999 Result:
Plurality: 12,058

Monte Kwinter (Lib.)
21,250 (61.1%)

Roberto Hausman (PC)
9,192 (26.4%)

Norm Jesin (NDP)
3,721 (10.7%)

Population (2001): 107,055

Age:
0-19: 25,290
20-39: 33,640
40-59: 24,750
60+: 23,700

Family:
Husband-wife: 24,765
Common-Law couples: 1,280
One-Parent Families: 5,025

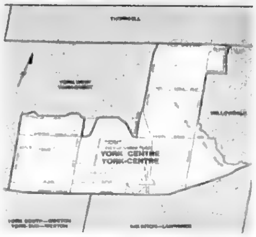
Avg. Household Income:
$50,226
Unemployment: 11.6%

Canadian Citizen: 80.7%
Canadian Born: 42.9%
Ontario Born: 37.3%
Immigrant: 55.4%
Visible Minority: 26.7%
Aboriginal: 0.3%

First Language
English: 44,755
French: 905
Italian: 15,195
Russian: 8,245
Spanish: 4,880
Yiddish: 2,935
Filipino: 2,690
Polish: 2,515

Residence
House: 43.7%
Apartment: 56.1%
Owned: 44.2%
Rented: 55.9%
Avg. Dwelling Value: $241,019

Education
University: 22,465
College/Trade School: 20,745
Secondary: 29,625



Thornhill:

- Created in 1999 from 25% of York Centre and one-third of Markham.
- Sixth-highest riding in average family income.
- About one-third Jewish; home to several Jewish day schools. Equity in Education Tax Credit an issue.

Candidates:
Progressive Conservative:
Tina Molinari (Incumbent)

Liberal Party:
Mario Racco

New Democratic Party:
Laurie Orrett

Green Party:
Bridget Haworth

Freedom Party:
Lindsay King

1999 Result:
Plurality: 343

Tina Molinari (PC)
19,580 (48.2%)

Dan Ronen (Lib.)
19,237 (47.3%)

Nathan Rotman (NDP)
1,438 (3.5%)

Population (2001): 116,840

Age:
0-19: 32,340
20-39: 29,970
40-59: 31,575
60+: 12,745

Family:
Husband-wife: 25,910
Common Law couples: 765
One-parent: 2,820

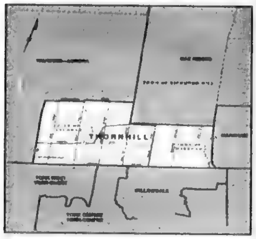
Avg. Household Income:
$79,922
Unemployment: 6.9%

Canadian Citizen: 89.3%
Canadian Born: 55.6%
Ontario Born: 48.8%
Immigrant: 43.6%
Visible Minority: 27.3%
Aboriginal: 0.07%

First Language
English: 63,320
French: 1,220
Chinese: 9,945
Italian: 4,680
Russian: 3,345
Hebrew: 2,970

Residence
House: 77.8%
Apartment: 22.2%
Owned: 81.5%
Rented: 18.5%
Avg. Dwelling Value: $295,474

Education
University: 34,665
College/Trade School: 19,215
Secondary: 23,635



Willowdale:

- Redrawn in 1999 from old ridings of Oriole, Wilson Heights and Willowdale.
- Third-largest seniors' population in Ontario.
- Large Russian-Jewish population in north of riding.
- Immigrant population 50%.
- Held by former attorney general Charles Harnick from 1990-1999.
- Incumbent is only Jewish government MPP.

Candidates:

Progressive Conservative:
David Young (Incumbent)

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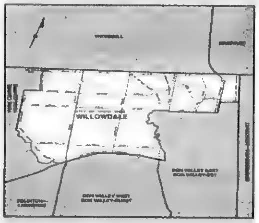

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Liberal Party:
David Zimmer

New Democratic Party:
Yvonne Bobb

Green Party:
Sharolyn Vettese

1999 Result:
Plurality: 3,621

David Young (PC)
22,200 (50.5%)

Fahima Mortazavi (Lib.)
18,579 (42.3%)

Mikael Swayze (NDP)
1,871 (4.3%)

Population (2001):
118,375

Age:
0-19: 22,620
20-39: 30,275
40-59: 29,295
60+: 25,225

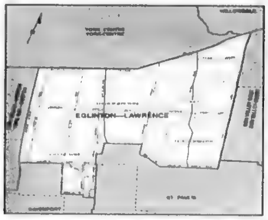
Avg. Household Income:
$69,792
Unemployment: 8.6%

Canadian Citizen: 82.3%
Canadian Born: 47.9%
Ontario Born: 41%
Immigrant: 50%
Visible Minority: 38.3%
Aboriginal: 0.28%

First Language:
English: 54,005
French: 1,375
Chinese: 19,195
Italian: 2,680
Korean: 3,260
Farsi: 2,220
Russian: 2,195

Residence:
House: 58.2%
Apartment: 41.7%
Owned: 60.6%
Rented: 39.3%
Avg. Dwelling Value:
$295,741

Education
University: 38,240
College/Trade School:
19,875
Secondary: 26,185



Eglinton-Lawrence:

- Redrawn in 1999 to incoporate parts of the old ridings of Eglinton, Lawrence, Oakwood, St. Andrew-St. Patrick, Wilson Heights and York Mills.
- Features first Orthodox Jewish woman seeking election as MPP in 2003 (for PC Party).
- Large Jewish, Italian populations.

Candidates:

Liberal Party:
Mike Colle (Incumbent)

Progressive Conservative:
Corinne Korzen

New Democratic Party:
Robin Alter

Green Party:
Mark Viitala

1999 Result:
Plurality: 9,157

Mike Colle (Lib.)
24,151 (56.8%)

John Parker (PC)
14,994 (35.2%)

Jay Waterman (NDP)
1,835 (4.3%)

Population (2001): 111,237

Age:
0-19: 26,075
20-39: 34,290
40-59: 25,495
60+: 22,560

Family:
Husband-wife: 22,835
Common-Law couples: 1,660
One-Parent: 4,725

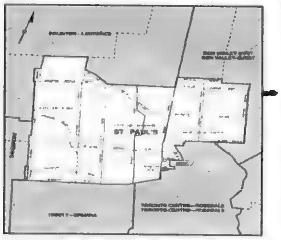
Avg. Household Income: $76,079
Unemployment: 8.7%

Canadian Citizen: 85.4%
Canadian Born: 56.5%
Ontario Born: 48.4%
Immigrant: 42.2%
Visible Minority: 22.8%
Aboriginal: 0.2%

First Language
English: 64,245
French: 1,260
Italian: 9,600
Portuguese: 4,095
Chinese: 2,825
Spanish: 2,620
Filipino: 2,030

Residence
House: 49.7%
Apartment: 49.9%
Owned: 50.3%
Rented: 49.6%
Avg. Dwelling Value: $301,380

Education
University: 33,580
College/Trade School: 17,000
Secondary: 24,570



St. Paul's:

- Redrawn in 1999 from St. Andrew-St. Patrick, Dovercourt, St. George-

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Ontario Election '03

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- Second-highest average family income in Ontario
- Highest rate of university graduates (34%)
- Old riding of St. Andrew-St. Patrick once held by Allan Grossman and his son, Larry Grossman.
- Estimated about one-fifth Jewish

Candidates:

Liberal Party:
Michael Bryant
(Incumbent)

Progressive Conservative:
Charis Kelso

New Democratic Party:
Julian Heller

Green Party:
Peter Elgie

Freedom Party:
Carol Patricia Leborg

1999 Result:
Plurality: 4,782

Michael Bryant (Lib.)
23,755 (50.5%)

Isabel Bassett (PC)
18,973 (40.3%)

Larry Solway (NDP)
3,350 (7.1%)

Population (2001):
108,696

Age:
0-19: 17,085
20-39: 39,440
40-59: 26,850
60+: 20,360

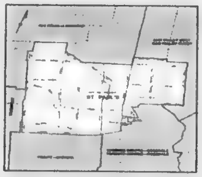
Avg. Household Income
$100,950
Unemployment: 6.8%

Canadian Citizen: 87.4%
Canadian Born: 63.9%
Ontario Born: 51.7%
Immigrant: 34.5%
Visible Minority: 18%
Aboriginal: 0.3%

First Language
English: 71,990
French: 1,790
Chinese: 2,440
Filipino: 2,390
Spanish: 2,280
Italian: 2,195

Residence
House: 30.8%
Apartment: 68.9%
Owned: 32.2%
Rented: 67.8%
Avg. Dwelling Value:
$395,460

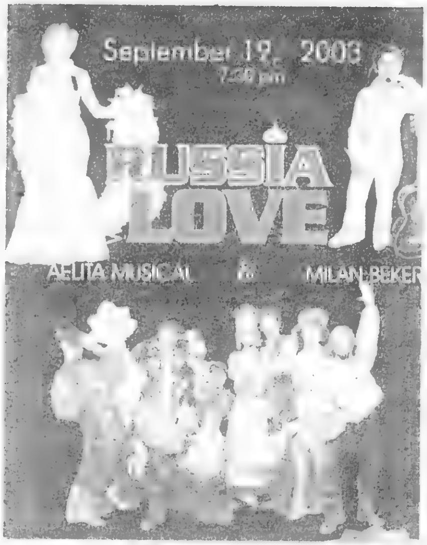
Education:
University: 48,770
College/Trade School:
17,385
Secondary: 18,475



Feature

From Russia With Love to play in Toronto

By **SVETLANA BARKAN**
Special to The CJN



From Russia With Love, the internationally acclaimed musical that has been touring the United States for the past eight years, is coming to Toronto for a one-time only performance.

The show, at Leah Posluns Theatre Sept. 19 at 7:30 pm., will be hosted by Aelita and Milan Beker and features many talented performers from the former Soviet Union. Proceeds will go to the Hospital for Sick Children.

Aelita, the woman behind the show and behind Aelita Musical, has been singing for 30 years. Originally from Riga, the capital of Latvia, Aelita has a strong connection with her Jewish roots. Over her career, she has raised more than $7 million for Israel and has performed at many Israeli-related events, such as the Israeli pavilion at Toronto's annual Caravan Festival.

"Before you're going somewhere, you have to know where you came from and you must remember your roots," Aelita says.

A multi-talented performer, Aelita sings in 16 different languages, including Russian, Hebrew, Yiddish, French, Korean, Spanish, Italian and English. In 2002, she performed a song in Korean at the opening of FIFA World Soccer Championship in Seoul.

In *From Russia With Love*, Aelita sings in seven languages: Russian, Hebrew, Yiddish, French, Italian, Spanish, and, of course, English. The songs Aelita chose for this celebration of music and culture were performed by the true stars of their time: Jewish star Mollie Pikon, French singing sensation Edit Piaf, and American jazz legend Ella Fitzgerald.

Aelita will also perform a medley of traditional Yiddish songs, as well as various songs in Hebrew.

Aelita's young co-star, Milan Beker, began his career in show business when he was only three years old. For the last two years, the eight-year old singing sensation has performed at the Russian Cultural Festival at Mel Lastman Square. He impressed Elvis Presley impersonator Al Ross so much that Ross agreed to perform with Milan in *From Russia With Love*.

Besides his duet with Ross, Milan will be performing a Hebrew song with Aelita, as well as seven other songs solo.

The concert will also feature Igor Emelianov, a classical Russian baritone, and Beatrice Carpino, an Italian soprano.

Carpino, the daughter of the famous Chef Pasquale, the "singing chef," met Emelianov while performing at a concert together. The two tied the knot last month, and perform a duet in Italian in *From Russia With Love*.

In addition, Emelianov will also perform various arias and Russian folk songs.

All Russian celebrations include dancing, and *From Russia With Love* is no exception. The concert will feature the acclaimed six-member Virsky Ukrainian Dance Group, as well as a special dance program by 20-year-old ballroom dancers Sharon Levit and Katya Troubina. The couple has competed in numerous international ballroom competitions, and have been praised by many international judges.

Besides *From Russia With Love*, Aelita Musical Enterprises offers 56 productions in 15 languages. Aelita personally performs in more than 20 of these shows, including *The Best of Broadway*, *Around the World in 90 Minutes*, *Native Canadian Dancers* and *Kensington Market*. The company unveiled its new production of *From Russia With Love* at Donald Trump's Taj Mahal Casino in Atlantic City in 1995.

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Killing Arafat is not gov't policy, Shalom says

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Israel has not adopted a formal decision to kill Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom said Monday in an apparent attempt to soften remarks made by Deputy Prime Minister Ehud Olmert that "killing [Arafat] is definitely one of the options" under consideration by the Israeli government.

"We are trying to eliminate all the heads of terror, and Arafat is one of the heads of terror," Olmert told Israel Radio on Sunday.

"In my eyes, from a moral point of view, this is no different from killing others who were involved in… acts of terror. It's only a practical question. What is the benefit? What will the reaction be? What circumstances will allow this?"

Shalom on Monday contradicted Olmert's earlier statements.

"It [killing Arafat] is not the official policy of the Israeli government. It was never before, and we don't speak about any killing. We didn't speak about it before, and we don't speak about it today," Shalom told reporters Monday.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair's government urged Middle East leaders on Monday to "exercise restraint" and said Israel's suggestion it was considering killing Arafat could damage the peace process.

"We have to recognize that raising the rhetoric is not necessarily a helpful way" of forwarding the road map peace plan, Blair's official spokesperson said in response to journalists' questions.

"It is important that everyone exercises restraint and everyone focuses on how we can achieve the solution that everybody wants," he added, in response to Olmert's comment Sunday.

European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana said Monday he could not imagine Israel would try to kill Arafat, but acknowledged he'd received no guarantees the Palestinian leader would not be targeted for assassination.

Security Council meeting is a 'black mark'

Solana said the Israeli government has been informed by "public and private channels" of international opposition to any attempt on Arafat's life.

He said Olmert's comments had inflamed an already "dramatic" Mideast situation. "Statements of that nature do not contribute to an atmosphere [where] we can see progress move forward," Solana said.

His comments echo those made Sunday by U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, who said Israel would incite rage not only among Arabs, but Muslims in general by exiling or executing Arafat.

Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Yuri Fedotov said Monday any attempt to remove Arafat would be counterproductive and could lead to a serious global crisis in the Mideast.

Fedotov said an attempt to kill Arafat could lead to "an immense and wide-scale growth in the threat of terrorism."

He said it would be a "very good idea" if the UN Security Council – which was to begin its 58th session Tuesday – adopted a resolution that made the U.S.-backed road map binding for all sides in the conflict.

Making the plan obligatory, as opposed to being merely recommendations, would help "get back onto the path toward the understanding that was attained before," Fedotov said.

Meanwhile, the UN Security Council was set to vote Monday on a resolution, drafted by Arab states with the support of non-aligned nations, to forbid Israel from deporting Arafat from the disputed territories.

The United States was expected to abstain, according to Israeli and other diplomatic sources in New York, who said the resolution was moderate and restrained, and includes nothing the Americans "cannot live with."

Israel's ambassador to the United Nations on Monday accused the Security Council of hypocrisy for considering the resolution. Dan Gillerman, said the Security Council has met repeatedly to condemn Israeli actions, but ignores Palestinian suicide bombings and shooting attacks on Israelis.

"The fact that the Security Council remembers to meet because of a decision to expel a person, who in everyone's opinion is a murderer and responsible for the wave of terrorism, and possibly for the worst terrorism in the 21st century, is a black mark," Gillerman said.

The Arab League was set to meet ahead of the vote in Cairo to formulate a unified position on Israel's decision to "remove" Arafat.

The resolution includes a clause saying, "the Council demands that Israel, the occupying power, immediately cease deportation steps and halt all threats against the elected president of the Palestinian Authority."

The resolution does not mention Arafat by name, but another clause emphasizes that the president of the PA is chosen democratically and his deportation is thus forbidden.

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Security increased in Morocco after Jews killed

By PETER EPHROSS
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — Security is being beefed up at Jewish institutions in Morocco after two Jews were murdered in the kingdom in separate incidents.

Eli Affriat, 75, was stabbed to death in the stomach as he was leaving his home for morning prayers at a synagogue in the northern city of Meknes, about 140 kilometres east of the capital Rabat, on Saturday

Two days earlier, Albert Rebibo, 55, was shot dead in Casablanca.

While police have not ruled out criminal motives in the killings, terrorism is seen as more likely, especially in light of the multiple bombings in Casablanca on May 16 that targeted Jewish sites and killed more than 40 people.

The murders came less than two weeks after Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom visited Morocco amid reports the two countries are considering re-establishing closer diplomatic ties.

Morocco played a behind-the-scenes role in contacts between Israel and the Palestinians during the 1990s, but reduced those contacts during the past three years of the Palestinian intifadah.

The Rebibo shooting also came on the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., and during the shooting his killers reportedly shouted "God is great" in Arabic.

Robert Asraf, a leader of Morocco's Jewish community, told *Ha'aretz* that senior police officials told him Rebibo was murdered by members of Al Qaeda from outside Morocco.

During Rebibo's funeral, Serge Bardugo, secretary-general of the Moroccan Jewish community, told hundreds of mourners that the timing of the shooting – at 12:45 GMT, the exact moment the first of New York's World Trade Centre towers was hit in 2001 – pointed to a terrorist attack.

Rebibo was a lumber merchant who was closing down the shutters of his store for lunch when two individuals arrived on motorcycles and shot him, sources in the community told U.S.-based Jewish groups.

Moroccan police set up roadblocks and dispatched helicopters in an attempt to find the killers, but they were unsuccessful.

After the shooting, Moroccan King Mohammed VI phoned Jewish community leaders, pledging to protect the community and take steps to find the killers.

The community numbers about 5,000 today, down from about 250,000 in 1948. Most of Morocco's Jews are older than 50. Communities in Fez, Rabat and Marrakech, all of which once boasted thousands of Jews living intimately in walled medieval markets, now have only a few hundred members.

Despite this, the king and Moroccan Jewish leaders are proud of the country's Jewish heritage, and after the May attacks, the king pledged to rebuild the damaged buildings.

The second deadly attack occurred after the king had already spoken to community leaders.

Since Affriat was a fortune teller and a money lender, police are investigating the possibility that his murder was criminally, not politically, motivated.

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which helps support the Moroccan Jewish community, is "working with the community to take whatever steps are necessary" to maintain Moroccan Jewish life, said JDC's executive vice-president, Steven Schwager.

Bardugo said a sense of helplessness has engulfed the community.

"The authorities are willing to do anything we ask, but we have nothing to ask," he said.

"All Jewish institutions are already guarded, and a policeman cannot be attached to every Jew. But in Israel the situation is no better, and in France there is no work. All that remains is to be afraid."

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A dead-end move

By ZE'EV SCHIFF
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

Analysis

With one decision, the Israeli cabinet has succeeded in resurrecting Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, whose importance appeared to be declining both internationally and in the Arab world.

The cabinet's declaration of its intention to deport or kill Arafat raises serious doubts as to its capability to handle the acute, bloody crisis with the Palestinians adequately.

This is not the first time that this government, headed by Sharon, has resurrected the declining Arafat, who is imprisoned and besieged in his West Bank office in Ramallah, the *Muqata*. The last time the siege was tightened and Israeli tanks threatened to storm the *Muqata*, Arafat managed to attract renewed international attention and got Saudi King Fahd to ask U.S. President George W. Bush to prevent the tanks' entrance. The Israel Defence Forces (IDF) decided then not to make the same mistake twice. But the politicians thought otherwise.

Due to the absence of a political plan and the difficulty of finding satisfactory answers to terror, the Israeli leadership's anger, desire for revenge and frustration are dictating decisions, such as the one made last weekend.

This is one of the strangest "war" decisions ever made by the Israeli cabinet. Usually, decisions regarding military action are made in secret and then carried out. Here the opposite has happened. Israel has declared its intention, prompting Washington and the international community to come out against it. The IDF did not need a cabinet decision to start planning a deportation order. It probably has had a drawerful of expulsion plans for some time.

The move raises the question of whether Sharon merely wanted to prove to the radical right-wing ministers that their old proposal to remove Arafat would elicit American objections, and therefore they had better withdraw the suggestion. But the issue snowballed and became an international and American problem for Israel even before the expulsion has been carried out.

The first step was Israel's announcement to U.S. Ambassador Dan Kurtzer that Sharon's bureau chief, Dov Weisglass, intended to discuss in Washington the possibility of deporting Arafat. Even before Weisglass left for Washington, Kurtzer said Washington objects to deportation. But despite this, Weisglass brought it up in Washington. That means Sharon wanted to hear another "no" from the Americans in Washington, not only from Kurtzer.

This time it was U.S. National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice herself who said "no" to Israel. On the face of it, this was enough to persuade Israel's Defence Minister Shaul Mofaz and other right-wing ministers that it was not advisable to act against Washington's wishes. Indeed, the subject was not raised in the cabinet until the two attacks by Hamas last week.

With the cabinet's decision, Israel maneuvred itself into a dead end. If it expels Arafat, it will enter into confrontation with international bodies and governments, without Washington's backing this time. If it withdraws from its declared intention, its prestige will suffer and it will be considered subject to Washington's whims. If it deports Arafat and he is harmed in the process, a situation will arise, as one Israeli political leader said, "We don't need another Jesus, for whose death the Jews will be blamed."

On a practical level, if Israel deports Arafat, Palestinian leaders might not be able to conduct independent negotiations with Israel. Would Abu Ala, for example, proceed with the peace process while the deported Arafat, who has become the embodiment of the Palestinian people, vetoes from afar every Palestinian step he doesn't approve?

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IAEA to debate Israel's nuclear program

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VIENNA — The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) was set to discuss Israel's nuclear program during its general conference this week, reports said.

A debate on the atomic weapons Israel is believed to possess was on the agenda along with the atomic power of Iran, Iraq and North Korea.

Observers said they expected heated altercations among the136-member-states of the IAEA. Arab states have frequently complained that the IAEA has been silent so far about Israel.

Important decisions are not expected at the general conference, as they are usually made in the IAEA Council of Governors which met last week.

Last Friday the Council of Governors set a deadline for Iran to give detailed information about its controversial nuclear program by the end of October. The demand prompted a walkout by the Iranian delegation from the conference chamber.

A majority of the 35 states on the council were reportedly in favour of setting the deadline. The United States in particular claims Iran is building nuclear weapons.

The Iranians deny this and say their nuclear program is entirely for peaceful purposes. Teheran had warned against an excessively tough resolution by the IAEA.

The resolution, supported by the United States, Australia, Canada and Japan, among others, called on Teheran to give IAEA inspectors access to all its nuclear installations and reveal all its imports of nuclear technology and nuclear scientific experiments.

The draft further said Iran should sign a supplementary protocol to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty allowing IAEA inspectors access to installations without prior notice. Finally, Iran was called on to refrain from any uranium enriching processes.

The Week in Israel

Sept. 8

- Al Qaeda tried to recruit a Saudi Arabian pilot to attack the Jewish state in a 9/11-type attack, Chief of Staff Moshe Ya'alon said. Israel has asked the United States to persuade Saudi Arabia to remove the F-16 jets that are deployed in northern Saudi Arabia.

Sept. 9

- Fifteen people were killed in two suicide attacks in Israel. Eight people died at a bus stop outside the Tzrifin military base near Rishon Lezion; seven died in an explosion at Cafe Hillel in Jerusalem.

Sept. 10

- The names of the 15 victims killed the previous day were released. In the Jerusalem attack: David Appelbaum, 50; his daughter, Nava, 20; David Abistrice, 51; Alon Mizrahi, 22; Gila Moshe, 40; Yehiel Emil Tubol, 52; and Shafik Karim, 27. In the attack near Tzrifin, the victims were Senior Warrant Officer Haim Alfasi, 39; Chief Warrant Officer Yaakov Ben-Shabbat, 39; Cpl. Mazi Grego, 19; Capt. Yael Kfir, 21; Cpl. Felix Nikolaichuk, 20; Sgt. Efrat Schwartzman, 19; Sgt. Yonatan Peleg, 21; and Cpl. Prosper Twito, 20.

Sept. 11

- Tova Lev, 37, who was injured in the Aug. 19 suicide bombing in Jerusalem, died of her wounds, bringing the total number of people killed in the attack to 23.

Sept. 12

- Palestinian demonstrators clashed with police after Muslim prayers on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, when dozens of Palestinians threw stones at Jewish worshippers at the Western Wall. Police stormed the mosque compound and fired tear gas and stun grenades to disperse the demonstrators. Two men were arrested.

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Israel calls EU move to ban Hamas 'very helpful'

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Israel last week welcomed a move by the European Union (EU) to increase pressure on Hamas by adding the entire organization to its list of terrorist groups, calling the move "very, very helpful" in saving Middle East peace efforts.

"As long as Hamas has the ability of terror activity, it means the peace process will never be able to get off the ground," senior Foreign Ministry official, Gideon Meir, said by telephone during a visit to Germany.

Meir didn't have specifics on how much funding would be blocked, but said, "The principle is important here."

But the EU appeared to stop short of a U.S.-style crackdown on European-based charities that allegedly funnel money to the Islamic terror group.

Five days after EU foreign ministers – reacting to the suicide bus bombing in Jerusalem on Aug. 19 that killed 22 people – agreed to add political offshoots of Hamas to the terrorist blacklist, ambassadors in Brussels reached preliminary agreement on implementing the decision, diplomats said.

Until now, the EU had blacklisted only Hamas' military wing, which has claimed responsibility for numerous attacks, including two last week that killed 15 people.

Diplomats and EU officials said the new list, which still needs final approval from ministers before it becomes official, probably Saturday, was in line with the foreign ministers' decision, but remained vague.

"There is no specific mention of names or other organizations," an EU diplomat said on condition of anonymity. "It is 'Hamas' as such."

That could make it difficult for authorities to freeze funds of allegedly affiliated groups or individuals.

On Aug. 22, three days after the Jerusalem bombing, the Bush administration froze the U.S. assets of six senior Hamas leaders and five European-based organizations it says raise money for the extremist Palestinian group, and called on others to do the same in the wake of the Jerusalem bombing, which launched a new round of violence. The EU diplomat said the issue of freezing assets remained on the agenda and would be studied more in depth.

France in particular had led opposition to blacklisting all of Hamas, wary of cutting off avenues of negotiation or hurting the group's extensive social services network, including health and education. There was no immediate comment from French officials.

Last week on Monday, the EU head office, which administers aid, said it would not be able to make up any services that lose funding because of the blacklist, adding that would be up to President Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority.

Later in the week, the EU again demanded that the Palestinian Authority crack down on terror, following last Tuesday's suicide bombings outside a military base near Rishon Letzion and at a Jerusalem cafe. Fifteen people were killed in the two attacks.

"The European Union wishes to reaffirm its strongest condemnation of these two terrorist attacks as well as the organizations that planned and executed them," the EU presidency said in a statement on behalf of the 15 governments.

It warned that the "resurgence of terrorist attacks is claiming an intolerable toll of innocent Israeli citizens, it is obstructing the efforts of the international community to restore peace in the region and it is damaging the interests of the cause of the Palestinian people."

The statement said the EU "strongly urges the Palestinian Authority to take all necessary concrete measures against those terrorist organizations that are opposed to any political dialogue and undermine all the efforts to restore hope and to bring peace, security and better conditions of life to the region."

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Survey shows mixed picture of American Jewry

By JOE BERKOFSKY
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — The Jewish population is aging and shrinking, its birthrate is falling, intermarriage is rising and most Jews do not engage in communal or religious pursuits.

Yet a majority attend a Passover seder and celebrate Chanukah, Jewish education is booming, and many Jews consider being Jewish important and have strong ties to Israel.

These are not duelling headlines, but parallel portraits contained in the long-awaited National Jewish Population Survey (NJPS) 2000-01.

Federations and Jewish communal leaders use these studies every decade for policy and planning decisions.

The United Jewish Communities (UJC), the federation umbrella group, officially released the $6 million (US) study last week, nearly a year after retracting initial NJPS data and delaying the survey's release amid controversy over its methodology and missing data.

A subsequent internal audit led to an independent review that UJC officials said was to be made public late last week.

But they and others said the study paints the most comprehensive, reliable picture of American Jewry to date.

Not only did the reviews reinforce the data's validity, but the NJPS was compared to other communal studies and "our numbers checked out very nicely," said Lorraine Blass, NJPS project director and senior planner at UJC.

Those numbers add up to a complex Jewish continuum.

On one end lies a small segment of the community experiencing a Jewish renaissance, and on the other is a majority that continues to assimilate.

In the vast middle remain most Jews who engage in few Jewish pursuits.

"The big story is how the affiliated and the unaffiliated sharply differ on all measures of Jewish life," said Steven M. Cohen, a senior NJPS consultant and Hebrew University professor.

"As a group, American Jews may be moving in two different directions simultaneously: increasing Jewish intensification alongside decreasing Jewish intensity. It may well be the most and least involved are gaining at the expense of those with middling levels of Jewish involvement."

Among the study's key findings:

- There are 5.2 million U.S. Jews, down five per cent from 5.5 million counted in the 1990 population study.
- Of those, 4.3 million have "stronger Jewish connections," meaning they attend Passover seders and light Chanukah candles. This number also includes those more Jewishly committed – people who keep kosher homes, routinely attend synagogue, attend Jewish schools and belong to at least one Jewish organization.
- Intermarriage is rising at a steady pace, at 47 per cent for the past five years. That represents a four per cent increase from 1990, which was calculated differently. Of all Jews currently wed, one-third are intermarried.
- Day school enrollment is rising, with 29 per cent of youths ages six-17 saying they have attended day schools or yeshivas.
- An estimated 353,000 people, including 272,000 adults and 81,000 children, live in households with incomes below the poverty line.
- The median Jewish age is 42, compared to 35 for Americans generally, and the birthrate was 1.8, below the 1.9 rate for American women generally.

While many of these figures did not change sharply from the last NJPS in 1990, some warned of troubling signs for the coming decade.

There was a drop in the population of Jewish children, especially in the zero-four age bracket, and though the initial report did not contain the exact figure, it said 20 per cent of the overall population were children, down one per cent from a decade ago.

The NJPS survey also indicated that intermarriage stayed at the same rate of 43 per cent between 1985 and 1990 and between 1991 and 1996, then climbed to 47 per cent through 2001.

But David Marker, a member of the advisory committee that consulted on the NJPS and a senior statistician at Westat, a statistics firm, said, "Intermarriage doesn't have to be viewed as a negative.

"The Jewish community needs to do a better job of reaching out to the families of the intermarried, making them feel wanted and comfortable in Jewish institutions without pushing them away."

Beyond the debate over intermarriage that began after the 1990 study, Cohen and others said the growing gap between active and inactive Jews remained a big hurdle for organizations such as Jewish community centres, synagogues and other institutions seeking to gain members.

According to the NJPS, among the more connected 4.3 million Jews, 44 per cent did not belong to any Jewish group, 28 per cent were "moderately affiliated" to one group, and 28 per cent were "highly affiliated" with two or more.

Among those Jews belonging to one or more Jewish organizations, Jewish religious and communal ties grew while dropping sharply among the unaffiliated.

Among the more active Jews, there were some surprises when it came to education.

Day school enrollment is rising, with 29 per cent of youth ages six to 17 saying they have attended day schools or yeshivas, and 23 per cent of those ages 18-34 saying they have attended such schools.

At the same time, 41 per cent of college and graduate students said they had taken a Jewish studies course.

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Arafat must be ousted: Sharansky

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"We know from intelligence information who has been planning the attacks," said Sharansky, who was due to deliver speeches at York University, the University of Toronto and Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Arafat has "prevented" the dismantling of the Palestinians' terrorist infrastructure in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and helped Palestinian rejectionists strengthen themselves during the short lived *hudna*, or temporary ceasefire, he charged.

"Arafat is a guarantor of Hamas and a huge obstacle to peace," Sharansky said.

Asked whether the Palestinian leader should be marked for death, as Deputy Minister Ehud Olmert was reported to have said last week, Sharansky replied, "It's not a topic for discussion. It's for [Israeli] intelligence officials to decide."

Sharansky suggested that Arafat's popularity among the Palestinians is superficial. He compared it with Joseph Stalin's so-called popularity in the Soviet Union prior to his death.

He said Arafat has no interest in improving the lives of his people, but in perpetuating the conflict. When he was minister of industry and trade between 1996 and 1999, Sharansky recalled, he forwarded proposals to Arafat to ameliorate the living conditions of Palestinians in the Palestinian autonomous areas, but "[h]e was not interested."

Israel wants to work with a Palestinian leadership that will not hesitate to fight terrorism, Sharansky said. He cast doubt on the ability of the new Palestinian prime minister, Ahmed Quriea, to act independently of Arafat.

Israel should not enter into discussions about Palestinian statehood until there is a Palestinian leadership ready and able to combat terrorism, he said, adding that Israel cannot support the creation of a Palestinian state "whose aim is to destroy us."

He said, "We want to give the Palestinians all rights, except the right to destroy us."

According to Sharansky, talks about a Palestinian state should be held in abeyance until a new Palestinian leadership emerges and genuine democratic reforms are implemented.

"I can see a Palestinian state at the end of that process."

He said the road map peace plan is flawed because these pre-conditions were not placed at the top of the agenda, as U.S. President George W. Bush promised in his June 2002 speech. "I always saw problems in it," he observed, referring to the road map.

Asked whether Israel is poised to invade the Gaza Strip, Hamas' stronghold, Sharansky replied, "Israel has an obligation to give its people guarantees of security. Hamas is killing our people in cafés and public places. We have to bring Hamas to justice. There is no place in the world Hamas can hide, and no person in Hamas has immunity."

An invasion, he said, is a matter for the army.

Sharansky was also asked why some 18,000 Falash Mura, comprising of Ethiopian Jews whose ancestors converted to Christianity under duress, have still not been airlifted to Israel for resettlement. Israel's ministry of interior has not implemented a cabinet decision taken last winter to bring them to Israel.

He said the delay is due to two factors.

Israel must check whether they are eligible to make aliyah under the Law of Return, and funds must be found to finance their integration into Israeli society.

"It's untrue they're not being brought to Israel because they're blacks," he said agitatedly.

The accusation that Israel prefers white immigrants is not only insulting but anti-Semitic, Sharansky said.

Israel, he said, is the only country in the world today bringing immigrants from Africa to its shores.

Sharansky said that $1 billion (US) – which includes funds for special medical and educational needs – is needed to settle the Falash Mura.

He appealed to North American Jewish communities to raise funds for this purpose.

Sharansky said he visited the Falash Mura in Ethiopia when he was minister of interior. "I saw their suffering, and their situation was awful."

The Israeli government, he said, has decided in principle to bring them to Israel.

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ELECTIONS ONTARIO

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Nir Bergman's Broken Wings *deliberately avoids politics*

Director's first feature film is autobiographical

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Nir Bergman's celebrated film, *Broken Wings*, which won nine prizes at last year's Israeli Academy Awards, avoids the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Bergman, 34, deliberately stayed clear of Middle Eastern politics, but he can understand why foreign viewers might have expected even an indirect nod to the perennial dispute that so consumes Israelis.

The average Israeli really has no interest in watching a movie about that explosive topic, he said last week during a round of interviews to promote *Broken Wings*, his first feature film, at the Toronto International Film Festival.

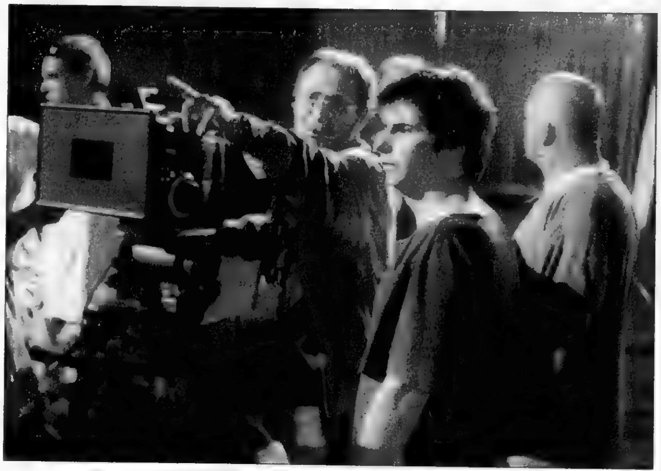
"We live the conflict every day of our lives. We grow up with it. We deal with it."

Born in Haifa and now living in Tel Aviv, Bergman explained that *Broken Wings* lets viewers see "the real Israel."

Broken Wings, which was Israel's official submission in the foreign language Academy Award category, is about a bereaved middle-class family trying to come to terms with a husband's and a father's sudden, untimely death.

"I was obliged to tell this story," said Bergman, a quiet, self-effacing man who is the antithesis of Hollywood glamour. "It's personal."

In the film, the Ullmans – Dafna, Maya, Yair, Ido and Bahr – are still in a state of mourning, deeply affected by the passing of a man who meant so much to them.



Nir Bergman on the set of the movie *Broken Wings*.

Dafna, the mother, can hardly function. Maya, her eldest daughter, must defer ambitious plans. Yair has dropped out of school and has abandoned his dreams of being a professional basketball player. Ido is suicidal. Bahr, the youngest, feels neglected.

Bergman knows all about loss. In this sense, he acknowledged, *Broken Wings* is autobiographical.

"I lost my father at the age of 10 in a horrible divorce," he disclosed. "He left us, my mother, sister and I, with terrible financial problems."

As a result, Bergman's sister was sent to a kibbutz. "She couldn't handle it. I was like Maya. I had to be OK all the time, to keep the family together."

Bergman, who made *Broken Wings* for around $600,000 (US), a hefty sum by Israeli film industry standards, was not too surprised by its commercial success in Israel.

"People could identify with its characters and truths," he said. "It brought parents and their children together at theatres, which is the most wonderful thing."

He worked on it for four years, though shooting lasted only 26 days. Its hard, grey look was deliberate, reflecting the enveloping crisis gripping the Ullmans in their hour of duress.

Broken Wings, which is scheduled to open in Toronto in March or April of 2004, has given his career an immeasurable boost. "It's easier to raise funds for new films, but it has heightened expectations, which is not good."

Currently, Bergman, the father of twins born in April, is finishing the script for his next film, tentatively titled *Frou Frou*, a drama set during the 1982 war in Lebanon. He hopes to begin filming next March in Haifa and Ein Hod, an artist's village in the foothills of the Carmel mountain range.

Bergman studied cinema at Tel Aviv University and the Sam Spiegel Film and Television School in Jerusalem after completing his national service.

He did not much like the army. "Three disgusting years. It's a dictatorship. Some kid a year older than you giving you orders."

Bergman's first film, a short called *Sea Horses*, recounted his parents' bitter breakup. It won 10 prizes at various international film festivals.

His second film, *The Class Queen*, was a documentary about the "hardships of popularity." It was followed by *Reaching for Heaven*, which tells the story of a secular Jew who embraces religion.

Although his films studiously avoid the Arab-Israeli dispute, Bergman keeps up with the latest developments in the Mideast. And he is not an optimist. As he bluntly put it: "A few powerful people in this region don't want peace."

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Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

TORONTO PLAYWRIGHT GARFINKEL 'FASCINATED' BY DEMJANJUK TRIALS

Toronto poet-playwright **Jonathan Garfinkel**, who recently turned 30, claims he's too young to remember much about the first trial of John Demjanjuk that began in Israel in 1987, in which the man accused of being Ivan the Terrible of Treblinka was ultimately acquitted.

However, he says he was fascinated when the Demjanjuk case came up again in the United States in 1999 – so fascinated, in fact, that he wrote a Brechtian-style "Holocaust cabaret" about the affair, in collaboration with Toronto composer **Allen Cole**.

The result, *The Trials of John Demjanjuk*, has been workshopped at the Ashkenaz festival and at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa, where a public performance was given. Theatre Asylum recently announced that it intends to produce the play in Toronto in the spring.

A play about John Demjanjuk may be produced by Theatre Asylum.

"Like [Bertolt] Brecht did in his theatre, I want to present the facts to the audience so they can make up their minds about the subject," Garfinkel said. "At the same time, I'm playing with the accusation that some people made that the Demjanjuk trial was a show trial. I'm not saying it was, but I'm playing with that idea."

The play has also been selected for inclusion in the anthology, *A Terrible Trial: Plays of the Holocaust*, which Playwrights Canada Press is slated to publish in November to coincide with Holocaust Education Week. Garfinkel is to give a public reading at a Toronto venue on Nov. 9.

A public reading of another Holocaust-related play is scheduled for this week. *Sara's Cave*, an award-winning new play by **Don Molnar**, focuses on a woman who hides a Jewish family in her root cellar during the German occupation of Poland. Between Stages presents a staged reading followed by a discussion with the author. Suggested donation $5 or PWYC. Miles Nadal JCC, Bloor and Spadina. Thursday, Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m.

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Rasky Focuses on Jewish Toronto: *Nobody Swings on Sunday*, a new documentary by veteran filmmaker **Harry Rasky**, depicts the experiences of the Rasky and other Jewish families in Toronto during the '20s and '30s, and evokes a strong sense of the Jewish communal life and the poverty and discrimination that marked the era.

The film takes in homes, stores, synagogues, Hebrew schools and movie theatres as it tours the neighbourhood where the Rasky family settled with their eight children. Interview subjects include broadcaster **Patrick Watson**, entertainer **Don Harron**, painter **Aba Bayefsky**, musician **Eugene Kash** and even ballet giant **Mikhail Baryshnikov**, who talks about defecting in Canada. *Nobody Swings on Sunday* airs CBC television on Sept. 25 at 7 p.m.

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Names in the News: Dancer **Avinoam Silverman** debuts in *The Firebird*, a National Ballet of Canada production touring Western Canada this month… Musical artists **David Wall** and **Marilyn Lerner** perform at Apples & Honey, the Winchevsky Centre's secular celebration of Rosh Hashanah on Sept. 27… Artist **Katherine Dolgy Ludwig** recently returned to Toronto after a year of study in London, during which she mounted a large solo show at the West London Synagogue. Many of her London paintings are on view at the Holy Blossom Temple until Oct. 30… **Sean Cullen** plays **Max Bialystock** and **Michael Therriault** plays **Leo Bloom** in the upcoming production of the **Mel Brooks** musical *The Producers*. Performances begin Nov. 21 at the Canon Theatre on Yonge St.

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Arts in Brief

- **Betty Feder** hosts the launch of her uncle **Yankel Nirenberg's** book, *Memories of the Lodz Ghetto*. Nirenberg was the head of the Bund and wrote the work originally in Yiddish; **Vivian Felson** was the translator. Workman's Circle, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.
- **Prof. Ester Reiter** speaks about Yiddish Folkshules during the Morris Winchevsky School 75th anniversary reunion celebration. Free admission (donations appreciated). 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Sunday, Sept. 21. Bagels and coffee at 10:30 a.m., Reiter at 11, followed by other activities. 416-789-5502.
- **Karen X. Tulchinsky** reads from her new novel, *The Five Books of Moses Lapinsky*, set in Toronto during the turbulent '30s. Miles Nadal JCC. Members free, non-members $5; includes coffee and bagels. Sunday Sept. 21, 11 a.m.
- The Westben Arts Festival Theatre in Campbellford, Ont., presents "from Chopin to Chardonnay" with pianist and wine virtuoso **Robert Silverman**. $75. Tuesday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m. 877-883-5777.

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At the Galleries

- "Through Others' Eyes", an Arab and Jewish youth photography exhibit from Israel, is on view through Sept. 22 at the Miles Nadal JCC, 750 Spadina Ave.
- Oil paintings by **Masayoshi Kato** are on view at Beckett Fine Art Ltd., 120 Scollard St., now until Oct. 4. 416-922-5582.
- "A Brush with Toronto," a showing of paintings of the city by **Dorothy** and **Vernon Mould**, is on view at the Market Gallery, St. Lawrence Market, through Oct. 12.
- "The Faces of Israel," photographic portraits by **Sid Shoub**, continues at the Koffler Centre, BJCC, 4588 Bathurst St., thru Oct. 17.
- The exhibition "Art Deco 1910-1939," featuring pieces from London's Victoria and Albert Museum, opens Sept. 20 at the Royal Ontario Museum. Until Jan. 4, 2004.

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The Faces of Israel on exhibit at the Koffler Centre

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

Sid Shoub has been taking pictures since he was 13 years old. He'll be 80 next month and over the years his award winning photographs have appeared in travel magazines and exhibitions.

The Faces of Israel is a collection of photographs that Shoub started taking during a visit to Israel in 1971. The display, now being shown in the Loggia at the Koffler Centre for the Arts in Toronto is divided thematically. Among the various groups portrayed are pictures of soldiers in the Israel Defence Forces; Orthodox residents of Me'a Shearim and Arab shopkeepers in the Old City.

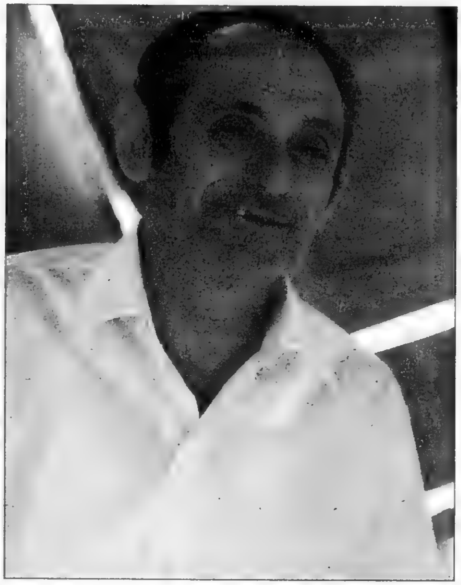
A kabob vendor and his daughter. Part of Sid Shoub's exhibitiion.

Shoub's pictures of ordinary people – the falafel maker in Safed, the Tel Aviv vegetable peddler, the gold toothed waiter in Tiberias – attempt to capture moods and characterizations of individuals.

Shoub was born in Montreal and moved to Toronto in 1969 where he worked as an investment broker. However, he never stopped travelling and taking pictures, always asking permission before clicking.

And while many of the faces in the photos are smiling, "underneath the smile I was hoping to reveal the determination and warmth of a people," Shoub said.

The show, which is being presented under the auspices of the Israeli Consul General and Temple Emanu-El, will be on display until Oct. 17 at the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre (BJCC).



The gold-toothed waiter in Tiberias, one of many 'ordinary people' photographed by Sid Shoub over three decades.

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Migrant worker inspires award-winning film

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Tens of thousands of foreign workers have poured into Israel in the last decade, performing the menial, low-paying jobs Israelis usually eschew.

Ra'anan Alexandrowicz's quirky film, *James' Journey to Jerusalem*, which premiered at this year's Jerusalem Film Festival and opens in Israeli theatres in December, examines this phenomenon, albeit with a slight twist.

James, a Nigerian farmer and evangelical Christian who aspires to be a pastor, is a latter-day pilgrim. He travels to Israel on behalf of his village to visit the Jerusalem of their dreams.

But no sooner does he set foot in Israel than he is arrested. He is suspected of being an illegal foreign worker.

Rescued from the drudgery of prison by a canny Jewish manpower agent, James is summarily put to work as a common labourer. James makes the best of his situation, but as his illusions about Israel fade away, his dream of visiting Jerusalem recedes.

James' Journey to Jerusalem, which was screened at the 27th Toronto International Film Festival, was inspired by his chance encounter several years ago with a Nigerian man named James residing in Israel on a long-expired tourist visa.

In Nigeria, he had been a banker. But in Tel Aviv, he cleaned houses, said Alexandrowicz, who was born and raised in Jerusalem but who now lives in Tel Aviv.

"James shared with me the hardships, fears and sorrows of a migrant worker's life, as well as his memories of Nigeria, and his dream of reaching Canada."

James told Alexandrowicz he had imagined Israel as a green, bountiful land flowing with milk and honey, as described in the scriptures, and had thought "the Lord's chosen people" dwelled in Israel.

James' ruminations amazed Alexandrowicz. "When I heard these words, I realized I was hearing the opening scene of a film. The contradictions and irony I felt in in these few sentences expressed by a person who was living in the most rundown part of Tel Aviy, a man who earned his livelihood cleaning bathrooms and kitchens, led me to start writing *James' Journey to Jerusalem*."

When Alexandrowicz, 34, began composing the script four years ago, Israeli cinema had yet to deal with the topic of foreign workers. But by the time he finished it, two Israeli films on the subject had already been released.

Alexandrowicz, who characterizes his 87-minute movie as "a contemporary economic fairy tale with realistic elements," explained it is not strictly about foreign workers.

"It's very much about what money does to a person's behaviour and to a society. James starts with a dream, going to Jerusalem, and ends up buying a new television. Money is a very powerful thing and just transforms people."

James' Journey to Jerusalem, he also noted, charts the profound impact of economic change on Israeli society.

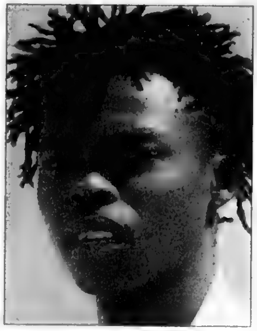
"As Israel's economy develops, the more its soul deteriorates and the harsher it becomes," said Alexandrowicz, who claims that foreign workers are generally exploited by Israeli employers.

"They're paid minimum wages, with no social benefits. That's the way a modern economy works, whether in Israel or somewhere else."

And James, he added, serves as a telling metaphor for the evolving nature of Zionism. As he learns the tricks of the game, he becomes increasingly cynical and materialistic and defers his trip to Jerusalem, the raison d'etre of his pilgrimage to Israel.

So it is with Zionism, he said. The early Zionist pioneers who settled the land were animated by a purity of objectives. But today, these ideas seem saccharin and outdated.

"Soul is one of our assets," he observed. "We should be careful with it, but we're not."



Siyabonga Meongisi Shibe

James' Journey to Jerusalem, the first Israeli film where Zulu is spoken, was shot over a two year period, mainly in the working-class Tel Aviv neighbourhood of Kfar Shalem. It cost just under $500,000 (US). "We started shooting before all the funds were raised," said Alexandrowicz, who studied cinema at the Sam Spiegel Film and Television School in Jerusalem.

To cast James, he went to South Africa, whree he hired a young actor, Siyabonga Melongisi Shibe, for the part. His stellar performance earned him the best actor award at the Jerusalem Film Festival.

Before making *James' Journey to Jerusalem*, Alexandrowicz, a former paratrooper, made *The Inner Journey*, a documentary about Palestinan refugees who pay a sentimental visit to their former homes in Israel. "Getting to know Israel through their eyes was an important experience for me," he said.

In his view, Israelis and Palestinians can coexist. "We are two very compatible nations, but the politics are very dangerous."

Alexandrowicz is currently completing a small documentary about Hand in Hand, a progressive school in Jerusalem's Katamon district where the languages of instruction are Hebrew and Arabic.

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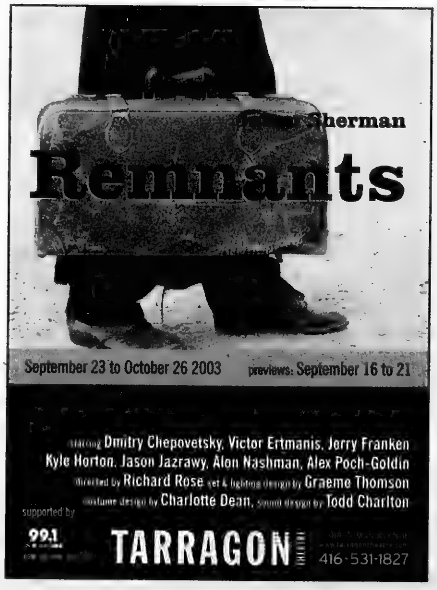

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Hospital says it was within law to ask for payment

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

The director-general of the Centre Hospitalier Laurentien denies that staff acted improperly in their handling of a chassidic boy with appendicitis who arrived at the hospital's emergency ward without his medicare card or proof of identity.

On Aug. 16, a Saturday, Shalom Lison, 13, was brought by ambulance to the hospital in Ste. Agathe des Monts with abdominal pains. He was accompanied by his father Yomtov Lison and family friend Yehudah Gniwisch. The Lison family, Lubavitchers who live in Montreal, were spending the weekend at their home near Ste. Agathe.

Rochel Lison, the boy's mother, told *The CJN* they had left the medicare card in Montreal.

The boy woke up Saturday with a stomach ache that got worse through the day. Around 5 p.m., they called an ambulance.

Because it was Shabbat, neither the father nor Gniwisch was carrying a wallet and therefore could not provide the required ID or pay the $700 demanded by the registration clerk. Lison said she and her husband are Canadians.

Gniwisch, who speaks French, attempted to explain to the clerk that once Shabbat was over, within about two hours, they would either have a family member drive up from Montreal with the card or pay the $700.

"She was not interested in our explanation. It was just pay the money or we won't treat the child," said Gniwisch. He and the mother said no doctor even looked at the boy, who had been transferred from the ambulance to a bed in emergency.

Gniwisch said another woman came over, whom he presumed to be a supervisor, and made a remark he and Yomtov Lison considered to be anti-Semitic.

"She said in French, something to the effect that too many of us have stiffed the hospital."

Rochel Lison said her husband also felt he was being treated with hostility because he is a visibly Orthodox Jew.

"The tone was: pay the money right now or we won't see your son," she said.

Frustrated and with Shalom in terrible pain, Yomtov Lison left the hospital and drove the boy to the Montreal Children's Hospital, where he subsequently underwent surgery. He has since recovered.

Jocelyne Thifault, a spokesperson for the Centre Hospitalier Laurentien, told *The CJN* that an investigation was conducted and there was no basis for the family's complaint.

Director-general Jacques Gaudette has issued a written clarification. After checking with the staff on duty that day, he said the boy was given a "clinical evaluation" while an "unidentified adult" went to the reception to fill out an admission form.

"This adult did not have a medicare card or any proof of identity in his possession that would permit determination of Canadian citizenship.

"In such a case, the policy in force in all Quebec hospitals is to demand a sum of money for possible treatment, payable by cheque, credit card or cash. An amount of $700 was asked of the adult who, without giving an explanation, then left the emergency with the adolescent."

Gaudette stressed that "no inelegant remark was made to the adult or the adolescent" and that no complaint has been lodged.

He wrote that the hospital maintains "excellent relations" with the community it serves, regardless of ethnic origin. It also serves tourists of all nationalities, he said.

Rochel Lison said she called the Laurentian regional health board and was told to write a letter of complaint, but said she must wait until she finds someone to do it in proper French.

"I never thought something like this would happen in Canada. Our main concern now is that this should not happen to somebody else."

She has used the services of the hospital before without any problems, but only when she had her medicare card with her.

Gniwisch said he does not understand why the hospital could not have shown some flexibility. "They had the names and address of the parents. It would have been easy to find out if it was legitimate."

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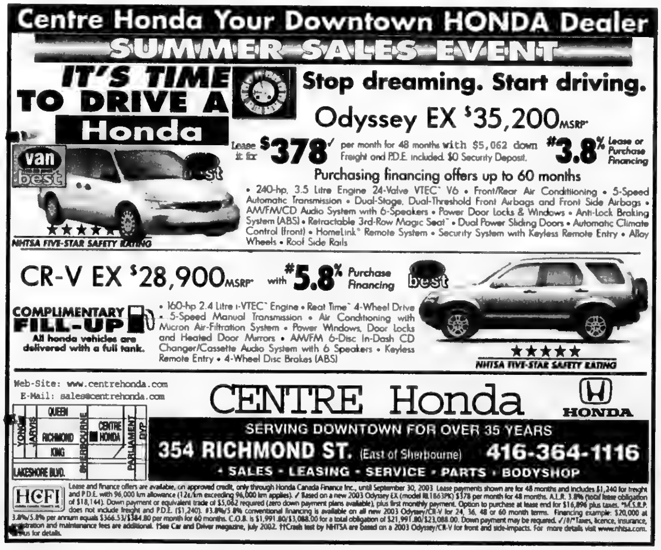

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About Nutrition

By LISA WEINBERG

Q. There has recently been a lot of publicity about the growing number of obese children and their poor eating habits. How much junk food is OK for young kids?

A. I believe that here less is more. Kids need fat in their diet, but it does not have to be excessive, nor should it be artery-clogging fat. As well, if the only foods that you offer your children and expose them to are "kiddy foods," then don't be surprised when that's all they eat. Dinner should not be a steady schedule of chicken fingers, mac and cheese, hot dogs and grilled cheese.

Your children should eat the same dinner as you eat. Offer it and they'll get the picture that this is what dinner looks like (i.e., salmon, broccoli and rice). You may need to make modifications to ease them into this, but it's worth the effort. For young children, you could offer stickers every time they try a new food.

To answer your question specifically, it is OK for kids to have chicken fingers and fries occasionally, or cookies and potato chips (a few times per week, not daily). It is OK for kids to have treats most days, but those treats don't have to be loaded with saturated and trans fat. Read labels carefully, avoid foods containing hydrogenated oils and high amounts of saturated fat and sugar. Limit juice and pop, and stock your house with healthy foods that your kids like.

Q. My kids love homemade chocolate chip cookies, how can I make them healthier?

A. Good for you for baking from scratch. Take your family's favourite recipe and bake it using whole wheat flour and non-hydrogenated margarine as the fat source. You can also add walnuts for an additional heart-healthy kick.

Q. I am trying to cut back on the amount of caffeine that I consume. I am under the impression that tea has almost no caffeine, and wondered if this is true.

A. It depends on the tea. Regular black tea has about one-quarter the caffeine of coffee, green tea has about half that of black tea, white tea (a new tea receiving a lot of attention because of its lack of colour and its antioxidant properties) has about half that of green tea, virtually no caffeine. Many herbal teas are naturally decaffeinated and you can buy decaffeinated black tea.

Q. I have been buying bottled water for our family, but with so many waters on the market, I am confused as to which is really clean and pure. How can I tell?

A. You want to check on the label where it says ppm, which stands for parts per million. Many waters are around 300 ppm. You want to look for one closest to or at 0 ppm. These types of water will be purified by reverse osmosis, distilled or steamed distilled processes.

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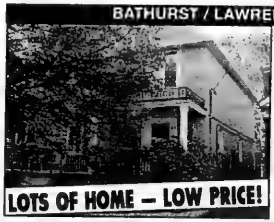

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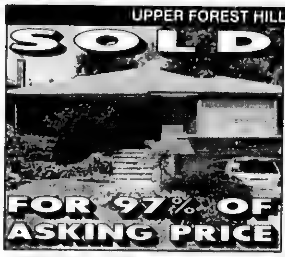

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DUBINS, Benjamin – on Aug. 30, 2003.
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HOLZBERG, Claire – on Aug. 5, 2003, late of 76 Birch Ave., T.H. 2.
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BERKOVITS, Judy – on Aug. 10, 2003, late of 35 Canyon Ave., #1004.
BRUNNER, Jeffrey – on June 24, 2003, late of 87 Munro Blvd.
PRICE, Harry – on Aug. 2, 2003, late of 3303 Don Mills Rd.
BAKER, Ben – on Aug. 11, 2003, late of 139 Sultana Ave.
WINTROBE, Gertrude – on Aug. 12, 2003, late of 3900 Yonge St., Apt. 1.
WALLEN, Ruth – on Aug. 13, 2003, late of 254 Old Forest Hill Rd.
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GORBET, Harry – on Aug. 11, 2003, late of 19 Christine Cres.
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MYERSON, Daniel – on Aug. 14, 2003, late of 37 Banff Rd.
SNITMAN, Ida – on Aug. 14, 2003, late of 2 Ridelle Ave., #305.
LINZON, Essie – on Aug. 15, 2003, late of 11 Canary Cres.
OKSENBERG, Allan – on Aug. 15, 2003, late of 550 Cummer Ave.
ASTON, Gerald – on Aug. 16, 2003, late of 4003 Bayview Ave., #811.
GOTTLIEB, Helen – on Aug. 16, 2003, late of 20 Shallmar Blvd.
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VINER, Bill – on Aug. 18, 2003, late of 28 Bamboo Grove.
GELKOPF, Pearl – on Aug. 18, 2003, late of 127 Almore Ave.
GOLDFARB, Sonny – on Aug. 17, 2003, late of Collingwood, Ont.
HERZENBERG, Bessie – on Aug. 18, 2003, late of 640 Sheppard Ave. E.
EISEN, Ruby – on Aug. 19, 2003, late of 3000 Bathurst St., #1.
LADERMAN, Florence – on Aug. 17, 2003, late of 166 Veneto.
FORRIN, Gordon – on Aug. 21, 2003, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
PERANSON, Harvey – on Aug. 21, 2003, late of 19 Lower Village Gate.
CHVEDOV, Irina – on Aug. 20, 2003, late of 120 Torresdale Ave., #11.
STERN, Olga – on Aug. 23, 2003, late of 570 Eglinton Ave. W.
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COHEN, Aidy – on Aug. 23, 2003, late of 1555 Finch Ave. E., #6.
WISLESKY, Goodie – on Aug. 24, 2003, late of 6 Delia Crt.
CADESKY, Kate – on Aug. 23, 2003, late of 10 Prue Ave., #501.
BLACKMAN, Hilda – on Aug. 23, 2003, late of 3560 Bathurst St.

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BLUMBERG, Brian – on Aug. 14, 2003, late of 111 Peevers Cres.
ALT, Walter – on Aug. 15, 2003, late of 25 Fisherville Rd.
WISE, Belle – on Aug. 20, 2003, late of c/o 143 Compton Cres.
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By LAUREN KRUGEL
Special to The CJN

As Spiderman says, "With great power comes great responsibility."

This message doesn't only apply to combatting the forces of evil in the big city, but to playing on the playground too.

In the new children's music collections, *Spiderman and Friends* and *Hulk*, the Marvel superheroes show kids how to play nice, share, and be a good friend.

"If you've got power you better use it to be good/It don't mean nothin' if you don't do what you should/Just like Spidey does in his neighbourhood, if you've got power better use it to do good," are the lyrics of the upbeat rock song, *If you've got power.*

Produced, written and performed by Juno award winner Bob Schneider and his partner Hallary Dworet, both longtime children's entertainers, the CDs feature songs geared towards children between two and five.

Schneider, Dworet and Julie Evans sing on the CD along with six children aged nine to 14. All of the artists are from Ontario.

While the songs are "as singable and danceable as possible," Schneider said it was important to incorporate positive messages without being condescending.

"We do it in a way that's more subtle, that kids can relate to," he said.

Each character has his or her own song about what makes them superheroes. For instance, Spider-Girl never fights with her friends; Captain America helps his buddies when they're feeling down; The Incredible Hulk never hesitates to share his toys.

Marvel Comics approached the duo earlier this year and asked them to write and produce original songs to go along with a young children's comic book they had produced, also called *Spiderman and Friends. Hulk* was produced right after and both were released simultaneously this June.

Working on a very short deadline, Dworet describes the experience as "intense," but said the fact that they were given a focused subject to write about made the creative process easier.

Besides the short deadline, Dworet said it was a challenge to interpret some of the Marvel characters in a child-friendly way. For instance, characters like the Incredible Hulk might be scary to a small child.

Dworet said they used the "elements that are appropriate for kids. It took a lot of creative thought."

The 50s-style rock song, *He's Green Green Green* is about accepting people who look different. In it Schneider sings, "If you look a little closer, you'll see it's true, though he's green on the outside, on the inside he's a lot like you."

The CDs can be used by teachers too, said Dworet. Repetition, hand actions and dance moves go along with many of the songs. The rap song *S-P-I-D-E-R-M-A-N*, helps kids learn how to spell.

Unlike the superheros of decades past, there is no lack of female role models on *Spiderman and Friends* or *Hulk*. Songs about Spider-Girl and Storm, among others are given as much of the spotlight as their male counterparts.

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Jewish rookies try to crack NFL rosters

By HARVEY ROSEN
Special to The CJN

WINNIPEG — Each year a handful of exceptional Jewish college football players manage to be drafted or are invited to National Football League training camps, where they may encounter their "landsmen."

This year is no exception, as rookies Antonio Garay of the Cleveland Browns, Ben Mahdavi and Mike Saffer of the Atlanta Falcons, Mike Seidman of the Carolina Panthers and Adam Goldberg of the Minnesota Vikings vie for spots on NFL rosters.

If these rookies stick with their present teams, they might eventually cross swords with the likes of Jay Fiedler and Sage Rosenfels of the Miami Dolphins, Lennie Friedman of the Washington Redskin, a pair of Vikings in Mike Rosenthal and Hayden Epstein, or Pittsburgh Steeler Josh Miller.

Knowledgeable NFL fans who spend their Sunday afternoons in front of large-screen TVs know that the most notable of the aforementioned athletes is quarterback Jay Fiedler, who is in the second year of a five-year contract.

While the 31-year-old is no Sid Luckman, the Dolphins felt secure in committing themselves to the long-term pact. The Dartmouth grad, who stands 6-2 and weighs 225 lbs, started in 41 of 42 games in his last three seasons with Miami.

A second cousin to the late Arthur Fiedler, the conductor of the Boston Pops, he previously had short stints with Minnesota and Jacksonville.

Being from a Reform Jewish family of sports enthusiasts, Jay's mother Donna and father Ken, a high school basketball coach for 30 years, were always supportive of their sons Jay and brother Scott, who is also a basketball coach.

Jay may not have great arm strength or outstanding throwing ability, but he is considered very cerebral and has been described as a "quietly efficient chess master of football."

Fiedler's teammate Rosenfels, 25, the son of a Jewish father, is the Dolphins' third-string quarterback. Obtained last summer from the Redskins, who made him a fourth-round draft pick three years ago, the 6-4, 215-lb. signal caller was a standout at Iowa State. He managed to come on in relief in only four Miami games in 2002.

Guard Lennie Friedman, 26, is now a Washington Redskin after three years with the Denver Broncos. The onetime Denver second-round pick stands 6-3 and weighs 285 lbs. He started in 22 of 34 games with Denver.

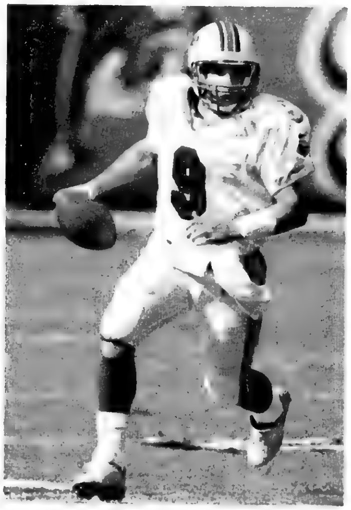
The Duke grad was an all-star calibre player and a gifted scholar in college. He earned three letters in football, two in basketball and three in track and field.

College All-American Mike Rosenthal, 26, formerly a four-year New York Giant stalwart, headed north this season to don the purple of the Minnesota Vikings at right tackle. The Notre Dame star also earned two letters in basketball as a forward and served as team captain in his final season on the court.

The fifth-round Giant draftee, at 6-7 and 315 lbs., will add size and skill to Minnesota's defensive line, since he is top notch on the sweeps, as well as being a good drive blocker and extremely competitive on pass protection.

Hayden Epstein, 22, hopes to become a reliable field goal kicker for the Vikings in 2003. He played briefly with Jacksonville last year and was cut in late October after being successful five of nine times and failing to make a field goal longer than 34 yards. The Michigan grad is 6-2 and weighs 212 lbs.

Josh Miller, 33, of the Steelers is an eight-year NFL veteran who has never had a punt blocked. He has punted 493 times and averaged 43 yards per kick. The 6-4, 220-lb. Arizona grad is a left-footed punter with a strong leg and was a two-time all star in the Canadian Football League with the now-defunct Baltimore Stallions.


Jay Fiedler

As for the future Jewish footballers, only one Jew was drafted last spring. Antonio Garay, 23, out of Boston College, a fifth-round draftee of the Browns, plays defensive end. He stands 6-4 and weighs 300 pounds. Garay made the Browns roster and is listed as a backup defensive lineman on the club's depth chart.

The Falcons signed two free agents, linebacker Ben Mahdavi, 23, out of the University of Washington who is 6-1 and weighs 238 lbs. and Mike Saffer, 24, a a 305-lb., 6-5 tackle out of UCLA. The Falcons later waived Mahdavi from the injured reserve list after coming to an injury settlement, and two weeks later, they waived Saffer as well.

On Sept. 1, the Vikings signed offensive tackle Adam Goldberg to their practice squad. The Wyoming grad stands 6-6 and tips the scales at 318 lbs.

The Panthers are giving 6-4, 261-lb. Mike Seidman, a UCLA grad, a shot at tight end.

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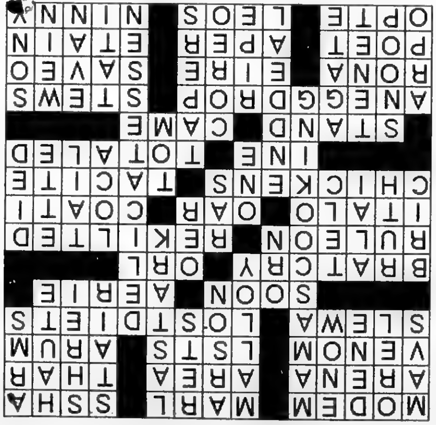

Complacent Israel held by Maltese minnows

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JERUSALEM — Avraham Grant, coach of Israel's national soccer team, said prior to last week's game against Malta that he still believed Israel had a chance to make the playoffs in next summer's European Championship. He obviously didn't take into account the possibility of anything less than a win against Malta.

In what must have been one of Israel's worst-ever displays, a Maltese side that had yet to score a point in the championship campaign, held Israel to a 2-2 draw and polished off Israel's remaining hypothetical chances of finishing second in its group.

Prior to the contest, Grant lashed out at those who had criticized him after Israel's humiliating 3-1 defeat by Slovenia the week before. In an implicit attack on former national coach Shlomo Sharf, Grant recalled Israel's home defeat against Finland a decade ago. But last week it was Grant who managed to lead Israel to new lows.

From the beginning, it was clear it wasn't going to be Israel's night. In the fourth minute, Maltese captain David Carabott forced Shavit Elimelech into a diving save with a shot from 25 metres out.

Four minutes later, Elimelech completely misjudged a corner kick, but Michael Mifsud missed in front of an empty goal.

In the 15th minute, completely against the run of play, Haim Revivo put Israel in front after a defensive error by Malta.

Eyal Berkovic, not for the first time, went out injured before the halftime whistle and Israel lost its slender advantage in midfield. But the bad news came after the interval when Malta scored twice within the space of two minutes.

In the 51st minute, Belgian referee Eric Blareau ruled that Shimon Gershon handled the ball and Mifsud hit a low, powerful shot past Elimelech to level the score. A minute later, Carabott, who was marking his 119th appearance for his country, launched a powerful shot from the right that deflected off Gershon for the visitors to take a 2-1 advantage.

Israel sent men forward to try and stave off the embarrassment, but managed only to breach Malta's tight defences in the 78th minute, when Pini Balili found the net with a well-timed header from a Shai Holtzman cross. Revivo tried to score on a twice-taken free kick, but on both occasions sent his shot high over the crossbar.

Grant, who has another four years left on his contract with the Israel Football Association and has so far shown no signs he has any intention of taking responsibility for Israel's catastrophic performance, said after the game that the week had been one of the toughest in his career.

"We made mistakes that are unacceptable at international level. The result is an enormous disappointment. I hope we will learn and draw conclusions," he said.

Berkovic called the game a direct continuation of Israel's disgraceful defeat by Slovenia. "The campaign was a failure. You can't argue with the facts. Our next campaign is over a year off and we will have to choose a new squad, work hard and be prepared. There is always another start."

Malta coach Siegfried Held said that before the game, he told Grant he hoped Israel would still be in shock from the earlier game against Slovenia.

"I'm glad it happened," Held said.

"Israel is a good team, but the defeat by Slovenia took the wind out of its sails. The Israeli players no longer believed they could reach the playoffs. It's our first point in the tournament, and it could save my job."

In other action, France beat Slovenia 2-0. Had Israel beaten Malta, it would have meant it still stood a chance of qualifying for the playoffs.

ספרותנו

יעל זליגר

צלו של רוזנדורף, מאת: נתן שחם

נתן שחם, בנו של הסופר אליעזר שטיינמן, נולד בתל-אביב בשנת 1925. בוגר הגימנסיה "הרצליה" וחבר קיבוץ בית אלפא מאז שנת 1945. נתן שחם כתב למעלה מחמישים ספרים, מחזות, ספרי ילדים וביוגרפיות ספרותיות. זכה בפרסים ספרותיים בארץ ובחו"ל.

הספר צלו של רוזנדורף נפתח במותו של רוזנדורף מדום לב. כזכור, את קורט רוזנדורף פגשנו בספר אחר של שחם: רביעית רוזנדורף. לסופר, דרך אגב, השכלה מוזיקלית שאותה רכש בקונסרבטוריון "שולמית" והוא עצמו ניגן על כינור וויולה. ובכן, על-פי הסיפור, רביעית רוזנדורף הייתה רביעיה של כלי-קשת שהוקמה בשנת 1936. בין ארבעת המוסיקאים נרקמו יחסי גומלין ובין כל אחד מהם לארץ ישראל שבה בקשו להשריש מחדש את התרבות האירופאית שממנה נעקרו. המאורעות בארץ ובעולם הפרו מדי פעם את ההרמוניה של האמנים שבעצם מבקשים דבר אחד בלבד: לנגן יפה.

בסיפור החדש, צלו של רוזנדורף, עומד במרכז העלילה ארנון, בנו של הכנר האגדי שנפטר. בשעתו, כך אנו למדים, ארנון ציער את אביו מאוד כאשר החליט לא להיות מוסיקאי מקצועי אלא בחר להיות היסטוריון שמתמחה בחקר ימיה הרעים של גרמניה. "לעולם לא נדע איך באמת התנהג העולם של אתמול" טען האב כנגד בנו, "אבל כשאתה עושה מוסיקה, אתה אומר בצורה הברורה ביותר באיזה עולם אתה רוצה לחיות, והמוסיקה תמיד ניחשה את העתיד טוב יותר..." גם לאחר שארנון עשה חיל כהיסטוריון אביו חוזר וטוען שהיסטוריה אינה אלא הסיפור הבדוי של המנצחים שמספרים אותו על מנת להצדיק את שליטתם במנוצחים. רק המוסיקה היא הסיפור האמיתי.

במהלך ימי השבעה מגיע לביקור בית משפחת רוזנדורף אגון לונטל; אדם קשיש, זועף ומסתורי. בשל קשריו ההדוקים של האב המנוח עם לונטל, ארנון רואה במפגש הזדמנות ללמוד יותר פרטים על עברו של אביו וכן להבין את סודו של לונטל. בפגישות הרבות הנערכות בין ארנון ולונטל בארץ ובגרמניה, הידיד הקשיש מרבה לספר על דברים שהיו ידועים לכל, ואולם פה ושם גם קצת דברים שאיש מלבדו לא יכול היה לדעתם. המוסיקה, התרבות, גרמניה הנאצית, גרמניה של היום וישראל - הכל שזור זה בזה בסיפורי לונטל. הוא איש דעתן; היהודים, הוא פוסק, העדיפו את הציורים המרגיזים של האקספרסיוניסטים שוברי הצורות, שבלבלו את המוח הגרמני ישר הדרך שהעדיף עבודות מכחול ברורות, בדומה לסגנון הילדותי שבו היטלר צייר. הגרמנים גם איבדו אט, אט את הכושר להבחין בין סוגים של אירוניה "וכל זאת עוד לפני היטלר, וחירשות זו סייעה לבהמות המחזיקות בשוט לרתום בני אדם לעגלתם."

גם לונטל בדעת אביו של ארנון שאין שום ערך בעיסוק בחקר היסטורי. למעלה מזאת, צריך לחדול מן השימוש בעצם המילה היסטוריה. "אני איני יודע מה זה היסטוריה, הלוא אילו היה דבר כזה, היה אפשר ללמוד ממנה משהו; האם אנו מכירים אנשים שלמדו מן ההיסטוריה משהו אחר חוץ מצידוק להשקפותיהם!"

ארנון מבקש לדעת עוד ועוד על לונטל ובאמצעות לונטל על אביו, אלא שהחשיפה הופכת בהדרגה למשהו מאיים. פרקי חיים יוצאים לאור שנוגעים לדור אביו שמוטב שלא ייחשפו. סיפור קשה קשור באחיו של לונטל. האח, כך לומד ארנון, היה קומוניסט שרוף ומראשוני המעונים בכלא דכאו. לונטל הצליח להשיג שיחרור של האח אך על תנאי: האח תמורת מידע על המפלגה הקומוניסטית בגרמניה. ארנון מפשפש בעבר על מנת להבין ולדעת אך לונטל סבור שאין לחטט בארכיונים; "מרגע שאדם מתמכר לעבר, הריהו כמי שמכריז שההווה הוא נקודת הקץ שאליה העבר נוהר."

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ALMOND HONEY RUGELACH

1 cup margarine, softened	1 tsp. lemon juice
3 oz. cream cheese	1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 cup honey	1 cup almonds, finely chopped
2 cups flour	1/2 cup dried cranberries

Cream margarine and cream cheese until fluffy. Add 3 tblsps. honey and mix well. Mix in flour until dough holds together. Form into ball, wrap and refrigerate 2 hrs. or longer.

Divide dough into 4 balls. On floured board, roll each ball into a 9" circle.

Combine 2 tblsps. honey and lemon juice; mix well.

For each 9" circle, brush dough with some honey mixture; sprinkle 1/4 tsp. cinnamon over entire surface. Combine almonds and dried cherries; drizzle with remaining honey mixture and mix well.

Spread 1/4 of almond mixture onto each circle of dough, stopping 1/2" from outer edge. Cut into 8 triangular pieces. Roll from wide outer edge toward tip. Gently blend both ends to form a crescent. Place on oiled, parchment paper-lined baking sheet and refrigerate 20 mins. or longer. Bake at 350°F 20-25 mins. or until golden brown. Cool on racks. Yield: 32 cookies.

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Money Matters

Rabbi Jay Kelman

May a local shul charge out of town guests a fee for high holiday seats?

Money and religion often make for a volatile, albeit necessary mix. Jewish law requires that all members of the local community contribute to the building and maintenance of a shul, school, mikvah, library and the like, regardless of the amount of usage they make of these institutions. In fact, a minority can force an unwilling majority to allocate funds for such purposes – despite the protestations of the majority that they are happy to, for example, pray in somebody's house (or not pray at all).

While Jewish communities no longer have the coercive powers to tax their members, guidelines developed over the centuries are still applicable on a volunteer basis. Recognizing that each community member benefits equally from institutions and services but that each may have different economic means, Jewish law has generally allocated half of basic synagogue expenses on a per capita basis and half based on ability to pay. The costs of "extras" such as fancy windows or a beautiful social hall should be borne mainly by wealthier members of a congregation.

The late Rabbi Moshe Feinstein ruled that one is not allowed to leave a synagogue with high dues and establish another shul with cheaper dues. This ruling applies, even if the *nusach* (prayer style), tunes or even ideology of the new shul are more in line with those of its founders (provided the practices of the established synagogue do not violate Jewish law).

In theory, a community is within its rights to deny non-paying (well-to-do) members the right to daven in a shul, not just on the High Holy Days, but all year. However before implementing such a harsh policy, one must determine if overall religious observance would thereby be enhanced, taking into consideration such factors as whether alternative "free" services are available.

However, the requirement to pay "membership" dues only applies to residents of a community. In keeping with communal *hachnasat orchim* (the welcoming of guests), visitors should be welcomed without the expectation of a fee. This approach, I believe, should be adopted worldwide, so that membership in one shul entitles one to seats in any other shul. Imagine what that would do for Jewish unity.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

(Answers to the crossword are on page 78.)

Grabbing a Nosh
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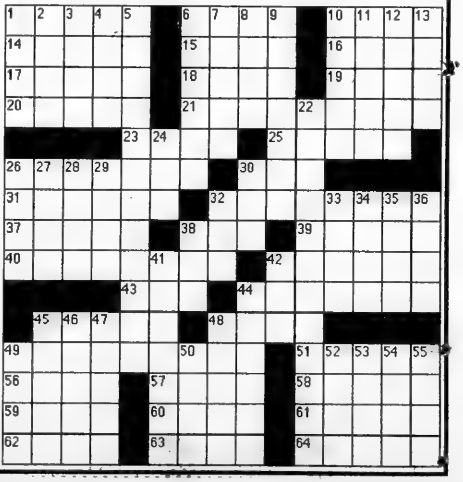
Across
1. Computer interface with Net, fax
6. Kind of clayey soil
10. Yiddish vocalization for "be quiet"
14. Sports milieu
15. Region
16. "___ she blows!"
17. Serpent's stuff
18. WWII landing craft
19. Large leaf ground plant
20. The hero ____ dragon
21. Misplaced meal lists?
23. Answer to "When are we eating, mom?"
25. Eagle's abode
26. Nasty kid's shout or yell
30. Florida airport call letters
31. "The Court will ____ Thursday"
32. Dressed a Scotsman again?
37. Combining word for Genoa's land
38. Rowboat implement
39. Raccoon's tropical American relative
40. They're a Jewish kitchen staple
42. Taciturn, in St. Tropez
43. Z ender, for e-newsletter
44. Wrecked a car
45. "... out of the oven and let it ____ for 5 minutes"
48. "They ___ for dinner and stayed"
49. We went out for Chinese and I had ______ soup
51. Goulash and bouillabaise
56. Columnist Barrett
57. Gaels' land
58. Put away or preserve zilch
59. Amichai, Goldberg, or Alterman
60. Copycat
61. Tin, in Troyes
62. Select or selects, in Strasburg
63. Rosten and Tolstoy
64. Fool

Down
1. Dallas team, for short
2. Hersheiser
3. Sandy seashore tract, in England
4. "...were Paradise ___"
5. What the mishpoche comes home to taste
6. Far From Heaven star Matt
7. Inflammatory crime
8. Soaks, as with flax
9. Noah's final vessel?
10. Step
11. Shout or scream, in Yiddish
12. Couture or Terre
13. What you hug with
22. Where we can find a good kosher pastrami on rye
24. Short for decorative
26. ___-a-brac
27. David's great-grandmother
28. Jai-____
29. Czech world heritage city
30. "___ the ramparts we watched"
32. Head, or headland, in Arabic
33. Crazy (f), in Spanish
34. Cat or dog ending
35. French feminine ending
36. Expired
38. Add ___ teaspoon only
41. Final business clinching
42. Turkey male
44. Candles
45. Pry
46. CIA's George
47. Semi-precious stone
48. ___-psis, golden aster family plant
49. A Groucho brother, to a Cockney
50. Well-aged
52. Jacques ___, comic actor/filmmaker
53. Bayh of Indiana
54. Wine, in Vienna
55. Film and entertainment biggie



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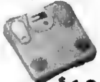

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For the sake of the children

Editorial

The two youngsters, whose unaffected curiosity is flawlessly captured by the camera, are children of Israel.

The cloudless, deep blue sky behind them belies the storm of terror that has broken upon the land these past three years. Alas, there appears no imminent sign on the horizon that the storm will abate.

Israeli cabinet minister Natan Sharansky recently told a Toronto audience about a new, terror-induced phenomenon that has taken hold in Jerusalem.

Members of families leave notes of love whenever they leave the house. However mundane and routine the reason for the departure – a child going to school, a parent to work or a sibling merely going shopping – a note of love and of possible farewell is left behind, usually on the kitchen table, so that no words might be left unsaid in the cruel event that the child or the parent does not return home.

We therefore greet the coming year as we did last the one: with hope in our hearts and a prayer on our lips that this year will bring the people of Israel closer to peace.

Rosh Hashanah is the holiday of judgment. We are sustained by the traditional belief that one of the key underpinnings of our world is justice, even though it is not always apparent to our merely human sensibility and understanding.

But where is the justice, we cry out, when suicide bombers wantonly and deliberately slaughter children returning from an outing at the Kotel?

Where is the justice, we cry out, when the United Nations General Assembly protects the chief planner and practitioner of terrorism?

Where is the justice, we cry out, over and over again?

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Dear Friends,

On the eve of the New Year, as is customary, we will recite the blessing: "May it be Thy will to renew unto us a good and sweet year," for the people of Israel and all human beings.

We pray that the year 5764 will herald blessings for the people of Israel, that we will live in security in our country – our homeland – and that world Jewry and all of humanity will be granted a tranquil and secure life.

We pray that the much yearned-for peace between us and our neighbours will be attained and that 5764 will see the disappearance of anti-Semitism in the world and a strengthening of the bond between the Jewish people in Israel and those in the Diaspora.

Moshe Katsav, President of the State of Israel

The free world strongly desires to live in peace and freedom. Humanity has the basic right to live without fear of terror. Israel has been suffering from terrorist attacks since the beginning of the Zionist movement and we believe that only a determined fight and international co-operation in the political, military, economic and judicial fields can end them.

I thank the Jewish communities for their expressions of solidarity with the State of Israel during this difficult period for its people. These increase our unity and lift our spirits. We are proud that, despite all the difficulties, aliyah is continuing. An extensive aliyah can change Zionist and Jewish history and the state of Israel.

I wish you and your families a good and blessed New Year, a year of success and the fulfillment of all our national and sovereign desires.

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Looking forward, looking back

The sounding of the shofar ushers in the period of Yamim Nora'im, the Days of Awe, a time for personal reflection and retrospection. As this will be my last Rosh Hashanah as the national president of Canadian Jewish Congress, I take this opportunity to contemplate some of the organization's extraordinary challenges and remarkable achievements over the past year acting on behalf of the community's vital interests.

Rosh Hashanah of 5763 had barely ended last year when a violent mob forced the cancellation of a speech by former Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu at Concordia University. We are all familiar with the events of that day, which garnered international attention and touched off a series of activities that are still unfolding. Within days of the riot, officials from CJC's Quebec region met with Montreal's chief of police.

Keith Landy, National President, Canadian Jewish Congress

When, two months later, the notoriously anti-Israel Concordia Student Union (CSU) voted to ban Hillel, Hillel decided to sue the CSU and Concordia's administration. CJC offered advice, office space and established a special legal assistance fund that raised thousands of dollars to offset legal fees. CJC also sought and obtained intervener status in the case that goes to court in October.

Also in November, CJC mounted an international conference in Montreal, "Jews from Arab Lands: A Forgotten Exodus," that focused on the largely untold story of the 900,000 Jews forced from their homes in Arab countries. We must ensure that their plight be included in the historical narrative of the Middle East conflict. Any peace plan must address the material losses of Jewish individual and communal property. *(For more on this topic, please see this issue's Rosh Hashanah supplement.)*

The Jewish community of Canada and CJC were once again thrust into the international spotlight in December by the shocking statements of former chief of the Assembly of First Nations David Ahenakew. The news broke late on a Saturday night and by early Sunday morning, CJC staff in Ottawa and Toronto were at work in their offices, designing the appropriate response and fielding a flurry of media enquiries. The outpouring of support for our community and the strong

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New envoy arrives in Toronto after stint in Egypt

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Aside from the fact that Cairo and Canada both begin with the same two letters, Ya'acov (Cobie) Brosh sees little similarity between his posting here as Israel's new Consul General to Toronto and Western Canada and his two stints at Israel's embassy in Cairo, where he served as minister counsellor from 1992 to 1994 and again from 1996 to 2000.

For one thing, Brosh appeared on radio and television more than once during his first month here to comment on terrorist attacks and other issues concerning Israel.

In Egypt, he noted in a recent interview at the Israeli consulate in Toronto, although there was some interaction between embassy staff and the media, there would never be published accounts of anyone having met with embassy staff.

Brosh said that although Egyptian papers, run by government-appointed editors, were full of hostile and inaccurate reports on Israel, the existing peace between Egypt and Israel is "very solid. The Egyptian regime doesn't want to break the peace."

From an economic standpoint, he said, peace is beneficial to the Egyptians.

"The Egyptian on the street doesn't like Israel, although he might like you personally," Brosh said.

He and his wife Ronit had Egyptian friends, and although on occasion they or other Israelis at the consulate met with "unpleasant situations" – being asked to leave a store, for example – it was rare. Once, he said, he was refused entry to attend a seminar at the University of Cairo to which he had been invited.

Ya'acov (Cobie) Brosh

[Frances Kraft photo]

"[The Egyptians] are very nice people, very calm, very polite, but they are educated to hate Israel and to believe any terrible story about Israel," said Brosh.

A member of Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1987, Brosh served most recently as director of the Jordan, Syria and Lebanon division. He has also served as director of the Palestinian affairs division and senior director general of the ministry of regional co-operation.

In his new position, he would like to continue the work of his predecessor, Meir Romem, in co-operating with the local Jewish community. He also wants to see that Israelis living here don't lose their connection to their homeland, and to promote tourism and trade.

Currently, he said, the total annual volume of trade between the two countries is $1 billion, equivalent to one day of Ontario-United States trade.

"Another thing," he added, listing his priorities one after another. "I believe that if 'Mr. Canada' – the average Canadian – is aware of the circumstances in the Middle East and knows a bit more about who is really the aggressor, who doesn't acknowledge the right of the other to exist, whose minds are

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A diminutive giant

From the editor's desk

It's hard to find Natan Sharansky in a crowd. He is, after all, rather diminutive. But wow, he sure can draw a crowd.

Last week, on a windy, rainy Monday night, more than 3,000 people came to hear him speak at the Beth Tzedec Congregation in Toronto. He was the guest of both Israel Bonds and the synagogue, delivering the annual John and Molly Pollack lecture. The advertised subject of Sharansky's talk was "Democracy: Judaism and Islam in the Middle East."

Diminutive is an adjective that applies only to Sharansky's physical stature, for he stands barely over five feet tall. But his moral and intellectual stature is that of a giant.

Especially in the Diaspora, he is still the embodiment of the oppressed Soviet Jews whose yearning for freedom and whose courage inspired us all.

The audience responded to him with a standing ovation and a rising tide of loud, enthusiastic applause even before he had spoken a single word.

He began with an anecdote about his days under constant KGB surveillance and in prison.

The KGB constantly mocked and scorned him. "You are alone," they taunted. "No one cares about your struggle. Look who is supporting you: only students and housewives!" (The protesters and petition organizers in North America)

"But their taunts had no effect," Sharansky told us. "When I was in prison, I had no doubt, even for one second, that history is on our side and that in the end, we will win.

"And in the end we did win," he said. "The KGB was defeated by students and housewives!"

Sharansky drew upon that anecdote to establish a moral context – clearcut right versus clearcut wrong – for the struggle Israel finds itself in today.

"Israel is going through extremely difficult times. For three years, we have been fighting a war of terror. But this is a unique war where there is no front, no rear, where everyone is a target.

"But Israel is fighting this war," Sharansky said, "with a sensibility for human life that is unmatched even among the other democracies of the world."

To illustrate his point he referred to the infamous battle in Jenin last year.

The Israel Defence Forces had identified a small enclave of homes in the heart of the city as a terrorist base. It was a murderers' redoubt and the IDF was determined to root them out. The terrorists had insinuated themselves deep into the physical infrastructure of the city centre, alongside innocent men, women and children.

"What would other countries do in this situation?" Sharansky asked rhetorically. "We know what Syria would have done, because we know what they did to the people in Hama. We know what Russia would have done, because we know what they did to the people in Grozny. We know what the NATO alliance would have done, because we know what they did in Yugoslavia."

Rather than simply bomb the homes where the terrorists were known to be hiding, the IDF sent its soldiers into trip-wired alleyways and booby-trapped homes. They fought the terrorists house to house. Twenty-three soldiers lost their lives, and 54 terrorists were killed.

"Thousands of Palestinians would have been killed had the IDF adopted the operational tactics of the Syrians, or the Russians or even of NATO," Sharansky said. "But Israel chose a different way of fighting its particularly cruel enemy, a way that ensured minimal civilian casualties."

The invidious and false international outcry that followed the operation in Jenin, accusing Israel of a massacre and of crimes against humanity, "said a great deal about the hypocrisy of the world, especially the United Nations."

Sharansky covered a great deal of territory in his remarks, which included a discussion of the Oslo peace process. He characterized it as flawed from its inception, because it propped up a dictator, who by nature, habit, design and ambition is not interested in peace with the Jewish state.

He also reflected upon the incongruity of growing anti-Semitism (of which the Jenin accusations were a frightening example) in the free world, especially in Europe, even as Israel is caught in a never-before-seen war against a brutal and ugly form of terrorism.

"A double standard is at play in international fora that constantly singles out and condemns Israel," he said. "At the United Nations, for example, Israel has been the subject of approximately 30 per cent of all the resolutions passed there."

Without notes or prepared text, the former refusenik spoke firmly and assuredly, inspiring us with the clarity of his thought, the force of his ideas, and the rhythmic cadence of his heavily accented speech.

He concluded his remarks with a sentiment that many of us will carry into the new year. "We have to be strong. We have to be one. We have to believe in the rightness of our cause, that in fighting for the freedom and the security of the people of Israel, we are also fighting for the freedom and security of the world."

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LEO BAECK PLAQUE: Leo Baeck teachers, from left, Tzippi Erez, Tali Shaft and Raisie Markus point to the Leo Baeck Day School plaque at the Jewish National Fund forest in northern Israel. Their visit was part of a professional learning program in Israel this summer.

Bell removes allegedly anti-Semitic Web site

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

Bell Canada has removed a Web site hosted by its Sympatico Internet service that allegedly violated the Canadian Human Rights Act by exposing Jews to hatred and contempt.

The move came about one month after Ottawa lawyer Richard Warman complained about the site to Sympatico's customer service department. Though Sympatico representatives initially agreed the material was unacceptable, it was not removed until Warman filed a complaint with the Canadian Human Rights Commission (CHRC).

In the complaint, Warman alleges the Web site (www3.sympatico.ca/tom.winnicki) violated Canadian law by stating the "holohoax [was] debunked" and by adding: "We're coming for you, you Jew fucks, you and your servile dogs too." Later, the reference to Jews was changed to Zionists.

Warman said he was frustrated by Bell/Sympatico's response, which initially was "positive" but which, as the summer dragged on, did not include specific action against the site.

Don Blair, a spokesperson for Bell Canada, attributed the delay to "a miscommunication." When Bell representatives attempted to examine the Web site, they found it had been temporarily removed by the customer (Tom Winnicki).

Later, when they finally viewed it, "we found it was in violation of our acceptable use policy. That is grounds for suspension or termination," Blair said.

The site was immediately suspended, but Bell Canada has not yet determined whether Winnicki's Web privileges will be permanently cancelled. That will depend on the outcome of a yet unscheduled meeting between Bell and Winnicki.

As a high speed Internet subscriber, Winnicki is entitled to a free Web space of five megabytes, Blair explained. Once a customer creates his or her own Web site, Bell "does not monitor content on the Internet or on our customers' personal Web sites."

The company does, however, respond to concerns and complaints by determining whether the customer violated its acceptable practice policy, he said.

The policy, posted on Sympatico's Web site, prohibits posting material that "is defamatory, obscene, child pornography or hate literature."

Meanwhile, Warman has also launched a $10,000 defamation suit against a London-based white supremacist organization and its Web master.

In documents filed in Small Claims Court, Warman alleges the Web site (www.northernalliance.ca) described him as an enemy of free speech, questioned his morality, integrity and professionalism as a lawyer and described him as a member of communist political groups.

Warman's Statement of Claim also alleges the Northern Alliance and its spokesperson, Jason Ouwendyk, acted in a "malicious, reckless, callous and reprehensible" manner, warranting aggravated and punitive damages of $10,000 each.

Ouwendyk told the *London Free Press* his group would defend the statements. Its statement of defence argues the Northern Alliance's Web site is too obscure to be visited by Warman's colleagues and so, his reputation couldn't be affected by its contents. It also argues the CHRC's rulings are considered by many to suppress free speech.

The Northern Alliance's Web site states it was founded in 1997 as an advocacy group to promote freedom of speech and to protect and advance "the rights of Canadians of European descent."

Warman, who works for the CHRC, said the Northern Alliance Web site posted personal information about him, including his place of work and his picture. "That certainly made me concerned," he said.

Suing a racist group is an unusual step, Warman said, but "I think it's just a case of people being held accountable for their actions… Responsibility goes along with the right of free speech.

'If you let the little stuff go, it snowballs into bigger things.

"It's the classic 'Get them while they're small before it snowballs out of control' " he added.

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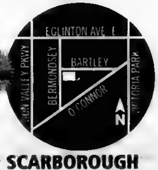

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NDP would scrap education tax credit, says Hampton

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

Like his Liberal counterpart Dalton McGuinty, Ontario NDP leader Howard Hampton would scrap the Equity in Education Tax Credit, which provides relief for parents of children in private and faith-based schools.

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In a *CJN* interview last week, Hampton, whose party holds nine seats in the legislature going into the Oct. 2 provincial election, said he would do away with the credit, a popular measure with many in the Jewish community.

Introduced by the Conservative government in the 2001-2002 budget, the credit was to be worth up to $3,500 per child annually by 2006.

McGuinty, who leads in the polls, has vowed to repeal the measure, and Hampton said he would do the same.

"We would discontinue what we refer to as the private school tax credit. We believe public funds should flow to public schools. That is the position we have held for a long time and it continues to be our position," said Hampton, who has led the provincial NDP since 1996.

Howard Hampton

While he said he's examined "different models" of funding, the NDP believes in clear and unmistakable lines between public and private schools.

"Public funding should be limited to publicly funded schools. A decision about a private education is essentially a private decision, and will have to be paid for privately."

The sole concession to private education Hampton would make is provision of health services to students.

"No matter where children attend school, if there are health services that are necessary, those should be provided publicly, and on a not-for-profit basis."

Hampton, a 51-year-old lawyer who served as attorney-general in Ontario's NDP government from 1990 to 1993 and as minister of natural resources from 1993 to 1995, said he has not encountered anger from Jewish voters over the federal New Democrats' perceived lack of support of Israel.

"It could well be, but not that I have noticed," he said.

Hampton said he "most certainly agrees" with the recommendations of a religious coalition that has called on all the party leaders to address child poverty in Ontario.

The 61 faith leaders, including several rabbis, asked Ontario politicians to commit to more affordable housing, improved child care and an increase in the minimum wage and welfare benefits.

They also called on Ontario party leaders to match federal funding for affordable housing, as well as to stop the provincial clawback of funds from the federal National Child Benefit and to increase shelter allowances.

Hampton said the NDP would immediately increase the minimum wage to $8 an hour (the Liberals say they would do the same over four years).

He said Ontario disability support benefits need to be increased after being frozen for nine years. Social assistance, and in particular shelter allowances, would also be boosted by an NDP government.

Hampton said he would end the clawback of child benefits. He would also freeze rents in large cities, and has pledged to build 32,000 affordable housing units over four years and 11,200 supportive housing units for the homeless.

Hampton said many Tory policies on home care and long-term care have been "quite wrong."

"The cutbacks to home care and the move toward private delivery of home care have both resulted in less home care services being made available to seniors who want to remain in their homes," he said. "Simultaneously, the effort to almost force seniors into nursing homes and long-term facilities are much more costly than home care solutions would be."

Hampton's approach has three prongs: Home care should be a priority; private or for-profit delivery should be taken out of home care, which he said would free more money for patient care; and institutional care should be provided on a not-for-profit basis.

With those measures in place, "we believe you would find the capacity to significantly increase the health care budget."

Hampton said he supports the creation of a provincial hate crimes registry that would allow all police agencies to share information. He also supports the use of the Criminal Code and the Ontario Human Rights Code to prosecute incitement of hate against identifiable groups.

The CJN ***asked the party leaders for interviews. At press time, we had not heard from Liberal leader Dalton McGuinty.***

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Eves defends Tory record

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

As Ontario Premier Ernie Eves sees it, his government's Equity in Education Tax Credit is a matter of fairness and parental choice, not a sop to a certain constituency.

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"We are very committed to the principle of equality in education. Equality in education to me means ever child in Ontario should have the equal opportunity to have a good education," Eves told *The CJN* in an interview last Friday between campaign stops.

"I'm in favour of parental choice. That's not a bad thing. It's a good thing. I've strongly spoken out in favour of parental choice in education. Certainly Jewish schools deserve the same opportunity as other children in society get."

While some voters contend that Eves' Tories tout policies that are antithetical to Jewish values regarding social justice, others have welcomed the tax credit, at least, for finally paying heed to the concerns of beleaguered parents with children in Jewish day schools.

Ernie Eves

Eves, 57, premier since April 2002 and finance minister in the Mike Harris government for six years, dismisses claims the tax credit will siphon money – critics say up to $500 million a year – from the public school system.

"It does nothing to take away from public education in the province," he said. "But it does help level the playing field for parents who choose to send children to independent schools."

Eves said the Tories are spending more money on public education "than any government in history."

He said his government, in response to the recommendations of a commission headed by then University of Guelph president Mordechai Rozanski, infused public education with $610 million in improvements "within 24 hours" of the release of Rozanski's report late last year.

He said the Tories also introduced a fair funding formula in 1998 to equalize per-student funding across the province, eliminating a disparity of up to $3,000 per student.

"Surely the goal of any educational system should be to make sure every student is treated equitably, fairly and equally," Eves said. "It shouldn't depend on what part of the province you live in, the economic circumstances of your parents, your ethnic background or your religious beliefs."

He said the government this year is spending $15.3 billion on public education at the elementary and secondary levels, to rise to $16.2 billion by 2005.

In fact, Eves said the Tories are spending more than the Rozanski commission suggested.

"He recommended $1.8 billion over three years. We're actually spending about $2 billion over three years. [Liberal leader Dalton] McGuinty's response to Rozanski is to spend $1.6 billion over four years."

The premier took the Liberal leader to task on private school funding.

"Interestingly enough, Mr. McGuinty himself is quoted by the *Canadian Jewish News* back in December of '98 saying he had no opposition to ensuring that public funds support Jewish day schools. Now he's vehemently against it. It's a little inconsistent to say the least. I think the Jewish community deserves better."

(McGuinty was quoted as telling a 1998 meeting of Canadian Jewish Congress that he had no ideological opposition to Jewish day schools receiving public funds.)

In response to last week's call by 61 leaders from faith communities to all the heads of Ontario political parties to address child poverty and policies affecting families, Eves said the Tories' new Ontario Child Benefit is designed to take children off welfare by increasing the per-child benefits received by their parents.

On the day the Campaign Against Child Poverty released its position, Eves wrote a letter to campaign co-chair Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld saying the Tories have nearly doubled spending in children's social services since 1995 to more than $2.2 billion a year.

(Rabbi Bielfeld told *The CJN* that the government's new plan is "a positive step," but the Tories have still not fully dealt with other areas the religious coalition wants addressed: increases in the minimum wage, welfare rates, quality child care spaces and affordable housing, as well as ending the provincial clawback of funds from the federal National Child Benefit. "It's all very vague," Rabbi Bielfeld said of Eves' response.)

Eves is proud of his government's reduction of welfare rolls.

"When we came into office in 1995, there were 1.3 million people on welfare We have taken 620,000 off welfare rolls and given them the dignity of a job, which is the best form of assistance you can give to people. We won't be happy until every person is taken off that list and every person who is employable has gainful employment.

"There are one million more people working in the province because of our tax-cut and grow-the-economy philosophy than were working in 1995."

Eves also takes credit for increasing community-based and home-care health funding by 70 per cent over eight years, to $1.2 billion a year.

"Our government was first to come along [to make] significant improvements to home care and community-based care for seniors."

Until the Conservatives came to power, there had not been a single long-term care bed established in Ontario in a decade, he said.

"We came up with a plan to build 20,000 more long-term care spaces. [Of those], over 17,000 have been realized."

Eves said he has no objection to a provincial hate crimes registry, but "it would be more effective if we have a national one."

He said it was also the Tories who introduced instruction in hate crimes at police colleges, and, under former attorney general David Young, instructed Crown prosecutors to seek tougher sentences for hate crimes and increased security at places of worship.

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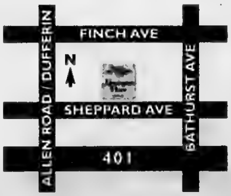
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For the children's sake

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But even as we shake our fist, metaphorically, at the world, woe to us if we lose our balance under the weight of our anget. For it has been that sense of balance along the thin line between hope and despair that has kept us strong throughout the millennia.

Rosh Hashanah is a time to focus on our traditions, values, sense of peoplehood and purpose that comprise the delicate fulcrum of that balance. Rosh Hashanah must be a respite from that anger so that when we look around us, we see clearly our family and the splendour and beauty of this precious world.

At perhaps the moment of our people's greatest distress in the last century, the late chief rabbi of the United Kingdom, Joseph H. Hertz, ministered to the needs of his fellow Jews, whose souls had been battered, made weary and despairing by the Nazi atrocities.

It fell to him to assuage the shattered emotions and strive to mend among his fellow Jews the faith in God that had been shattered. How could one reconcile God's recondite love with man's brazen cruelty?

Rabbi Hertz spoke of Rosh Hashanah as the inspiration for our ability to remain true to who we are.

"Rosh Hashanah opens a new heaven for us and reveals to us the existence of the stars of repentance, prayer, and love… On the larger arena of the world, where good and evil are pitted against each other, Rosh Hashanah bids us to feel ourselves under the eternal obligation by all that we deem precious and holy, to throw our weight on the side of the good and to help make it prevail. Every one of us is a sentinel in that fight, a soldier in an Army of Righteousness, commanded by our Captain on High.

"Let us do our utmost; God knows, that is often little enough. Let every one of us take his share of the burden of the communal or national life – however high or humble that share be. 'Woe to him,' say the rabbis, 'who thinks, ah well, I will neglect my duty...

"During the conflict with Amalek, the hands of Moses grew weary, and they took a stone and put it under him. Could they not have given him a chair or a cushion? But then he said: Since my brethren are in trouble, lo, I will bear my part with them; for he who bears his portion of the burden, will live to enjoy the hour of consolation."

Rabbi Hertz's message is timeless.

It is indeed unjust that the children of Israel should feel the need to leave notes of farewell merely when going to school. But Rabbi Hertz reminds us that railing, with fists clenched, we must all bear our part in fighting that injustice.

We must do so for the sake of all of the children of Israel, for our own sake and for the sake of the balance that prevents us from falling away from who we are and what we were meant always to be.

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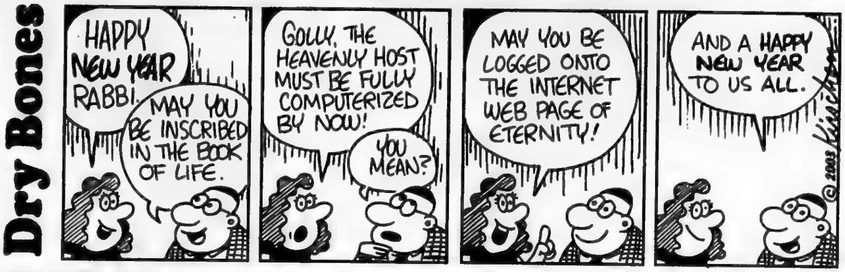
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Provincial Election 2003

I am sincerely dismayed with the readers of this paper who are rationalizing their selection of non-PC candidates in the upcoming provincial election. They seem to ignore the successful decades-long work by community organizations to get some governing body to recognize their responsibilities to fund or help fund all children's education in this province, as most other provinces have done.

Remember, for many in our community, public schools do not offer a viable alternative to Jewish day schools. I would say voting is a matter of prioritizing one's issues. For those readers to place the guarantee by Ernie Eves and his party of funding support for Jewish children's education below a promise by all the other parties to do away with that support seems a curious response.

Robert Samery
Toronto

It is time for the Jewish community to pay attention to its needs. We have rarely asked the government for anything for ourselves. The current provincial government's effort to provide some equity in the education system for those who choose alternatives for their children has yielded an increase in accessibility to Jewish education.

That should be our first priority as a community. Vote Progressive Conservative on Oct. 2.

Georganne Burke
Toronto

When I go into the voting booth, I have to choose the candidate whom I believe will best be able to advocate for my issues – all my issues. No one is perfect, and no party is perfect. But Premier Ernie Eves and the Progressive Conservatives stand where I stand on most of my issues, including the economy, social services, taxes, public education and the Equity in Education Tax Credit. I believe that Eves and his team are better able to lead Ontario than the two other parties.

Brian Lass
Toronto

I am extremely disappointed with the Sept. 18 Editor's Desk column ("Conscience and voting," *CJN*, Sept. 18).

Far be it from the editor of *The CJN* to actually list Jewish education (or any other Jewish cause) as a priority that should rank ahead of other issues in the upcoming provincial election. A list of priorities for the Jewish community is obviously not on your agenda or is beyond the scope of *The CJN*.

What a pity that some of our Jewish leaders have such a poor understanding of the value of Jewish education!

What a pity that you can only recognize when the physical, but not the spiritual, safety of Jews is compromised. (I assume *The CJN* would make an exception and tell people to vote for a party that opposes anti-Semitism, if the other side promoted anti-Semitism, even if it meant worse government.) And what a pity that the issues of discrimination and intermarriage rank so low on the scale of priorities to the editor of the largest Jewish newspaper in Canada.

Ira Walfish
Toronto

The Editor's Desk column of Sept. 18 was quite disappointing ("Conscience and voting," *CJN*, Sept. 18).

You could have stressed the importance of Jewish education for the future of the Jewish people. That would have been a wonderful message.

This column would have been a wonderful place – and very timely – to stress the importance of working for proper funding of our schools, yet it failed to do so. It was counterproductive.

If we lose the Equity in Education Tax Credit (EETC) in the near future, it will be a major setback – at least for the more committed elements of the Jewish community. It will hurt UJA coffers (people like me can barely afford to give, and I am not alone). It hurts our ability to support Israel. It effectively pulls the carpet of financial security out from under the committed middle class of our community. The EETC, when fully implemented – and I fear it may never be – would bring into the community fully 50 per cent of a year's UJA campaign. Imagine the health and strength that would promote in our community.

If we cannot look out for our own best interests, nobody will.

Jerrold Landau
Toronto

For decades, the Jewish community has been struggling to end religious discrimination in the provincial education funding formula, no matter how the calculation has been made. The current government has instituted a tax credit that is a first step in achieving this goal. The official Opposition has categorically stated that it will repeal the Equity in Education Tax Credit without offering any alternative to it. In effect, it is saying that funding Catholic religious education is good, while funding of non-Catholic religious education is not so good. Your column ("Conscience and voting," *CJN*, Sept. 18) urges people to vote their conscience. Well they should: vote to end religious discrimination in education, not to perpetuate it.

Arieh Waldman
Toronto

The full-page ad in support of the Harris/Eves government in your Sept. 18 issue by the self-styled Jewish Political Action Committee troubled me on two counts. It's bad enough that its supporters believe the only issue Jews need consider in this Ontario election is tax credits for private schools. Exactly what Jewish texts, values or traditions teach Jews to be oblivious to a Conservative government legacy that includes Walkerton, health care cuts, underfunded schools, and worst of all the bullying, blaming and neglect of those least able to sustain themselves? I think I hear Hillel's venerable reply: "And if I am only for myself, what am I?"

Which brings me to my second complaint. The sponsors of this ad misappropriate and besmirch our name by pretending to speak on behalf of an entire community and people. I urge all readers of *The CJN* to dump the Conservatives on Oct. 2.

Myer Siemiatycki
Toronto

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Canadian complicity in the injustice

By STANLEY A. URMAN

Canadians take great pride in a foreign policy that is ostensibly based on principles of democracy, human rights and the rule of law. However, when it come to the issue of refugees arising from the Arab-Israeli conflict, Canada has not distinguished itself, either by its policies, or by its international leadership role.

In the comfortable confines of Canadian homes, few can fully understand the abject fear and acute suffering that refugees who are driven from their homes are forced to endure.

One refugee, Giulia Boukhobza, wrote an article in the July 1 issue of the *International Herald Tribune* about her experience in Libya in June 1967. "[T]he anti-Jewish atmosphere in the streets became terrifying, so much so that my family could not leave our house in Tripoli," she wrote. "My parents and I, along with my seven brothers and sisters, sat frightened at home for days. And then the mob came for us."

Boukhobza's story is about one Jewish family that eventually had to flee for their lives from a Jewish community in Libya that had maintained a continual presence there for more than 2,000 years. Her plight was similar to hundreds of thousands of other Jews who were forced to flee from some 10 Arab countries in the Middle East and North Africa from 1947 onward. The international community exuded a reprehensible lack of balance, and Canada was complicit in restricting its political and humanitarian efforts solely to the plight of Palestinians who became refugees as a result of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Yemenite immigrants receive their first meal upon arrival at Lydda airfield in October 1949. [WZPS photo]

This differential treatment becomes more incomprehensible in light of the fact that there were more Jews uprooted from Arab countries (more than 850,000) than there were Palestinians who became refugees (the United Nations estimate is 726,000) when numerous Arab nations attacked the newly established State of Israel in 1948.

And yet, when the issue of refugees is raised within the context of the Middle East conflict, people invariably refer to Palestinian refugees, not Jews displaced from Arab countries. This is a fundamental injustice, as the rights of former Jewish refugees are no less legitimate than those of Palestinian refugees. Indeed, there are some who contend that the plight of former Jewish refugees is more egregious than Palestinian refugees, because they became victims in four different ways:

- In most Arab countries, Jews suffered state-sanctioned repression, endured mass violations of human rights and were coerced into leaving solely because they were Jews.
- In virtually all cases, individual and communal property was confiscated without compensation by Arab governments to their rightful owners.
- Once Jews left their countries of birth, Arab regimes erased any trace of Jewish existence and tried to expunge the rich, vibrant Jewish legacy from the historical lexicon of the region.
- The plight of Jewish refugees fleeing from Arab countries was virtually ignored by the international community.

Canada was an acquiescent participant during the years the United Nations ignored the perils befalling Jewish refugees. The statistics provide a damning indictment of the international community:

- Since 1947, there have been more than 681 UN General Assembly resolutions dealing with virtually every aspect of the Middle East and the Arab-Israeli conflict – 101 of which refer directly to the Palestinian refugees.
- In none of these 681 resolutions is there a specific reference to, nor any expression of concern for, the dangers faced by 856,000 Jews living in Arab countries.
- Numerous UN agencies and organizations were involved in a variety of efforts, while others were specifically created, to provide protection, relief and assistance to Palestinian refugees. No such action was forthcoming from these UN agencies for Jewish refugees from Arab countries.
- Since 1947, billions of dollars have been spent by the international community – by the UN, its affiliated entities and member states – to provide relief and assistance to Palestinian refugees. During that same period, no such international financial support was ever provided to ameliorate the plight of Jewish refugees.

Canada should not have been a party to such disproportionate and differential treatment. At the UN, and in its leadership capacity as "gavel" of the Multilateral Working Group on Refugees, Canada has not only been complicit but has seen fit to foment and sustain this travesty of justice.

This baffling and unconscionable conduct is demonstrated in a number of ways:

- **Security Council Resolution 242**

Adopted on Nov. 22, 1967, Resolution 242 is still considered one of the seminal blueprints on how to promote peace in the Middle East – including the refugee issue.

The official Web site of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Affairs (www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/Peaceprocess/keyissue-en.asp) states Canada's interpretation of this resolution as follows: "Canada considers there must be a just solution of the Palestinian refugee issue as called for in Security Council Resolution 242."

This is a gross distortion of the historical record. Resolution 242 stipulates that a comprehensive peace settlement should necessarily include "a just settlement of the refugee problem." No distinction is made between Arab refugees and Jewish refugees, yet Canada has seen fit to advocate for a "just solution" only for Palestinian refugees.

This was clearly not the original intent of Resolution 242, as evidenced by the unsuccessful attempt by the Soviet Union's UN delegation to restrict the "just settlement" solely to Palestinian refugees. Moreover, justice Arthur Goldberg, the United States' chief delegate to the United Nations at the time who was instrumental in drafting the unanimously adopted resolution, has pointed out that:

"A notable omission in 242 is any reference to Palestinians, a Palestinian state on the West Bank or the PLO. The resolution addresses the objective of 'achieving a just settlement of the refugee problem.' This language presumably refers both to Arab and Jewish refugees, for about an equal number of each abandoned their homes as a result of the several wars."

It is unacceptable for Canada to circumvent the original intention of Resolution 242 and to promote a decidedly distorted interpretation in favour of Palestinian refugees.

- **Canada's voting pattern at the UN in 2002**

Last year, at the 57th session of the General Assembly, numerous anti-Israel resolutions were adopted by overwhelming margins, betraying once again the decided anti-Israel bias that permeates the UN.

Canada voted in favour of the seven draft resolutions made by the Special Political and Decolonization Committe, all of which were later adopted by the General Assembly. In so doing, Canada supported a resolution that, among other things, expressed "grave concern about the increased suffering of the Palestinian refugees" and reaffirmed "that the Palestine refugees are entitled to their property and to the income derived therefrom, in conformity with the principles of equity and justice."

Again, nowhere in any of these or other resolutions adopted by the UN in 2002 was there any reference to the rights of former Jewish refugees from Arab countries.

This contrasts starkly with Canada's position on the General Assembly's resolution on the Situation of and Assistance to Palestinian Children, which, in part, expresses concern about "the grave deterioration of the situation of Palestinian children." In explaining its decision, "Canada abstained on this resolution because it does not acknowledge that the current conflict has taken a toll on both Palestinian and Israeli children."

There is no logical justification, nor any equity, in Canada abstaining on one resolution because it betrays a lack of balance (on children) and voting in favour of numerous other resolutions that betray a similar lack of balance (on refugees).

- **Multilateral Working Group on Refugees**

The 1991 Madrid Conference launched historic, direct negotiations between Israel and many of its Arab neighbours. Canada was asked to play an international role by assuming the "gavel" of the Working Group on Refugees, one of five such multilateral committees set up to address regional issues.

On the official Web site of Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Affairs (www.dfait-maeci. gc.ca/Peace process/rwg-intro-en.asp), the introduction to the group states:

"The continuing plight of the Palestinian refugees displaced by the Arab-Israeli conflict is among the most important issues to be addressed by the Middle East Peace Process."

While this statement may be true, it belies the original intention of the Working Group on Refugees, and exposes Canada's skewed view of its leadership role.

In his opening remarks at a conference convened to launch the multilateral process held in Moscow in January 1992, then-U.S. secretary of state James Baker made no distinction between Palestinian refugees and Jewish refugees in articulating the group's mandate: "The refugee group will consider practical ways of improving the lot of people throughout the region who have been displaced from their homes."

However, since its inception, the Working Group on Refugees, with Canada in the chair, has not addressed the issue of Jewish refugees. In conversations with the first two senior Canadian officials who held the "gavel," both stated that the group should not be dealing with rights of former Jewish refugees.

The activities of the Working Group on Refugees underscore this perspective, as all initiatives have dealt exclusively with Palestinian refugees: a scholarship fund for Palestinian refugee women, research on solutions to the Palestinian refugee problem, relocating refugees from Egypt to Gaza, administering a "Canada Fund" development program for Palestinian refugees and organizing formal missions to Palestinian refugee camps, including those in Lebanon and Syria.

In sum, it would be an injustice to ignore, in any Israeli-Arab peace process, the rights of Jews from Arab countries. It would be a distortion of history, and would constitute a fundamental inequity, to recognize any rights for Palestinian refugees without recognizing the rights of these former Jewish refugees as well.

Even the most recent peace proposal provides a means to redress the legitimate rights of former Jewish refugees. Phase III of the road map peace plan, currently being advanced by the United States, Russia, the European Union and the UN, refers to an "agreed, just, fair and realistic solution to the refugee issue" – once again, language applicable both to Palestinian and Jewish refugees.

For any peace process to be credible and enduring, it must address the two populations of refugees that arose out of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

If it wishes to remain a principled interlocutor in the quest for Middle East peace, Canada must embrace the moral and legal imperative to ensure that the rights of Jews from Arab countries are secured and that the issue assumes its rightful place on the international agenda.

Stanley Urman is the founding director of Justice for Jews from Arab Countries and the former executive director of the Centre for Middle East Peace and Economic Development.

Yom Kippur in July

It's a staple of cheesy advertising: ads declaring it's "Christmas in July" and offering major discounts on clothing, appliances, etc. I guess a bargain never hurts.

For me, it's always Yom Kippur in July.

Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz in Montreal

During my vacation, I begin working on my High Holy Day sermons. I do this because I've learned that Murphy's law has particular application to High Holy Day sermons: computers break, illnesses occur and funerals get scheduled all shortly before the holidays, making sure that any procrastinating rabbi is duly punished for leaving things to the last minute.

It's peculiar writing words for the Days of Awe during the lazy weeks of summer. The laid-back rhythms of vacation are not the ideal environment for inspiration. The weighty themes of the High Holy Days seem very faraway from sun, surf and ice cream.

Yet, there's actually a lot of inspiration around in the summer. Because of my Yom Kippur mindset, I look at the ordinary in extraordinary ways, and I've found that simple summer pleasures are often quite sublime.

Transcendence is everywhere. Life is not just life, it's a miracle. According to the midrash, every blade of grass has its own angel, calling it to life. These angels are on prominent display in the summer.

Sunrise. Waves. Trees. Mountains. Grass. Birds. Grasshoppers. Breeze. Clouds. Sunset. Moon. Crickets. Stars. There are so many small miracles, so many ways to experience what Einstein called a "cosmic religious feeling."

But you don't need nature to find inspiration. Sometimes it can be found around the barbecue. Friendship is not just friendship, it is a divine experience. If two people truly connect, it cannot be mundane. Every moment of friendship, even chatting and laughing together, contain divine sparks, the product of two souls in close contact.

And then there's family. Of course family vacations have a labile quality to them, jumping between the annoying and the endearing, but they certainly are about family. And loving families are a miracle. The love of a parent, sibling or spouse is too remarkable for materialistic explanations. Love is clearly from beyond this world.

Now, all of the above – the mushy, sermonic stuff – is actually an introduction to the following anecdote.

One afternoon, I was taking a walk with my three-year-old daughter. She tugged on my hand and pointed to sky, saying, "Look Abba! A cloud! A cloud!"

Tears welled up in my eyes.

Yes, it was only an ordinary occurrence, a moment of father-daughter small talk. But I started to think about the miracles of clouds, the miracle of her life and the miracle of our love for one another. And for an instant, it was truly Yom Kippur in July, an ordinary moment filled with great inspiration.

Open sesame and smile: a new story of hope

Think *Sesame Street* and a smile comes to your face. Think *Sesame Street* with joint content, aired simultaneously on Israel's children's channel, Jordan TV and 10 Palestinian television stations – and you become incredulous.

I'm not naive, but neither am I cynical. The story of the new Sesame Stories series illustrates more than anything the complexities of Israeli-Arab relations today. It tells of hopes, disappointments, fears and determination. It also demonstrates the potential and limitations of joint work in an atmosphere overshadowed by clouds of violence and hatred.

Five years ago, at the height of the peace talks, Sesame Workshop (*Sesame Street*'s parent company that engages in worldwide productions) conceived of an Israeli-Palestinian-Jordanian co-production that would integrate Israeli and Arab characters and identical programming, and would involve joint production teams. The goal was to use the *Sesame Street* platform to impart messages of tolerance and acceptance of the "other" for kids aged four-seven.

It wasn't the first time that Sesame Workshop had worked in Israel. Nearly 20 year earlier, it had pioneered the highly successful *Rechov Sumsum* (the series is also marketed throughout the United States as a Hebrew-learning tool). In 1995, it initiated an Israeli-Palestinian joint series that aired on Israel's educational TV but never made it to the screens of Palestinian television.

This time, the intifadah rudely interrupted what was already a challenging planning process. It was hard enough for Israeli, Palestinian and Jordanian producers to overcome cultural and political sensitivities and to hammer out joint messages, characters and puppets. Terrorism against Israelis, closures and curfews in the West Bank and Gaza, hostility and anger – all were antithetical to the very essence of the series.

Shira Herzog in Toronto

Only the creativity and tenacity of the teams themselves as well as Sesame Workshop's patient intervention allowed a compromise to let the project to go forward. Instead of jointly produced programming, a pool of animated and live segments was created for inclusion in each of the three sister series – all of which remained committed to the series' key messages in their own productions.

Last month, HOP! – Israel's highly successful children's channel – premiered its series to critical acclaim. The leading daily, *Yediot Acharonot*, wrote: "Someone should sit the Israeli government and the Palestinian Authority down to watch some of Sesame Stories before the next punch around." Next month, Jordan TV and the Palestinian Ma'an network (10 independent, local television stations affiliated with Al-Quds Educational Television) will do the same.

Ironically, perhaps, the Jordanian involvement is the most significant. *Sesame Street* has never aired in Jordan, and the inherent openness of the series and its messages are a novelty there. The connection to Israeli/Jewish programming has only fuelled criticism in hostile press coverage of the series. Nevertheless, the show's producers are determined to air, and Queen Ranya of Jordan has given the series her blessing.

As for the Palestinians, the choice of production outlets itself is interesting. Most Palestinians consume television news from satellite stations such as Al-Jazeera and pay little attention to the official, limited Palestine Broadcast Corporation. However, independent television stations have a following because they are grounded in local communities. Some of these stations provide the best examples of how pluralistic Palestinian television could evolve, and of the difference that can be made with an investment in independent production. In the early days of the intifadah, I was told that one of these independent stations actually broadcast names of Israeli victims of suicide bombings, thereby humanizing the Israeli experience.

Skeptics have already declared the project a failure and evidence of the futility of any joint efforts while bombs explode in the streets. I disagree. Like other small groups of Israeli and Palestinian teachers still working together, these creative educators believe that if another day will come, the groundwork has to be laid now. Teaching children to hate requires little effort; teaching children to be tolerant is a Herculean task in the reality of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The people involved don't believe for a minute that they can change the world. In fact, they know that they have no impact on the bigger picture. But they are inspired by our sages' teaching: "Who is a hero? One who turns an enemy into a friend." Shanah Tovah.

After nearly nine years at The CJN, I'm taking a leave for several months. Thanks to all my readers for your interest and support. I'll be back next summer.

New values for a new year

This Rosh Hashanah, we Jews in North America once again find ourselves in an anomalous position. For most of us, life is grand. We belong to one of the safest, strongest and wealthiest Jewish communities in history, blessed by the security, bounty, and liberty of the United States and Canada. For many of us, thankfully, our central moral challenges have to do with the dangers of decadence, the seductions of excess, rather than the depredations of hunger or fears of attack. As a result, too many of us live unthinkingly in our cozy little bubbles, insulating ourselves from the outside world's challenges.

Gil Troy in Montreal

And yet, if we unplug our Walkmen and listen just a little bit, we hear screams of pain in our own neighbourhoods, our Jewish community and our beloved Israel, let alone the rest of the world. Most of us who reside in cities live scandalously close to neighbourhoods where children are neglected, families have disintegrated, schools fail to teach and the streets are unclean and unsafe.

Even many Jewish communities are filled with the sick, the poor, and the abandoned elderly. In Israel, 22 per cent of the people face poverty while thousands of families have been shattered by the murderous Palestinian onslaught. And in Africa, millions of people are starving to death or being murdered by organized insanity – up to 3 million people have died in the Congo alone.

We can't all be Gandhi. We are not programmed to renounce North America's playgrounds and shoulder the world's burdens. But especially this Rosh Hashanah, with the unfortunate constants of poverty, disease and social dysfunction compounded by the scourge of terror, how dare we continue with business as usual. Shouldn't we inconvenience ourselves just a little bit and alter our lifestyles just a whit to help our fellow human beings?

How can we continue planning more and more elaborate birthday parties for our children – let alone more and more extravagant bar and bat mitzvahs for our teenagers – without diverting more resources to the needy? Wouldn't we feel better about ourselves if we replaced the usual excessive pile of presents at these events with a pile of tzedakah cards – initiated either by the hosts or the guests – sending money to a terror victim we have adopted or to an impoverished Israeli school? Wouldn't we respect our rabbis, teachers and principals more if they risked our wrath and pushed us to give more generously, more systematically? And shouldn't we, instead of waiting for leaders to push us in the direction we need to go, lead our peers to the right place?

We have all collaborated in building an upside down world, a twisted world of distorted values and misplaced priorities. We – and sadly this "we" applies especially in too many parts of the Jewish community – buy into the social pressure demanding presents galore for so many occasions, the wearing of the latest fashions, the buying of the fanciest things, the throwing of the most elaborate parties.

Those of us who occasionally deviate from that script, who might give a donation in someone's honour rather than an unnecessary gift, who might wear yesterday's fashions and send the unspent money to a worthy cause, are the ones who risk the social opprobrium. People who should feel shame for their excesses feel proud. People who should feel pride for their generosity often feel sheepish.

We are taught in so many ways not to deviate from the consumerist norms, not to appear too self-righteous or judgmental or virtuous. Wouldn't we be better off teaching our children and ourselves to strive – with all appropriate modesty – for more good deeds and fewer fashion statements, for more acts of charity and fewer shopping trips, for more selflessness rather than selfishness, more altruism than materialism? We need to be doers not just givers, investing time not just money, applying our skills and passions to good works, not just fun sports. True, we probably will not solve the world's problems, but we can help – bringing some joy to someone in need, alleviating someone's pain, albeit momentarily.

Let us hope that next Rosh Hashanah we can not only celebrate a worldwide return to sanity, but a new trend, a new set of social pressures pushing us to do good rather than spend wildly.

The Kirshner File

Film festival touched on a variety of topics

Sheldon Kirshner
in Toronto

Several films from Israel, all dealing with various aspects of contemporary Israeli society, were shown at this year's Toronto International Film Festival. A number of European movies, touching on topics ranging from the Holocaust to Islamic fundamentalism, were screened as well.

Broken Wings, by newcomer Nir Bergman, is a gut-wrenching drama about the after-effects of a family tragedy. Nine months after her husband's untimely death, Dafna Ullman remains in a state of shock, as do her her four children, Maya, Yair, Ido and Bahr. Dafna, a midwife in a Haifa hospital, can hardly function. Maya, a budding rock musician and composer, has deferred a budding career. Yair, who aspires to be a professional basketball player, has dropped out of high school and loses himself inside a mouse costume. Ido is suicidal. Bahr, the youngest, feels neglected. The Ullmans, a typical middle-class Israeli family, cannot cope with their loss.

Bergman conveys their pain, anguish and confusion through a succession of taut scenes. In the movie's most poignant moment, Maya breaks down as she sings a sad song about her beloved father. The Arab-Israeli conflict does not intrude into *Broken Wings*. The closest it comes to that dispute is a glancing reference to Jordan, as in U.S. basketball superstar Michael Jordan.

This is a film about ordinary people coping with grief. The performances, from Orly Zilberschatz-Banai's searing portrayal of Dafna to Maya Maron's star turn as Maya, are superb.

James' Journey to Jerusalem, directed with aplomb by Ra'anan Alexandrowicz, unfolds in Hebrew, English and Zulu. James (Siyabonga Melongisi Shibe), an evangelical Christian from Africa who wants to be a pastor, arrives in Israel on a pilgrimage. His village has chosen him for a special mission: to visit Jerusalem on their behalf and report back with his impressions.

At Ben-Gurion Airport, James is detained, suspected of trying to enter Israel as an illegal worker, and then arrested. Shimi, an opportunistic manpower agent impressed by James' command of English and his knowledge of the Bible, springs him from prison. Shimi places James in a grimy dormitory and puts him to work for his father, Sallah. Whatever illusions James may have had about the Holy Land are summarily shattered.

Being clever and flexible, James quickly adapts to his surroundings. He wins the affection of Shimi and Sallah, who are played respectively by Salim Daw and Arie Elias. Armed with a cellphone, he becomes a labour sub-contractor. He is so busy that he repeatedly postpones his cherished trip to Jerusalem. Materialism trumps spirituality.

This accomplished and likeable film, which resounds to a stirring African musical score, is about the deferral of dreams, the power of faith and the humanity and rapaciousness of people. It is also about an economy that exploits foreign workers and a nation whose idealism is frayed at the edges. Pulling all these strands together, Alexandrowicz skillfully weaves a layered tapestry of a country in flux. And the cast is uniformly terrific.

Amos Gitai's newest movie, *Alila*, largely takes place in a drab apartment building in a bustling, rundown neighbourhood between Tel Aviv and Jaffa. It opens with Ezra (Uri Klauzner), an unkempt building contractor, engaging his son, Eyal (Amit Mestechkin), a new, nervous army recruit, in a chat about his prospects. Their conversation ends abruptly when Ezra hires several itinerant Chinese workers for a minor renovation project at the apartment.

The camera pans to Hezi (Amos Lavie), a rough-hewn, middle-aged man who rents a flat in the building from Ilan (Liron Levo). Hezi needs the place for trysts with Gabi (Yael Abecassis), a submissive woman half his age. Rounding out the characters are Schwartz (Yosef Carmon), a tormented Holocaust survivor; Mali (Hanna Laslo), Ezra's estranged wife who is having an affair with Ilan; Ronit (Ronit Elkabetz), a hysterical neighbour who casually denigrates Arabs; and Linda (Lyn Shiao Zamir), Schwartz's calm Asian caregiver who drowns out news of a suicide bombing with soothing music from her country of origin.

In its scope, *Alila* is about nothing and everything: the minutiae of life in a booming city, rocky relationships, human passions and evolving conceptions of Israel. *Alila* is far better than Gitai's last two films, *Kedma* and *Eden*, but not nearly as good as *Kippur* and *Kadosh*, which preceded them.

Outcry, Destau Damtou's docudrama, is set in the future in an Israeli development town in the Negev. As a young Ethiopian Jew stares at his handgun, he is engulfed by a flood of bitter memories turning on a fatal shootout with the police in which five of his friends were killed. This fairly brief, disturbing film zeroes in on the problem of juvenile delinquency in the Ethiopian community, which is still in the process of adapting to Israel.

Opposing views are presented. There is a complaint about racism, but also an affirmative statement about Israel as the homeland of Ethiopian Jews. A *kess*, or community elder, advises a troubled youth to read the Torah and discover his Jewish roots. But a government official claims that Ethiopians are lazy and prefer to live on unemployment benefits.

Outcry presents corrosive truths worthy of examination and debate. But it accentuates the negative and ignores what is positive about the integration of Ethiopians in Israel.

Margarethe von Trotta's *Rosenstrasse*, based on an actual incident that occurred in Berlin in the winter of 1943, is powerful and memorable. When the Nazis decided to deport a group of Jewish men working in German arms factories, their loyal, indignant Christian wives rose up in protest. Despite threats, these courageous women stood their ground. Their husbands were finally released.

Rosenstrasse, which is named after the small street where these unprecedented demonstrations unfolded, revolves around a fictional character named Lena Fischer (Katya Riemann). Beautiful and aristocratic, she never gives up her valiant effort to save her spouse, Fabian (Martin Feifel). German officials, some in vulgar language, urge her to divorce Fabian, but to no avail.

She asks her foreboding father, an anti-Semitic retired general, for help, but he haughtily dismisses her. Arthur (Jurgen Vogel), her brother, a decorated officer crippled in the war, rallies to Lena's assistance. As she fights for Fabian's life, she shelters Ruth, a Jewish girl whose mother has disappeared.

Dark, brooding and engaging, the film flashes back and forth between 1943 and the present. Ruth (Jutta Lampe), now living in New York, goes into mourning after her husband dies. His death prompts Ruth's daughter, Hannah (Maria Schrader), to investigate her mother's past in Germany. Hannah travels to Germany and persuades Lena (Doris Schade), now 90, to tell her story of unconditional love and valour. And so the circle is closed.

Supertex, directed by Jan Schutte and set in Amsterdam, Tel Aviv and Casablanca, is about family, identity and father-son rivalry.

Simon Breslauer (Jan Decleir), a Polish Holocaust survivor and a textile magnate, is an arrogant man who treats his two sons unequally. He belittles Max (Stephen Mangan), who wants to reorganize the company, but heaps affection on Boy (Elliot Levey), a conformist.

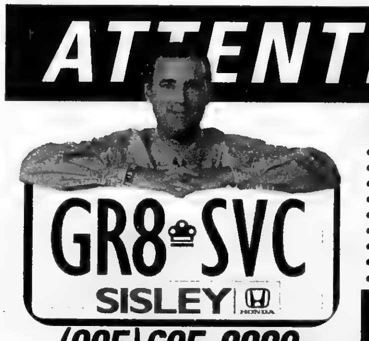
This pleasing film moves along at a rapid pace as Max discovers that Simon, supposedly the perfect family man, keeps a mistress; as Max and his girlfriend part ways over her desire to live in Israel; and as Boy abandons his fiancé and finds bliss in Casablanca.

In *Facing Window*, a film by Ferzan Ozpetek, a young Italian couple, David and Giovanna, invite a stranger to their modest home in Rome. He is a homeless old man they find wandering the streets in a daze. They soon learn that he is a master baker and Holocaust survivor with a concentration camp number tattooed on his forearm. *Facing Window*, starring the luminous Giovanna Mezzogiorno, is about the trauma of survival, the joys of life and the importance of undiminished dreams.

Monsieur Ibrahim, by Francois Dupeyron, features Egyptian actor Omar Sharif as an elderly Turkish merchant in 1960s Paris who befriends Momo (Pierre Boulanger), a lonely Jewish boy who lives in the city's colourful red-light district with his depressed father. Ibrahim, a Sufi Muslim, takes a shine to Momo – whose Jewish roots are shallow – and gives him a copy of the Koran to read. After Momo's father vanishes, Ibrahim all but adopts the orphan. They embark on a road trip to Ibrahim's ancestral village in the badlands of Turkey. *Monsieur Ibrahim* is a nice film with a warm touch.

Bon Voyage, a delicious confection whipped up by Jean-Paul Rappeneau, is set in Paris and Bordeaux just before and after Germany's invasion of France in 1940. As France crumbles, the Nazis pursue a stateless Jewish professor in possession of valuable scientific knowledge. This frenetic film, which stars the imperious Isabelle Adjani, bubbles over with intrigue, romance and espionage.

Siddiq Barmak's *Osama*, the first Afghan movie since the fall of the Taliban, exposes the primitive insensitivity and cruelty of an Islamic fundamentalist regime that treated women like chattels, condemned them to sexual slavery under the guise of unadulterated morality and considered non-Muslims "infidels." In a word, *Osama* is explosive.



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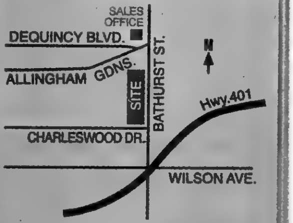

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Israelis, Palestinians have much in common: rabbi

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

What unites Israelis and Palestinians is far more significant than what separates them, says Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, chief rabbi of Efrat, an Israeli community in the West Bank.

"Even though we may look different and have different interests, we are all people who want to live, laugh and love," he said at a lecture sponsored by the Gerald Schwartz/Heather Reisman Centre for Jewish Learning at Holy Blossom Temple, on the second anniversary of 9/11.

After a moment of silence to commemorate the anniversary, Rabbi Riskin, who made aliyah from his native New York about 20 years ago, said that there are four Palestinian villages near Efrat with whom Efrat has "magnificent relations. In the end they want exactly what we want – to be able to sit with their children and grandchildren in peace."

In the past three years, he said, lives in Efrat have been saved by Palestinians who warned residents about impending attacks.

Speaking shortly after the death of his friend David Appelbaum and his daughter Naava, 20, in a terrorist attack on a Jerusalem café, Rabbi Riskin said that the situation in Israel is not a case of moral equivalence. "We are targeting murderers and they are targeting innocent men, women and children."

Rabbi Shlomo Riskin

Israelis are criticized when they defend themselves against suicide bombers, he said, "but what are we to do? We are fighting against a terror that if we give it an open door it will destroy civilization."

"I believe that the present Israeli policy is right on. I am proud that we are only targeting murderers."

He said he remains optimistic, "because beyond terrorism we are all united by a common humanity. I believe there is a profound connection between ourselves and our cousins the Palestinians."

But despite Efrat's good relations with neighbouring villages, he said, Efrat residents must travel in bulletproof buses and post guards to protect against suicide bombers.

Recently, he said, a Palestinian carrying a knife and a suicide note was discovered in Efrat.

On the other hand, it was a Palestinian friend of the Appelbaums who told the family about the deaths of David and Naava, he said.

Rabbi Riskin said Israelis have always been willing to compromise, but there has never been a Palestinian leader who is willing to negotiate.

"As long as [Palestinian Authority President Yasser] Arafat is pulling the strings, there will never be an Arab democracy. Once that happens, we will be willing to make a hurtful compromise. [Then], we will work with them as equals and make the area a veritable Garden of Eden.

"I believe humanity will gain the upper hand and we will not only survive, but a free humanity will prevail."

Canadians can reach out to Israel and try to ease its burden, he said, by travelling there "no matter what is going on.

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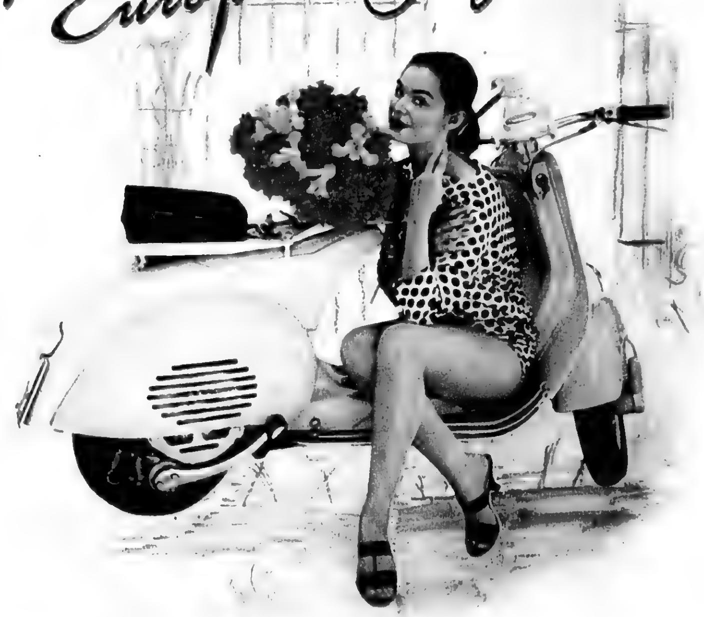

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Israeli youth take part in Ve'ahavta mission to Guyana

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Five youth from the Israeli-based Pirchey Refua (Youth Medical Cadets), travelled this summer to the rainforests of Guyana on a three-week mission with personnel from Ve'ahavta Canadian Jewish Humanitarian and Relief committee.

The team, which included members of Toronto's aboriginal community as well as Jewish students and medical professionals, offered youth leadership programs, educational activities, and health promotion procedures to assist local communities in remote areas of the country.

The five Israeli youth – Roi Zylberberg, 17, Moriya Reznikovich, 18, Ella Mazanov, 18, Racheli Bendett, 17, and Yotam Barak, 17 – also spent a week in Toronto before the trip, assisting Somali-Canadian women in first aid and health education.

Rachel Lasry, Ve'ahavta's international program director, said this was the organization's fourth summer mission to Guyana, but the first with Israeli participation.

What was most striking about the mission, the five Israelis agreed, was that although the more than 40 volunteers came from diverse backgrounds and a from a large age range, everyone worked together as a team.

"We all brought our own wisdom. We had a chance to mix with students, nurses, doctors, Jews from all denominations, and aboriginal youth – age was not an issue; everyone became friends and we could all depend on one another," said Barak.

Roznikovich, a volunteer, for Magen David Adom in Israel, taught first aid to various groups in Guyana, where she said even the Israelis found it hot.

"The heat in Israel did not prepare us for Guyana heat. We felt ourselves melting in front of the classroom, but it was all part of the experience. No one complained."

It also taught the Israelis about the value of differences among people, she said.

"We learned to appreciate what we have at home, and we also learned to value the unity of Jews. In Israel, Jews are often in conflict with other Jews from different backgrounds. This helped put things in perspective.

"Sometimes people feel uncomfortable about being different and try to be like other people. On this trip, we supported one another, and were made to feel proud of who we are."

Zylberberg said it was a challenge for the shomer Shabbat members of the group to maintain their traditions in such an environment – they were provided with kosher food –"and we all admired them for their strength [of convictions.]"

In the past four years, Ve'ahavta has made a name for itself in Guyana, Lasry said, but "this year Israelis brought a new dimension to our work.

"There is a very positive image about Jewish people in Guyana. Some knew so much about the Bible that we were able to learn something from them. We were told they have a deep connection with the Old Testament."

Mazanov, who is going into the Israeli army, said her experience in Guyana made her see life in Israel differently.

"I am ready to defend my country with more passion. When I am removed from my typical surroundings, I see things from a different angle," she said.

"We did feel disconnected to Israel, however, when we learned there had been a terrorist attack. It was strange not to be there during such a time."

Youth from the Israeli-based Pirchey Refua (Youth Medical Cadets), assisted a group of Somali-Canadian women with first aid and health education before travelling to Guyana on a mission with Ve'ahavta Canadian Jewish Humanitarian and Relief committee.

Toronto's Ronald McDonald House sincerely apologizes for scheduling this year's Toddle for Tots fundraising event on the same date as Rosh Hashanah.

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Media Line journalist covers Israel – warts and all

By JENNIFER M. PAQUETTE
Special to the CJN

In Jewish circles, demanding "accuracy in reporting" is often a euphemism for being pro-Israel.

But as bureau chief for news services with Washington, D.C.-based The Media Line, David Zev Harris takes the phrase seriously, dishing out reliable truths, even if they depict Israel in a negative light.

Harris, who made aliyah from England in 1996, spoke to *The CJN* about The Media Line's activities during a recent trip to Toronto.

Founded in 2001 by husband-and-wife team Michael and Felice Friedson, the service is a response to a lack of depth and background in mainstream media coverage of the Middle East, "whether pro-Israel or anti-Israel," Harris says.

Messages not always popular

Though he's often invited to speak to synagogue groups, Harris, with a background in political science and journalism, is aware his message may not sit well with Jewish audiences.

"When people say 'Aren't you another HonestReporting.com or CAMERA [Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America]?' the answer is no," Harris says.

"Those organizations are preaching to the choir," he says. "We are a legitimate news organization… like Reuters, or other news agencies."

Diaspora Jews are rarely shown the whole picture when it comes to Israel, Harris says.

"The country is in a mess politically, economically, socially… Just to make out that Israel is a bed of roses… is simply not reflecting the truth."

Holding Israel accountable has an upside. "If Israel does something wrong, it is a democracy, and it should be criticized… If you say Israel can do no wrong, you will never be treated seriously," Harris says.

David Zev Harris

"If we were simply an Israeli or Jewish organization, we would not be credible."

Last year, when Israel fought a fierce battle in Jenin as part of its anti-terror incursion into the West Bank, "it was clear that Israel was in the right," and The Media Line used that hard-won credibility to strongly defend Israel's actions, he says.

But The Media Line's Mideast coverage is about more than the ongoing conflict, Harris says. It also includes lighter fare, such as stories about a swimmer from Iraq, one about "joint environmental projects between Israel, the Palestinians and Jordan" and an interview with an Israeli chef.

"If you don't tell the light stuff, people will believe Israel is just a war zone."

Syndication in hundreds of newspapers around the world and by news organizations such as the BBC, plus a daily radio program and a TV show in the works, are testaments to The Media Line's success, Harris says.

Much of the anti-Israel bias in mainstream media isn't due to anti-Semitism, Harris says. Often, Israel simply doesn't present itself well.

Its politicians must "learn the art of the sound bite" rather than giving "clever answer[s]… that last 2½ minutes," which is too long for the major networks, he says.

Mixed messages also confuse journalists. With the Palestinian Authority, "there is only one message," while in Israel, "you could have [interim Labour party leader] Shimon Peres saying X and then… [Prime Minister] Ariel Sharon saying the opposite."

To a journalist, Harris says, "a right-wing MK calling Palestinians 'animals' is far sexier than a left-wing MK saying we have to be lovey-dovey."

While he advocates intelligent journalism, Harris is guarded about the effectiveness of letter-writing campaigns, in which individuals often mail a standard letter to news organizations. Harris says he has heard from editors that "those types of campaigns end up in the garbage."

Editors think that "it's clearly a bunch of Palestinians or Jews or people defending gay rights… [and they ask] 'Why should we take notice?'"

But, he says, "if 20,000 people cancel their subscription… that can have an effect."

Letters should be factual and calm, he says. Give "concrete examples of dates, and [close] with the conclusion that [you have] no choice [but] to cancel." Harris suggests contacting a media outlet or a well-informed rabbi before writing.

Harris says intelligent debate means "not just [getting] information from pro-Israel sources."

But the best way for North American Jews to understand Israel isn't through the media at all, he says.

"Go to Israel… meet Israeli people… A teacher, a dentist, a soccer coach. [Or] go for a week or two and offer courses… a week of free dental treatment, teach kids to play soccer. That way you'll find the real Israel."

For Harris, Israel isn't just a country at war – it's home.

His own weekly soccer group includes people "from the United Kingdom, Canada, the U.S., Switzerland, France, Brazil, Argentina, Peru, Australia and South Africa … Jews from around the world who share one thing – the State of Israel."

Besides soccer, Harris loves "going out into the desert… and looking up at the stars," an activity he says gives him hope.

"Maybe there is a God up there and maybe things will turn out alright."

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Lodz to mark anniversary of ghetto's liquidation

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

The Lodzer Centre Holocaust Congregation, a modest North York synagogue established by Holocaust survivors, was the scene of a recent poignant meeting between the Polish consul, the mayor of Lodz and about 15 elderly members of the synagogue.

Sitting at a long rectangular table set with rogelach and danishes, Mayor Jerzy Kropiwnicki invited the congregants to return to Lodz next summer to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the liquidation of the Lodz ghetto.

For the anniversary – which will be marked by ceremonies on Aug. 29, the date of the last transport from the ghetto – he promised to restore the run-down former train station, through which ghetto inhabitants passed, to the way it looked in 1944. He also pledged to repair the Jewish cemetery and plant trees and bushes there, and to organize a commemorative route through the ghetto, with information plaques about its history.

Last month, the Lodz city council earmarked 1 million zlotys (almost $385,000) for the project after "a long and painful discussion," he said. Although there was initial opposition from almost half the 43-member council, the vote was almost unanimous, Kropiwnicki said.

"I know for many people it will be very difficult emotionally, but I think it's necessary for the younger generation to see it and to learn from it," Kropiwnicki said.

David Rybowski, president of the congregation, said although he had mixed feelings, in a way he was also thrilled that the mayor had chosen the Lodzer Centre to visit.

A native of Lodz who has lived here since 1950, Rybowski met his wife Zenia in the Lodz ghetto before he was taken away by the Germans in 1941 at age 17. "I never wanted to go back," he said.

Kropiwnicki, who was elected last November, said he learned of the significance of the anniversary from Wladyslaw Bartoszewski, a founder of Zegota, a Polish organization that helped Jews during World War II. Both men were ministers in the Polish government together.

Kropiwnicki said he's taken on the commemorative project because "it's decent and it's right. I cannot say I had many Jewish friends, because I had few. I cannot say I'm Jewish by origin, because I'm not. And I cannot say I had leftist feelings, because it's not true."

Rabbi Matthew Kaufman, left, shakes hands with Lodz mayor Jerzy Kropiwnicki at the Lodzer Centre Holocaust Congregation. [Frances Kraft photo]

He has appealed to mayors of German cities Cologne, Frankfort and Dusseldorf, who readily agreed to contribute funds to the project, he said. "I'm just appealing to decent people who feel uneasy, the same way I feel uneasy."

Jews made up one third of Lodz's total population in September 1939, when Germany invaded Poland, Kropiwnicki said. The Jewish community was "one of the most important organizing forces of the city," he said, citing as one example large factories built by local Jews.

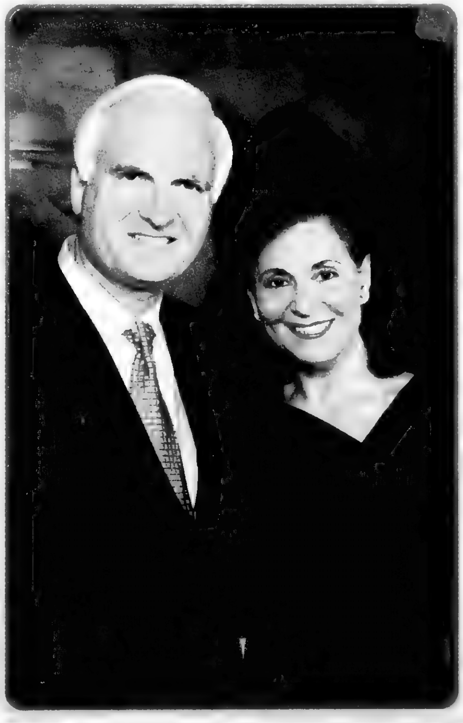
The Litzmannstadt ghetto, so-called for the name the Germans gave the city, was the second-largest in Poland, after the Warsaw ghetto. Two hundred thousand or more Jews, including some from other European countries, passed through it before it was liquidated, said Kropiwnicki.

Today the "registered" Jewish population numbers 250, although the mayor believes there are up to 1,000 people who have Jewish roots. There is a synagogue, a Jewish students' association and day care for the elderly, added Jaroslaw Nowak, executive director of the city of Lodz and a member of the organizing committee for the commemoration, who was among the three city staffers accompanying the mayor.

The meeting came about after Rachel Iskov, a PhD student in Holocaust history at Clark University in Worcester, Mass., visited Lodz in July and learned the city was organizing an event to commemorate the destruction of the ghetto and that a delegation would be travelling to North America to meet members of the Jewish community. Kropiwnicki has also met with survivors in Israel

Iskov told Nowak about the Lodzer Centre, where she has attended services with her family from the time she was a child. She flew in from Boston for the meeting.

Kropiwnicki said he would like to "invite you all to see not only the tragic past but also the glorious past and how the city lives today." By late October or early November, he said, more information would be posted on a page linked to the city's Web site. Nowark added that the city is still seeking former residents of Lodz to send them information.



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Unique gift provides peace of mind for Israeli children

By DANIEL HOROWITZ

Thanks to the generosity of a Toronto woman and her late Christian grandmother's love for Israel, close to 200 Israeli preschoolers – and their parents – are enjoying peace of mind this school year at a daycare centre in central Israel.

When Ethel Wade passed away on Canada Day 2002 at the age of 99, she left her two granddaughters each a cheque for $28,000. For one of them - Barbara Wade Rose - who converted to Judaism in 1982 at the age of 24 - the decision to donate that cheque to improve the lives of Israeli children came without hesitation.

"I didn't need the money for myself as much as these Israeli children did," says Wade Rose, herself the mother of two girls. "I really felt the need to do something like this, something that was in essence reaching back in history, and, at the same time, towards the future for the Jewish people."

The benefactors of Wade Rose's generosity will be the children and staff of a daycare centre located in Kfar Gvirol, a suburb of Rehovot. The funds pay the salary of a security guard for one year.

"It's funny, in a way, that my grandmother was a staunch and devout Christian, her son – my father – is an atheist, and I felt a pull towards Judaism," says Wade Rose. "Actually, I was going through the conversion process at Holy Blossom when I met my husband, Jonathan. Ironically, that's one of the things he found so fascinating about me, because although he was born Jewish, his family wasn't religious at all."

Barbara's grandmother, Ethel, travelled the world more than once in her lifetime, including trips to Japan and Kenya, where she slept on tree tops "so the tigers couldn't get her," says Wade Rose. But of all the places Ethel visited throughout her life, Israel always held a special place in her heart.

"She always talked about The Mount of Olives and about Jerusalem," says Wade Rose. "I think because my grandmother was, in her own way, a pioneer of sorts, moving from northern England to Calgary in 1903, she had some sort of affinity with the pioneering spirit of Israel and its people. My grandmother was always a very pro-Israel Christian, and somebody who believed that Israel was always in the best hands when the Israelis were 'in charge.' Ethel always loved the Holy Land and found her trips to Israel so enjoyable."

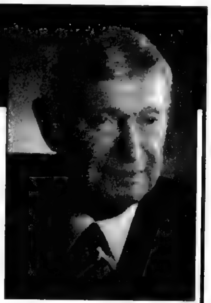
The opportunity to donate money toward the safety of Israeli children is one reason why Barbara Wade Rose finds her decision to convert to Judaism so fulfilling.

"Living my life as a Jew has been so incredibly rewarding," she says. "Judaism has given me the perfect opportunity to have my heart involved in a religion without giving up my head. Every Friday night at dinner we ask each other what *mitzvot* we performed that particular week. The week that I gave the money to the preschool, I had a great answer, and it feels so wonderful."

Barbara Wade Rose holds up a photo of her late grandmother, Ethel Wade. *Photo: Eve Marks*

legacy of life

Eric Exton 1919 - 2001



Eric Exton always considered himself lucky, even though sometimes life didn't appear that way.

He felt lucky to be born into one of only four Jewish families in Freital, Germany, and had a happy childhood despite a looming war. His parents, Alois and Ida Eckstein, owned a four-storey department store and hoped Eric would one day run the business himself.

But when the store was destroyed during *Kristallnacht*, it was the Nazis, not Eric, who took over the business. Alois managed to secure his son passage to England, where lucky Eric found work at a textile mill in the British town of Wigan and was taken in by a Jewish family who taught him his first words of Yiddish. When German forces invaded the British lowlands, Eric was interned with 3,000 other Germans on the Isle of Man and then shipped off with 800 men to Camp N in Sherbrooke, Quebec. His parents escaped to what was then Palestine, but many of his extended family perished in the Holocaust.

Eric eventually made his way to Brantford, Ontario, where his sister Ilona lived, and soon after, relocated to Toronto. He was finally safe and sound, and spent the next 60 years dedicating himself to his family, his work, and his community. With his wife Esther by his side, the impeccably dressed gentleman built SEEL Enterprises into a leading mortgage investment corporation while working tirelessly for UJA Federation, B'nai Brith Canada, Jewish National Fund, State of Israel Bonds, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, Boys Town Jerusalem and many other causes.

"I never allow myself to get involved in anything unless I can handle it," Eric once wrote in his self-published memoir *Zaidie Exton's Odyssey*. "Not for me the mere inclusion of my name on the masthead of any movement or organization, for vanity or publicity's sake. If I can't actively participate, contribute, devote time to a cause, I don't participate at all."

As youngsters, children Sybil and Lennie were constantly fascinated by the steady stream of people who arrived on their parents' doorstep to attend parlour meetings, fundraising dinners, or teas. Eric and Esther travelled regularly to Israel on UJA and JNF missions and were constantly on the phone drumming up funds or coordinating community events. It had a profound effect on Sybil and Lennie and they both became leaders in their own right – first as presidents of their respective BBYO chapters and then through to their continued involvement in community today.

An 18 year-old with his own car in Reutlingen.

"We learned from our parents that if you're able to do, then you should," says Sybil. "Dad's community work, his *tzedaka*, his integrity and his work ethic were always on display for us to learn from, and these lessons were the gifts that he gave to his children and grandchildren. Now I, too, do it from my heart."

Eric, a major donor to UJA Federation's annual campaign, could always be counted on to get involved in various projects because he believed in a strong Jewish community and a strong Israel.

"Eric was never one to dilly-dally," says Ben Prossin, Executive Director of JNF Toronto. "He had a sense of order and time and was very well organized. He was a very trusted adviser who knew the community well and knew who to approach for help when it was needed. People responded to Eric because of his own sense of dedication and purpose. If he asked you to give a donation, he would have already given one himself."

After Esther's death in 1988, Eric's luck prevailed once again when a friend introduced him to Annette, the woman with whom he would share the rest of his life. A war orphan and survivor, Annette adored and admired Eric for his generosity of heart and his compassion for those less fortunate. Says Annette: "Eric was a humble and decent human being and I thank G-d that I was so lucky to have met him." Annette is continuing Eric's good work through The Exton Charitable Foundation.

Even Annette's young grandson, Jason Mortfield, recognized intelligence, warmth and humility when he saw it and described Eric as his hero in a Grade 6 essay: "Zaidie Exton makes me want to be better, especially when I grow up. He's a terrific person, and it shows in how much he loves the family and cares about the world."

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No short-term solution to Mid-East conflict in sight

Provocative remarks from UJA Federation Israel Today Speaker Series

David Horovitz

By HOWARD ENGLISH

In the long term, *Jerusalem Report* editor, David Horovitz, sees hope for the future, but, for the time being, he's at a loss to come up with a solution for more peaceful relations between Israel and the Palestinians.

"In the short term, there is no magic fix," he told members of UJA Federation's Fashion Division.

"There is a Palestinian generation that has grown up loathing us passionately. You need a Palestinian leadership that talks differently to its people and there's no such leadership on the horizon."

Looking further down the road, Horovitz believes basic human considerations will dictate a resolution. "I don't think that most Palestinian parents are different from Jewish parents. They don't want to see their children buried."

Despite ongoing terror-related deaths and the presence of Yassir Arafat, who, according to Horovitz, "lied to his people about what Israel offered the Palestinians," Israelis, he said, are "incredibly resilient and astoundingly optimistic." That spirit of optimism is shining through, he added, even though "we in Israel have lost the assumption that…many of the people with whom we are in contact value life."

Horovitz was one of three Israeli speakers so far in a provocative series of UJA Federation-sponsored lectures that has attracted nearly 500 Toronto Jewish community members to date. The Israel Today Speaker Series is a feature of UJA Federation Campaign 2004, chaired by Allan Silber and Richard Venn, which has already raised more than $26 million. Other Speaker Series participants are Ami Segev, an intelligence analyst with Israel's Ministry of Defence; Israel Defense Forces military analyst Colonel Miri Eisen; U.S. foreign policy expert Michael Ledeen; and Tel Aviv terror attack survivor, Anya Farberov.

(Left to right) Israel Defense Forces military analyst Colonel Miri Eisen, one of the expert speakers for UJA Federation's Israel Today Speaker Series, at the home of famed interior decorator Brian Gluckstein. Also pictured is Barbara Bregman, Chair of UJA Federation Women's Campaign & Advocacy.

From the front lines

This new column profiles the men and women who are actively involved in meeting the urgent needs of Jews around the world during this troubling time.

By DANIEL HOROWITZ

Lightening the burden of Israel's victims of terror

Since September 2000, Israel and her civilians have experienced a constant string of terror attacks that have killed close to 900, while injuring over 6,000 – many severely. The ongoing violence has also taken away one or both parents from over 400 Israeli children.

One man who is fighting for Israel's victims of terror – adults and children alike – is Boaz Herman, Director of the Jewish Agency for Israel's (JAFI) Fund to Aid Victims of Terror, supported by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

Herman, 38, the father of two young girls, was largely responsible for the structure of the fund, which was implemented in February 2000.

"In the very beginning of all the violence and terrorism, we had between 30 and 40 requests for assistance from victims. Today, three years later, we receive around 100 requests a month," says Herman.

The goal of the fund is to bridge the gap where government funding ends and provide direct support to terror victims and their families.

Boaz Herman

"We are more involved in helping these unfortunate victims get on with their lives, not only to survive, but to live as comfortably as possible in light of their new situation," says Herman. "When people return from being treated in the hospital following an attack, they start to realize that they need to have changes made to their homes, usually to help with their new lack of mobility. I go to their homes, meet with them, and find out what can be done to truly improve the quality of their new lives. For example, one woman needed a machine to help her climb stairs in a wheelchair. The government doesn't pay for this, but we were able to help her."

Fund committee members include representatives from Israel's National Insurance Institute, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Absorption, the Jewish Agency, and various welfare agencies in each Israeli municipality who send new cases and requests to Herman.

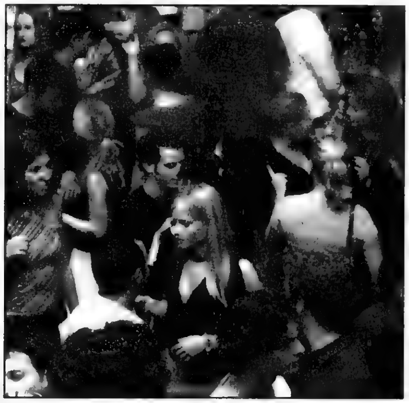
"The needs of victims differ in each case," he says. "Sometimes it's not only physical needs, but they are in need of a new start. For example, if there is a woman – a wife and mother – who is the sole survivor in her family, she can no longer deal with living in the same house, seeing her young daughter or son's made bed every day. Sometimes, we will find her a new place to live, a chance to get away. Often these people must get away from their own memories. It is very difficult."

So far, according to Herman, an estimated 1,200 Israeli families – 5,500 individuals - have been assisted by the JAFI Fund To Aid Victims of Terror, with $9.5 million U.S. having been distributed. Two million of that has gone to JAFI's Orphan Fund.

"Over and over I am reminded that it could be me or even my small children who are the victims, and I have strong feelings of obligation, because I know that these victims are paying the price for all of us in terms of preserving our life in this beautiful yet provoking land," says Herman.

"There is a song 'that says that to sorrow there is no end and to happiness there is,' and there is. I have met and spoken to the men, the women, and the orphans. I have been honoured to offer them assistance. Despite their suffering and pain, and the fact that their lives have changed to one full of tears and agony, they have been full of gratitude, praise, and thankfulness to the Jewish Agency and the donors. Maybe we have lightened their burden just a little."

Count Down: New Years 5764



Close to 1,100 people attended *Count Down: New Years 5764* held at the York Events Theatre, headlined by DJ Lucky Lou and VJ Eitan Einwohner, who were flown in from Israel. The event was organized by Canada Israel Experience (CIE), National Jewish Campus Life, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, and Hillel of Greater Toronto in an effort to engage young Jewish Torontonians in a relaxed setting with a prominent Jewish-Israeli theme. Profits from the event will go to the Mifgash/Encounter program - helping to build a stronger connection between Israeli soldiers and Canadian Diaspora Jews. Many participants were CIE *birthright israel* alumni from the past three years.

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Former CIA director: time to bring democracy to the Arab world

The Arab world is a "bastion of totalitarianism" in the Middle East and western nations have no real alternative but to bring democracy to Arab countries, said former CIA director R. James Woolsey, who led the agency from 1993-1994.

"We are in a war for freedom against tyranny," warned Woolsey, when he addressed 150 participants on the recent UJA Federation Washington Fly-In.

R. James Woolsey, former Director of the CIA

"The major outlying region that is the bastion of totalitarianism is the Middle East," he said. "Islam itself is not the problem. But the Arab world has created a circumstance that is truly pathological."

And without a single democratic state among 22 Arab countries, Woolsey is pessimistic about the chances for peace in the Middle East.

"It is only when we bring the democratic rule of law to the Middle East that we will have success and real peace," he said. "We won't have real peace until the Palestinians stop teaching their children to be suicide bombers."

As a first step, Woolsey believes that the U.S. must succeed in both Iraq and Afghanistan. "This is not impossible – it's just hard," he said. He compared the effort to democratize the Arab world with the transformation of post- World War II Europe from a stronghold of nazism, fascism and communism.

"It took two hot wars and one cold one before change came about," he noted. "We know the Middle East is difficult, without a culture of democracy, but it won't be as difficult as Europe was."

Woolsey called Islamic fundamentalism an "angry ideology with huge resources."

"We have to fight effectively and not politically correctly, but we have to remember where we come from," he added.

At the end of the day, democratizing the Arab world will depend on educating the people who live there, Woolsey said. "We have to convince the good and decent Muslims of the world that we are on the same side."

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By Steven Farber

Encouraging a little "selfishness"

Steven Farber at UJA Federation's recent Washington Fly-In

I volunteer because, quite simply, I'm selfish. In return for what usually is a relatively short commitment of time per week, I have been educated and entertained by fascinating speakers from around the world. I have created new circles of friends with similar interests. I have broadened my business network among other professionals within Toronto, across Canada and abroad. I have travelled to new cities and countries, and I have been exposed to "on the job" leadership training. The benefits that others receive as a result, in my mind, can never measure up to what I have gained.

For me, it all began with a push by a friend to attend *Washington 13*, a biennial Young Leadership conference in Washington D.C. where it became clear the influence that individual members of a community can have.

As a result, in addition to my canvassing responsibilities for the UJA Federation annual campaign, I have gotten involved in the Israel Advocacy Initiative, the Ben Gurion Society as Co-Chair, the Young Adult Division of UJA, and the Partnership 2000 Committee.

I like to think that my timing in attending the Washington conference was no accident, when Israel's right to exist is being questioned and her citizens are under constant attack and when, outside Israel, Jews are experiencing increasing waves of anti-Semitism and Jewish students are under siege at campuses across North America.

These reasons are why now, more than ever, it is crucial for people to become involved in one way or another. Individuals can make a difference and I know it from my own experiences. A letter to a journalist with a fresh look at a situation will often make it into a column. A letter or a visit to a politician can affect that person's views and the more views that are changed, the greater the chance for a change in policy. Reading the news, books and commentary, visiting Israel, or taking a course can help one to become more persuasive in making the case for Israel.

I encourage everyone to introduce a little "selfishness" into their lives and get involved!

Steven Farber chairs UJA Federation's Ben Gurion Society with Lance Davis and Elyse Lackie.

Kiever Shul gears up for "Caring, Sharing and Herring"

From October 31 to November 2, single Jewish men and women from Toronto, Italy, France, St. Louis, and Los Angeles, will be congregating at Toronto's historic Kiever Shul for a singles shabbaton.

Billed as "Caring. Sharing. Herring," the shabbaton will the first of its kind at the Kiever since the synagogue opened its doors in 1927.

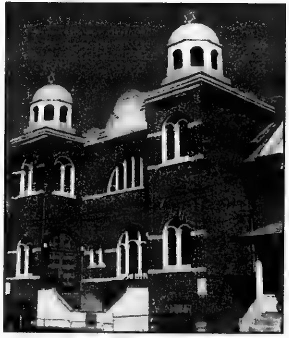
"The Kiever has never seen a shabbaton like this," says organizer Rabbi Gedalia Zweig. "We have had more than 120 inquiries from singles all over the world who want to come to this unique event. Unfortunately, the shul can only hold about 100 people, so we've had to turn some away."

(left to right) Rabbi Gedalia Zweig and Alan Ferman. Photo: Eve Marks

The shabbaton – with financial assistance from UJA Federation - will be offering lectures and discussion groups relating to Israel, relationships, Jewish law, Jewish Toronto, wine tasting and Jewish continuity.

The weekend shabbaton and convention is co-chaired by Alan Ferman and Debbie Bauer.

"We wanted to do something exciting and unique for Jewish singles in Toronto, especially in the age range of 35 to 50," says Ferman, Executive Director, International Jewish Singles. "There are many different programs out there for younger Jewish singles, but fewer for this particular age range."



Toronto's historic Kiever Shul

Ferman adds that the choice of the Kiever shul is no accident.

"The Kiever shul is a beautiful synagogue in the heart of downtown Toronto," he says. "It is also a shul that needs to be revitalized and we see this weekend as one of the key aspects in that revitalization."

The shabbaton will include a Sunday morning brunch held at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, comedian Marc Weiner on Saturday night at Thornhill's Sephardic Kehilla Centre, and a walking tour of historic downtown Jewish Toronto on Saturday afternoon.

To register, or for more information on future events, visit www.internationaljewishsingles.org.

UJA Federation donors flying high after Washington trip

By WENDY LAMPERT

Members of the largest delegation ever to participate in UJA Federation's one-day Washington Fly-In recently returned home inspired and motivated to take action on Israel's behalf at a time of urgent need, after hearing from a host of speakers on the U.S. government's relationship with Israel.

The group, which included four university students and a number of high school students travelling with their parents, spent a whirlwind day in the U.S. capital, receiving briefings from members of Congress, a representative from the State Department, Israel's ambassador to the U.S., a former director of the CIA, a political lobbying strategist and a media expert. Participants also visited the Holocaust Museum, linking events of the past with the realities of the Jewish world today.

"It's exciting and enlightening and it gives you a different perspective regardless of how much exposure and involvement you've had in the community," said Marvin Lean, one of 150 participants on the trip. "This experience will help me with my advocacy efforts - it's given me a better ability to convey what needs to be said. I now have more information, more feeling and more support to do what needs to be done."

Fly-In Chairs Richard Diamond, Josh Cooper and Mark Waldman hoped to show how political intervention by Jewish community members in the U.S. could translate into Canadian action.

"It's important for people to step up and get involved in whatever way they can. If we want the Canadian government to take a less neutral stance on Israel, we have to have a strong voice and speak out loudly," said Waldman.

One of the mission's crucial elements was participation by several young people in the experience, said Diamond. Empowering the next generation of Jews to face the new realities of the Jewish world is a key initiative of UJA Federation Campaign 2004, in addition to providing support for Israel's victims of terror and countering a worldwide wave of anti-Semitism.

"The people on this trip are our current and future leadership. It behooves us to train them and give them what they need to be leaders," Diamond said.

From left: Richard Diamond, Josh Cooper and Mark Waldman, Chairs of the UJA Federation Washington Fly-In.

For Campaign 2004 Chairs Allan Silber and Richard Venn, an important benefit of the one-day journey into the heartland of American politics was the opportunity to show solidarity with the U.S. in its support for Israel.

"We, as Canadians, need to recognize the role the U.S. has played in ensuring Israel's security and economic viability," said Silber.

"I hope that we've taught 150 community members and leaders to become activists in the political arena," said Josh Cooper. "I hope we've given them the tools and the knowledge to influence all levels of government and the agenda of the Jewish community."

Washington Photos: Steve Stein

Mission newcomers are motivated to make a difference

For Ruth Milne, the recent UJA Federation Washington Fly-In was a life-changing event.

She was among a group of first-timers aboard, and she offered nothing but rave reviews for the unique opportunity to meet with U.S. policymakers and hear about the American relationship with Israel.

Ruth Milne: ready to get involved.

"I feel as though I've been reborn," said the retired grandmother, whose son convinced her that the Fly-In was an exciting learning opportunity she simply could not miss.

"I felt as though I was doing something for myself I've never done before. I thought I knew what UJA was all about – but I really didn't know. The phenomenal program, the wonderful people and the incredible learning experience – all this in one day? Unbelievable!" she said.

Martin Sterling who joined his sister-in-law, Carole Sterling, a past UJA Federation campaign Vice Chair, on his first UJA journey was thrilled with the result.

Martin Sterling, with sister-in-law Carole Sterling, ready to board the plane on the way home from a day in Washington.

"I was very impressed with the speakers. I feel very inspired. The day helped educate me on the need for advocacy and staying informed – it made me realize that we have to do better in terms of lobbying our politicians in Canada," he said.

"The day was wonderful," said Jeremy Freedman, a longtime volunteer with UJA Federation campaigns, but a first-time Fly-In participant. "This was an informative experience that gave us insight into effective strategies to make a compelling case for Israel," he added.

Now that they're home, these enthusiastic veterans of the Washington Fly-In are ready to take action.

"I'm ready to get more involved in the efforts of UJA Federation," said Freedman. "I'm hopeful that this trip will galvanize and energize the group that was here to make the case for Israel, both within and outside the Jewish community – particularly to Canada's politicians, who need to be awakened to the fact that Israel is the only country in the Middle East which shares our Canadian value system of freedom, democracy and respect for the rule of law."

"If I can do anything when I get back, I'll do it. I have the time and the desire," added Milne.

Israel action motivates Toronto youth

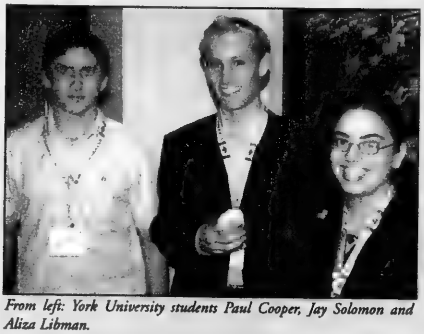
For 15-year-old Ari Diamond, ignorance is not bliss.

He didn't want to be like some of the other students in his high school who don't know much about the Mid-East. So he joined his father, Michael Diamond, on the recent UJA Federation Washington Fly-In.

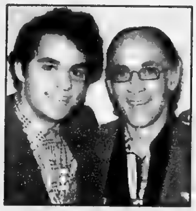
Ari is one of several high school and university students who participated in the one-day trip to the U.S. capital. He saw it as a chance to get a true understanding of the challenges Israel faces in the international political arena and what young people can do to help.

"It's an escalating situation. I think it's important to keep up to date with what's going on," said Diamond, noting that students at his high school often fight about a situation they don't fully understand.

Brandon Handelman, 16, who joined his stepfather Jordan Soll on the trip, said discussions can get very heated when the subject of Israel comes up at his school. "It's about not being afraid to stand up for your beliefs. You have to keep fighting – you can always do more," he said.



From left: York University students Paul Cooper, Jay Solomon and Aliza Libman.



Ari Diamond (left), 15, with father Michael on the Washington Fly-In.

"I now understand what it's going to take to make peace happen," said 15-year-old Kayla Lean, who made the trip with father Marvin Lean and stepsister Jordana Rotman, 16. Jordana agreed. "Being Jewish is more than just saying you're Jewish. You have to act," she said.

For the university students who joined the trip, developing tools to help combat the anti-Semitism and anti-Israel hatred they see on campus was strong motivation.

"Campus issues are the same as the hot topics around the world. I wanted to bring those issues out to those with whom we met and other members of Toronto's Jewish community on this trip, and go back to York (University) armed with more knowledge about the political process and how to influence it," said Aliza Libman, 19.

York University student Jay Solomon, 21, wants to engage more young people on campus to get involved. "There's too much apathy among young people, and I want to change that," he said.

Paul Cooper, 25, another York student, said he feels more optimistic about the future of the Toronto Jewish community after everything he heard and saw in Washington. "I got a fresh perspective on UJA Federation and what they are doing. It's great that educating young people on campus is such a big part of this year's campaign, especially since campus is the breeding ground for future political leaders," he said.

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Bialik shows off its latest renovation, expansion

By JENNIFER M. PAQUETTE
Special to the CJN

"Come, with one voice, and shoulder to shoulder, to the aid of your nation!" wrote Zionist poet Chaim Nachman Bialik.

Uri Korin, director of education at Toronto's Bialik Hebrew Day School, said that line has been the rallying cry for the fundraising effort that has fuelled the school's much-needed $7-million building expansion and renovation.

Grade 8 students Zev Smith and Josh Kestenberg were among several students acting as tour guides at a gala evening last week to showcase the newly renovated Bialik building at Bathurst Street and Viewmount Avenue.

They said the expansion came just in time. Since its founding in 1961, Bialik has grown from 43 students to more than 850, and the existing building, even with previous additions, had been showing the strain.

"See that?" they asked, pointing out a basement room. "We were down here last year. We didn't even have windows… it was the most depressing classroom."

Renovations completed in time for the current school year have enhanced almost every area of the building. Even students in the older section are enjoying more space, a fresh look and access to expanded common areas, such as a resource centre.

"There are windows in every classroom," Smith said. "It's like living in paradise."

The school's seven junior and senior kindergarten classes also have a new cubby and coatroom area, a junior resource centre and a padded playloft in every classroom.

Even some older students are jealous. "I want a playloft," Kestenberg said.

In his address at the gala, past president Mark Skapinker said Bialik grew through key land purchases, most notably the former site of a supermarket next door. Crucial to the expansion, he said, has been child-friendly outdoor play areas, thanks to the purchase of an adjacent house. Grass and trees now appear around the school where last year there was just pavement.

"The greening of Bialik has begun," Skapinker said.

The renovations, he added, allow Bialik's physical presence to match the academic excellence the school is known for, and will help keep Bialik "in the forefront" of Jewish education in Toronto.

Among other improvements are an airy, modern entrance on Bathurst Street, expanded science and computer labs, redecorated washrooms – "they're extremely nice," the tour guides assured guests – plus an atrium bridge and mezzanine overlooking a new gym.

The old gym is still in place, to be used for indoor recess and when the new one is set up as an auditorium.

Kestenberg and Smith said they are actually a bit nostalgic for its hardwood floors, but the new gym is much larger, and features a proud blue Bialik "B" on the floor.

They were particularly excited about basketball nets that adjust to accommodate even the youngest students.

Several local dignitaries attended the evening, including Mayor Mel Lastman, who has five grandchildren at Bialik.

The Bialik choir was also on stage, and behind the choir was a wall with handprints in bright, primary colours of the school's 853 students.

A sign above the handprints read, "The future is in their hands."

Building committee chair Mark Nightingale said no matter how the building has changed, Bialik remains true to its core philosophies of menschlichkeit, *ahavat Yisrael* and tikkun olam.

Uri Korin, director of education at Bialik Hebrew Day School, celebrates the opening of Bialik's expanded campus by affixing a mezuzah, donated by the Hershenhorn family, to the school's new front entrance on Bathurst Street. With him are members of the administration, as well as the oldest and youngest students from each grade.

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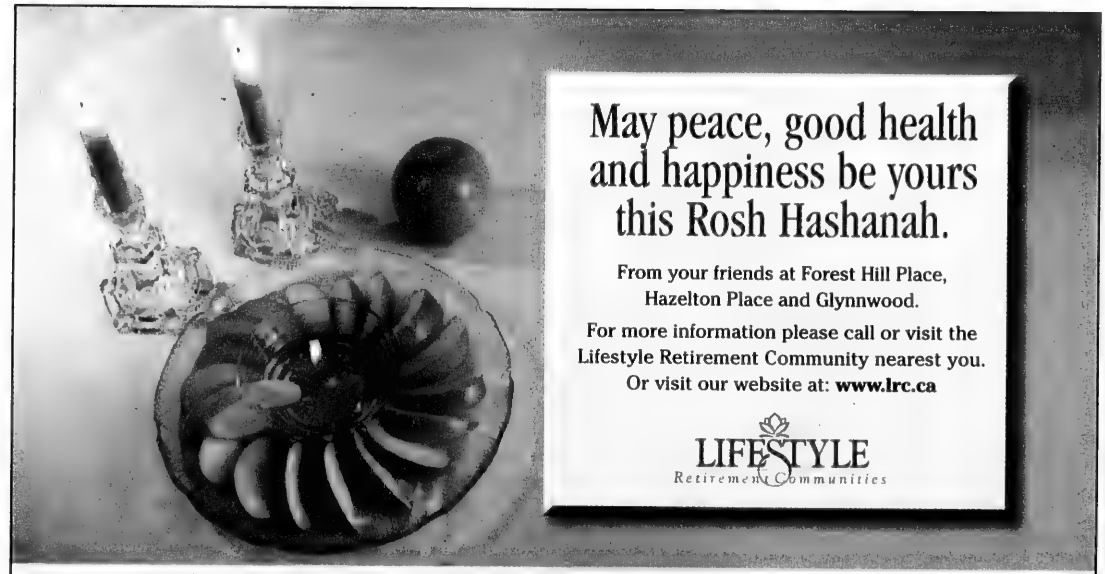
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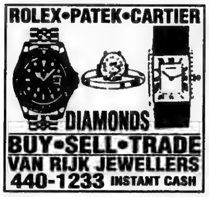
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God helps me carry on, Chavi Rosenzweig says

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

It was simply co-incidence that Chavi Rosenzweig spoke on the 14th of Elul at Chabad of Markham about "Keeping Faith in Troubled Times."

It would have been the 26th wedding anniversary for her and her husband David, who was stabbed to death near a pizza restaurant at Bathurst Street and Lawrence Avenue in July 2002.

His murder, Rosenzweig said, left her and her family "navigating uncharted waters," dealing with "shock, trauma and adversity. Our family structure has been shattered."

God, she said, has given the surviving members of her family "a difficult challenge, a difficult journey."

She said they have been helped by the community, rabbis, colleagues, the children's schools, police, the media, health professionals and family, who have all offered comfort and security.

Ultimately, she said, what has sustained them is David, "my fan club, soulmate, role model, hero." His influence encouraged "[us to] be strong, to walk with dignity, to hold our heads high."

But Rosensweig also credited her faith with giving her the ability to persevere.

She wondered if the family would have the strength to live without the man she characterized as "sunshine, a mensch, a gentleman and a gentle man."

Where, she asked, was the starting point? Where could she turn?

She turned, she said, to the essence of what she is: the Torah and her Jewishness. "That is what connects us with God."

Jewishness, she said, is "my roots, my lineage, my heritage," as it is for every Jew. "We get our physical and spiritual genes from our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."

In her striving to connect with those spiritual genes, she said, she turned to the Psalms, pleading, along with the psalmist in Chapter 71, verse 20, "Thou who hast shown me many and grievous troubles, restore me to life again, and bring me up again from the depths of the earth."

Rosenzweig said she looked to the role models of the Jewish people throughout history: to Abraham and Sarah, who struggled with infertility; to Jacob, who was forced to leave his home and work 14 years for the hand of Rachel; to Hanna, who taught us how to pray; to Moses, who was forbidden to enter the land of Israel; to Ruth and to Rabbi Akiva; and to Esther Wachsman, whose son Nachshon was murdered by Arab terrorists.

"These heroes and heroines guide me."

Rosenzweig said "we nurture our soul by determination and prayer. But that is most difficult when God's face is hidden."

That, she said, is when one's belief in a divine master plan comes into play.

But accepting that there is such a plan, she said, "requires personal spiritual growth. It requires praying and searching."

Even though we are aware God is in our life, she said, we still need a support network to advise us, to guide us, and to laugh and cry with us.

"You have to recognize when you need a lifeline and allow yourself to reach out to other people."

Most of all, she said, it is our duty to know who we are and what we stand for.

"It is our high task to know and sanctify God – that's our role as Jews."

Her voice breaking, she said, "We thank God for blessing us with David."

As she left the podium, she was greeted with hugs and sobs from her mother and mother-in-law, tears that were also reflected on the faces of audience members.

Speaking softly and with tears running down his cheeks, Rabbi Avraham Plotkin, spiritual leader of Chabad of Markham, praised David for "influencing people in the community in a quiet way, by being a mensch even in the business world.

"People like him break down barriers between people," he said.

Elizabeth Plaut showed 'simple decency'

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

Obituary

Elizabeth Plaut, the wife of Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, rabbi emeritus of Holy Blossom Temple, died last week after a long illness. She was 93.

Plaut was born in New York, a fifth generation American. She earned several advanced degrees, including one in zoology, and was interested in literary matters, and the arts. She was a published author.

Rabbi Plaut, her husband of 65 years, said she had an especially keen social conscience. "Injustice riled her. When she got involved, she didn't let go until she had made her point."

Very few people, he said, "have that kind of persistence."

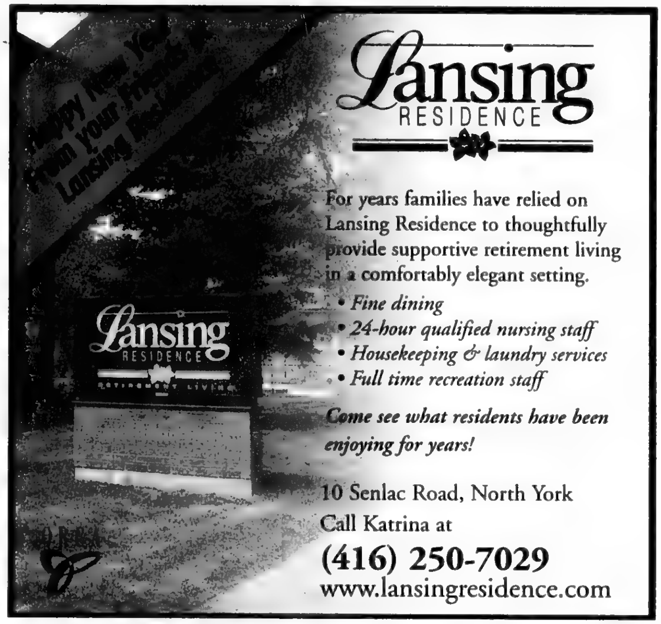
His success in life and in the rabbinate, he said, was largely due to her "guidance, help and encouragement. She was a wonderful wife."

Holy Blossom senior rabbi John Moscowitz said in his eulogy that Plaut was a woman "without pretence or guile, straightforward, unwilling to speak ill of others."

He spoke of her "surprising sense of humour," and her "simple decency," as well as her kindness and genuine interest in other people.

Most of all, he said, "she loved to laugh, to dance and sing. She had that great sparkle and that wonderful ease about her, with herself and with us."

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her son Rabbi Jonathan Plaut and his wife Carol, daughter Judith Plaut, four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.



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Cyberspace and holy space

By RACHEL TURKIENICZ

Midrashic
Moments

The Jewish High Holy Days have arrived, and many Jews who do not regularly visit a synagogue make an effort to be there during this time. This raises the question of how a modern Jew finds a meaningful connection with prayer. For those people who pray routinely, the question of finding meaning is somewhat different than for those who pray less often.

I am not referring to spontaneous prayer that bursts forth from our hearts in certain circumstances, but rather to the ancient prayers that are embodied within the siddur or machzor that often seem impenetrable to a modern person who is not used to expressing himself or herself in that way. Yet within the modern world, there is an interesting parallel that many of us use daily.

The computer has brought the world to our doorsteps. It is not a one-way mode of communication as it first was, but with the Internet, e-mail and cyber communication, we can express ourselves with countless unseen partners. In order to avail ourselves of this mode of communication, we had to learn to master the keyboard. Without this mastery, we would resort to the "hunt and peck" typing technique, which becomes frustrating and inevitably stifles what we want to say. By mastering the vehicle of communication and the skill involved, we can express ourselves freely.

Likewise we must master the siddur/machzor as the vehicle that facilitates our communication. The difference lies in our mindset. We feel challenged and accomplished when we master a new technology, but we are not as challenged to master an "old" technology.

There is a language that is particular to the Internet, and we learn it as we go. Emotions and messages are conveyed through abbreviations that are impenetrable to the uninitiated. For example, "lol" means "laughing out loud;" "brb" means "be right back;" "9" means someone else is in the room while "99" means the coast is clear. One of my favourites is "mros" which means "mother reading over shoulder." Likewise, prayer has its code and its underlying meanings for some phrases, which may seem impenetrable to the uninitiated.

When talking with someone on the Internet, we assume there is a receiver of our message at the other end. We also assume there will be a lag in their response, since we understand the workings of computer technology and realize that even fibre optics can take their time. The lack of an immediate response does not automatically make us conclude that no one heard our message. We are willing to wait.

Yet with prayer, we expect an immediate response, even though when we truly question whether we understand the process involved in Divine intervention or response, we must admit we do not.

Of course this is a superficial comparison, since prayer in its true sense transcends even cyberspace. On the Internet, I am communicating with an unseen person. In prayer, I am communicating with an unseen Creator. In prayer, there is a true meeting rather than a virtual one.

The midrash tells us that when God speaks of receiving our prayers, He says: "I have no joy in the world like the joy in that hour when their eyes are lifted to Me on high and My eyes meet their eyes."

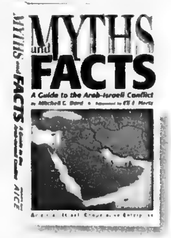
We use the Internet routinely every day. The more we engage with it, the more we learn, the more we master, the more we express. Perhaps we should give prayer half that chance.

Early Zionists gave up most of the land

MYTH:

The Palestinians are being asked to accept only 22 per cent of "Palestine" for their state, while Israel keeps 78 per cent.

FACT:



The government of Israel has agreed to a two-state solution to the conflict with the Palestinians. Once Israel agreed to give the Palestinians the independence they say they want, they shifted their complaint to the size of the state they were being offered. Many "moderates," such as Hanan Ashrawi, who say they can coexist with Israel, have said that Israel is doing the Palestinians no favours by offering them a state in the disputed territories because it is asking them to accept a state in only 22 per cent of "Palestine," while Israel keeps 78 per cent. This is a very convincing point to show the unfairness of the Palestinians' plight and to suggest Israel's peace overtures are niggardly – that is, unless you know the history of the region and recognize that the truth is exactly the reverse.

During the Ottoman Empire, after World War I, Palestine included not only Israel and the West Bank, but also all of modern Jordan. It is Israel, including the West Bank and Gaza Strip, that is only 22 per cent of that territory. If Israel were to withdraw completely from the West Bank and Gaza, it would possess only about 18 per cent. From Israel's perspective, the early Zionists gave up 82 per cent of the land of Israel. In fact, by accepting the United Nation's partition resolution in 1947, before the Arab states attacked and tried to destroy the nascent Israeli state, Israel was prepared to accept only about 12 per cent.

Meanwhile, of the approximately nine million Palestinians worldwide, three-fourths live in historic Palestine.

MYTH:

Palestinians interested in peace and preventing terror are respected and allowed freedom of speech by Palestinian authorities.

FACT:

One of the principal deterrents to speaking out against Palestinian irredentism and terror in the Palestinian Authority (PA) is the threat of being murdered. By the end of the first intifadah in the early 1990s, more Palestinians were killed by their fellow Palestinians than died in clashes with Israeli security forces. Since the current uprising began in September 2000, Palestinians have again used intimidation and murder to try to prevent dissent. Usually those seeking peace or an end to terror are labelled "collaborators" and, if they are lucky, arrested by the PA. The unlucky ones are murdered, often in grisly and public ways, such as by being strung up from lampposts in public squares, to send the message that a similar fate awaits anyone who dares cross those seeking Israel's destruction.

There are no exact figures for the number of Palestinians killed in the internecine war, but a State Department human rights report said that 250 alleged collaborators had been arrested, and civilians had killed at least 35 in 2002 alone. The Israeli human rights group B'tselem recorded 142 Palestinian deaths between September 2000 and Aug. 26, 2003, while a Palestinian human rights group said 76 were executed and another 22 murdered between September 2000 and October 2002. The International Policy Institute for Counter-Terrorism recorded 303 Palestinians killed by their own side. In its 2003 report on the PA, Amnesty International said, "Scores of Palestinians" had been unlawfully killed and that the PA "consistently failed to investigate these killings and none of the perpetrators was brought to justice."

Source: Myths & Facts Online: A Guide to the Arab-Israeli Conflict *by Mitchell G. Bard, http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org.*

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By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

Rosh Hashanah shofar

A hush falls over the congregation. The shofar is raised and the first blast – Tekiah – is sounded. The shofar is one of Judaism's most famous symbols and is responsible for some of its most profound writings. Today, some insights into the shofar from the Jewish Highway.

The Jewish Highway

Rav Saadiah Gaon gives 10 reasons for blowing the shofar on Rosh Hashanah. **[http://www.ohr.org.il/special/roshhash/shofar.htm]** Among them: "Rosh Hashanah is the day that commemorates the creation of the world and it is described as the 'coronation' of God. As it is customary to sound a trumpet at a king's coronation, so we blow the shofar on Rosh Hashanah. By blowing the shofar we recognize the 'purpose' of the creation."

Virtual Jerusalem has a wonderful mini-site about the shofar. **[http://207.168.91.4/vjholidays/rosh/shofar.htm]** There's a survey of other times the shofar is sounded, such as introducing the jubilee year. During the Middle Ages, Jews also blew the shofar to mark the beginning of Shabbat or to announce deaths, fasts and even excommunications. In more recent times, Israel has used it to inaugurate new presidents.

For thoughts on the symbolism of the shofar, see Rabbi Harold Kushner **[http://www.jewishsf.com/bk000922/sfcyberlinks.shtml]**, Aish HaTorah **[http://aish.com/holidays/the_high_holidays/last/shofar.htm]** and some shofar-related stories from Chabad-Lubavitch. **[http://makeashorterlink.com/?H221155E5]**

At the Torahtots site, you can find a Shofar-based puzzle and drawings which you can print out and colour. **[http://www.torahtots.com/holidays/rosh/roshclr.htm]**

For a Jew, the need to hear the shofar can be extremely powerful. Rabbi Eli Hecht tells the heartbreaking story of how a rabbi risked his life to sound a shofar in Auschwitz for hundreds of doomed children. **[http://www.shamash.org/listarchives/jewish-music/940831]** And there's the story of how some Conversos, Spanish Jews who officially converted to Christianity, were able to listen to the Shofar on Rosh Hashanah without provoking the ire of the Inquisition. **[http://sephardiconnect.com/Rosh.htm]**

David Bar-Tzur has tried to represent the sound of the shofar for the deaf. **[http://www.rit.edu/~dabdis/jush/rh/shofar.html]** "The way I represent the sounding of the shofar is to first fingerspell the type of shofar blast that is called out then sign SHOFAR, that is the two S hands are held at the mouth. For the Tekiah, I bow my head at the beginning of the blast and raise it again as the blast ends."

Sure you can buy a shofar at your local Judaica shop or on the Internet **[http://www.1st-choice-shofar.com/]**, but why not make your own? All you need is the horn of a kosher animal: goat, ram, antelope, gazelle, bighorn sheep or ibex. (No cows please. Too much of a connection to Exodus' golden calf and the sin of idol worship.) Then get an electric drill, soft wire, Borax and a coping saw. Presto! Your own home-made shofar. **[http://www.geocities.com/afinkle221/making/making_shofar.html]**

The previous page is part of the best shofar site I have come across. Created by Arthur L. Finkle, the Shofar Sounders Web page has sections about the sounds of the Shofar, as well as biblical and mishnaic citations. But what really impressed me were his detailed tips on how to blow a shofar. Some recommendations: keep your lips moist and your jaw pushed forward. And don't forget to use your diaphragm. One last bit of advice: No professional musician would dream of picking up an instrument and blasting out a note without a proper warm-up, and the same goes for the shofar. **[http://www.geocities.com/afinkle221/]**

Once you're warmed up, MyJewishLearning.com has created a very useful site that not only explains the significance of the various shofar sounds, it plays them for you. **[http://makeashorterlink.com/?T2F0135E5]**

And if you need human guidance, don't despair. If you find yourself in the Boston area, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology offers a one-day Shofar-blowing course. **[http://student.mit.edu/searchiap/iap-904.html]** Sorry, you don't get a credit for taking this course – no earthly credit, that is.

May you and your family have a Shanah Tovah Umetukah, a Good and Sweet New Year.

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By RABBI MATTHEW KAUFMAN

Confronting history and tshuvah

I recently met with the consul of the Republic of Poland stationed in Toronto and with Jerzy Kropiwnicki, the mayor of Lodz, Poland. Kropiwnicki outlined his plan for a commemorative event to mark the 60th anniversary of the last deportations from the Lodz ghetto, which took place Aug. 30, 1944. He expressed his shame that nothing had been done over the past 60 years to even acknowledge that Jews had once lived in Lodz.

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Neither he nor the consul, however, could admit to any Polish wrongdoing during World War II. No acknowledgement was made of the fact that after the war, many Jews returned home, only to be murdered by their Polish neighbours. The president of the Canadian Polish Congress has actually suggested that although there were some unfortunate "accidents," there are good and bad people everywhere and one should not therefore make any generalizations about Poles and Polish attitudes.

According to him, each incident stands in isolation from every other incident, and no useful conclusions can be drawn from random acts committed by bad people. The past, then, cannot teach us anything because there is nothing relevant to learn – only that there are good and bad people in the world, and one can't do anything about that. For him, the past has no relevant meaning, because no overarching pattern or lesson can be drawn from it. Instead, life is filled with good people and bad people, and a lot of unfortunate "accidents" – nothing more.

To the rabbis, however, history is not a series of isolated, disconnected "accidents." Rather, a pattern is there to be uncovered. In Tractate Rosh Hashanah, Rabbi Eliezer reflects upon the past redemption of the Jews from Egypt in the month of Nisan. He argues that the future redemption will be in Tishrei based on the occurrence of the word "shofar" both in reference to Nisan and in reference to the future redemption.

His careful reading of the text accomplishes several things: he identifies a critical issue in the past (our redemption from Egypt); he identifies a structure in the Torah ("shofar" appearing in reference to both that past redemption and the future redemption); and he draws a conclusion about the future redemption of the Jews (that it will take place in Tishrei).

The redemptive power of history lies in looking for a pattern or an overall structure. This is the lesson of Rabbi Eliezer, who looks to our history, finds a structure and teaches about redemption in the future. The past is relevant and meaningful precisely because structure can be uncovered that gives insight into the present.

In this penitential season, Rabbi Eliezer's insight teaches that the essence of the process of tshuvah is in examining history and looking for a pattern. We must look to our own individual and personal histories and examine them openly and self-critically, looking for patterns that will reveal where we went wrong.

Only when we can see our shortcomings will we be able to address them and improve ourselves. To pursue tshuvah effectively, an honest and self-critical examination of history is necessary, with careful attention to finding the patterns that lend meaning to the past.

Rabbi Kaufman is spiritual leader of Toronto's Lodzer Centre Holocaust Congregation.

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Ontario Election '03

Vaughan-King-Aurora

Candidates:

Liberal Party:
Greg Sorbara (Incumbent)

Progressive Conservative:
Carmine Iacono

New Democratic Party:
Mike Seaward

Green Party:
Adrian Visentin

1999 Result:
Plurality: 7,663

Al Palladini (PC)
28,836 (54.7%)

Tony Genco (Lib.)
21,173 (40.2%)

Michael Seaward
1,539 (2.9%)

2001 Byelection:
Plurality: 9,789

Greg Sorbara
21,961 (61.2%)

Joyce Frustaglio (PC)
12,172 (34%)

Mike Seaward (NDP)
708 (2%)

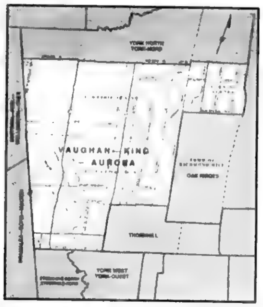
Population (2001): 164,590

Age
0-19: 35,485
20-39: 37,815
40-59: 31,985
60+: 13,820

Avg Household Income: $79,117
Unemployment: 6.8%

Canadian Citizen: 93.8%
Canadian Born: 68.3%
Ontario Born: 64%
Immigrant: 31.3%
Visible Minority: 5.8%
Aboriginal: 0.2%

First Language



English: 72,260
French: 920
Italian: 31,080

Residence:
House: 92.7%
Apartment: 7.2%
Owned: 86.6%
Rented: 13.4%
Avg. Dwelling Value: $306,050

Education:
University: 22,650
College/Trade School: 25,340
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Don Valley East

- Redrawn in 1999 from old ridings of Oriole, York Mills, Don Mills and Willowdale.
- Ethnically diverse; immigrants are more than 53% of population.
- Renters outnumber home-owners.

Candidates:

Liberal Party:
David Caplan (Incumbent)

Progressive Conservative:
Paul Sutherland

New Democratic Party:
Murphy Browne

Green Party:
Dan Craig

Family Coalition:
Ryan Kidd

1999 Result:
Plurality: 3,038

David Caplan (Lib.)
20,993 (50.5%)

Dave Johnson (PC)
17,955 (43.2%)

Janaki Bala-Krishnan
1,822 (4.39%)

Population (2001):
116,963

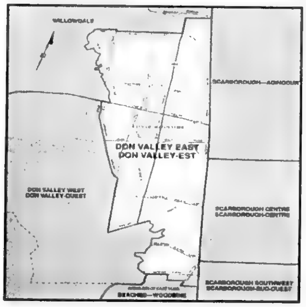
Age:
0-19: 27,405
20-39: 36,905
40-59: 28,550
60+: 20,485

Family:
Husband-wife:
25,190
Common Law couples:
1,570
One-parent: 5,810

Avg. Household Income:
$55,578
Unemployment: 10.7%

Canadian Citizen: 80.7%
Canadian Born: 44.4%
Ontario Born: 37.5%
Immigrant: 53.6%
Visible Minority: 46.7%
Aboriginal: 0.2%

First Language:
English: 56,705
French: 1,455



Chinese: 10,995
Farsi: 4,575
Tamil: 3,605
Arabic: 3,350
Greek: 3,195
Italian: 2,375

Residence:
House: 43.2%
Apartment: 56.8%
Owned: 43.2%
Rented: 56.8%
Avg. Dwelling Value: $232,655

Education:
University: 31,185
College/Trade School: 23,635
Secondary: 30,085

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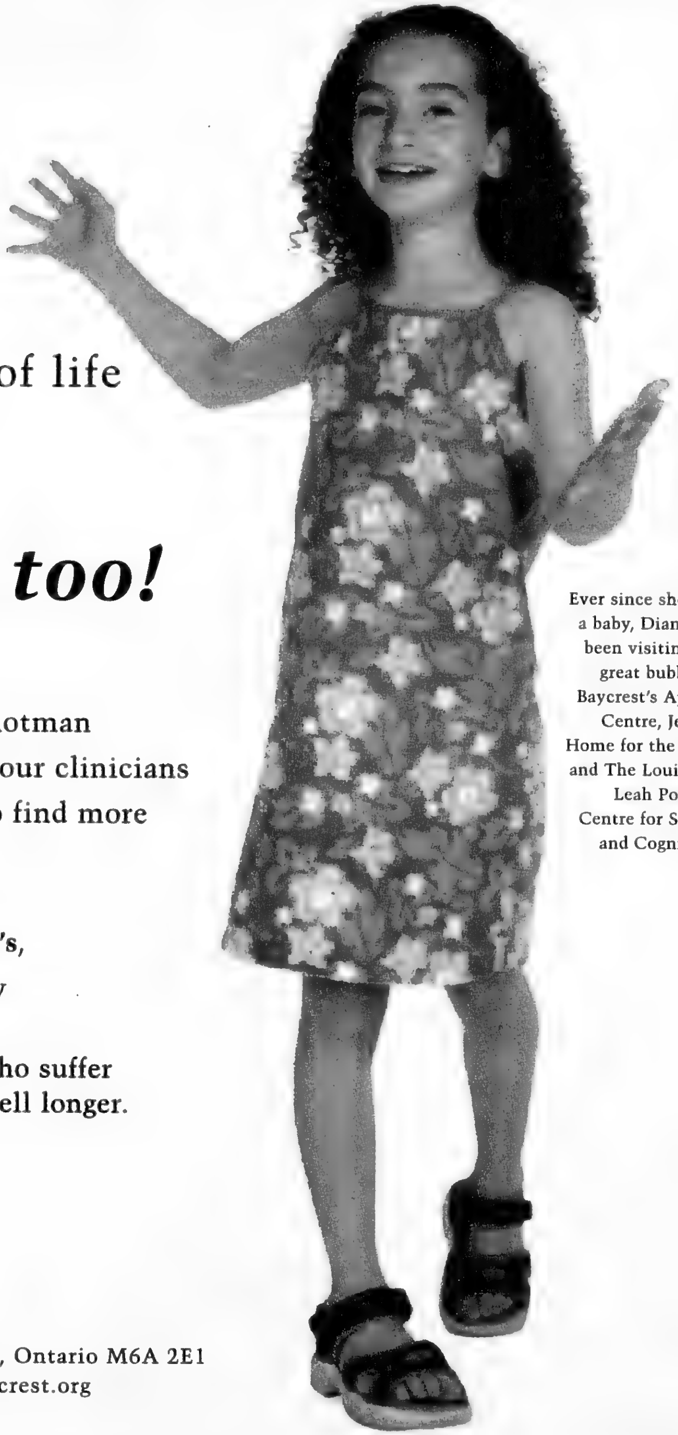

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CJCONT 2003 Provincial Election

The establishment of the provincial Equity in Education tax credit has helped remedy an unacceptable situation where the schools of one religious-denomination received public funding while those of other religions did not.

Do you agree that this tax measure be continued or that it not be removed until an alternative acceptable to the parties involved be implemented?

Leader	Y	N	U
Ernie Eves, PC	✓		
Howard Hampton, NDP		✓	
Dalton McGinty, LIB		✓	

Candidate	Y	N	U
Don Valley East			
Murphy Browne, NDP		✓	
David Caplan, LIB		✓	
Paul Sutherland, PC	✓		
Don Valley West			
Ali Naqvi, NDP		✓	
David Turnbull, PC	✓		
Kathleen Wynne, LIB		✓	
Eglinton-Lawrence			
Dr. Robin Alter, NDP		✓	
Mike Colle, LIB			✓
Corine Korzen, PC	✓		
Kingston-and-the-Islands			
Janet Collins, NDP	✓		
John Gerretsen, LIB		✓	
Hans Westenberg, PC	✓		
London North-Centre			
Rebecca Coulter, NDP		✓	
Diane Cunningham, PC	✓		
Deb Matthews, LIB		✓	
Nepean-Carleton			
John Baird, PC	✓		
Liam McCarthy, NDP		✓	
Rod Vanier, LIB		✓	
Nickel Belt			
David Kilgour, PC	✓		
Shelley Martel, NDP		✓	
Alex McCauley, LIB		✓	
Ottawa West-Nepean			
Gary Guzzo, PC	✓		
Marlene Rivier, NDP		✓	
Jim Watson, LIB		✓	
St. Paul's			
Michael Bryant, LIB		✓	
Julian Heller, NDP		✓	
Charis Kelso, PC	✓		
Stoney Creek			
Brad Clark, PC	Did not submit response		
Lorrie McKibbon, NDP		✓	
Jennifer Mossop, LIB		✓	
Thornhill			
Tina Molinari, PC	✓		
Laurie Orrett, NDP		✓	
Mario Racco, LIB		✓	
Thunder Bay-Atikokan			
Bill Mauro, LIB		✓	
Brian McKinnon, PC	✓		
John Rafferty, NDP		✓	
Vaughan-King-Aurora			
Carmine Iacono, PC	✓		
Mike Seaward, NDP		✓	
Greg Sorbara, LIB		✓	
Waterloo-North			
Dan Lajoie, NDP		✓	
Sean Strickland, LIB		✓	
Elizabeth Witmer, PC	✓		
Willowdale			
Yvonne Bobb, NDP		✓	
David Young, PC	✓		
David Zimmer, LIB		✓	
Windsor West			
Yvette Blackburn, NDP		✓	
Derek Insley, PC	✓		
Sandra Pupatello, LIB		✓	
York Centre			
David Cullen, PC	✓		
Monte Kwinter, LIB	✓		
Matt Norrish, NDP		✓	

Home health care services are a vital but sorely underfunded part of Ontario's health care system. In 1998 the Ontario government committed to increase its annual funding for home and community care by $551.8 million by 2006. So far just over half of this amount has been allotted with practically no increases over the past two years. Consequently more than 115,000 vulnerable seniors and persons with debilitating diseases have lost services completely and the number of hours of service overall has declined by 30 percent.

Do you agree to support an immediate infusion into the home health care system of at least $125 million with the remaining $125 million added by 2004 to fulfill the 1998 commitment?

Leader	Y	N	U
Ernie Eves, PC	✓		
Howard Hampton, NDP	✓		
Dalton McGinty, LIB	✓		

Candidate	Y	N	U
Don Valley East			
Murphy Browne, NDP	✓		
David Caplan, LIB	✓		
Paul Sutherland, PC	✓		
Don Valley West			
Ali Naqvi, NDP	✓		
David Turnbull, PC	✓		
Kathleen Wynne, LIB	✓		
Eglinton-Lawrence			
Dr. Robin Alter, NDP	✓		
Mike Colle, LIB	✓		
Corine Korzen, PC	✓		
Kingston-and-the-Islands			
Janet Collins, NDP	✓		
John Gerretsen, LIB	✓		
Hans Westenberg, PC			✓
London North-Centre			
Rebecca Coulter, NDP	✓		
Diane Cunningham, PC	✓		
Deb Matthews, LIB	✓		
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John Baird, PC	✓		
Liam McCarthy, NDP	✓		
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Nickel Belt			
David Kilgour, PC	✓		
Shelley Martel, NDP	✓		
Alex McCauley, LIB	✓		
Ottawa West-Nepean			
Gary Guzzo, PC	✓		
Marlene Rivier, NDP	✓		
Jim Watson, LIB	✓		
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Michael Bryant, LIB	✓		
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Charis Kelso, PC	✓		
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Jennifer Mossop, LIB	✓		
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Sandra Pupatello, LIB	✓		
York Centre			
David Cullen, PC	✓		
Monte Kwinter, LIB	✓		
Matt Norrish, NDP	✓		

Many municipalities in Ontario have recorded hate crime activity in their jurisdictions. The city of Toronto alone has reported more than 200 hate crime incidents in each year since 1998. These hateful acts are directed against many groups and severely damage the multicultural fabric of our society.

Do you support the establishment of a provincial hate crimes registry that would allow all law enforcement agencies to share information regarding this socially-damaging criminal activity? Further to this, do you support the full utilization of the criminal code of Canada and the Ontario Human Rights code to prosecute individuals who incite hatred against identifiable groups?

Leader	Y	N	U
Ernie Eves, PC	✓		
Howard Hampton, NDP	✓		
Dalton McGinty, LIB	✓		

Candidate	Y	N	U
Don Valley East			
Murphy Browne, NDP	✓		
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Monte Kwinter, LIB	✓		
Matt Norrish, NDP	✓		

Candidate Questionnaire

Between 15 and 20 percent of Ontario children presently live in poverty. The incidence of child poverty in the Jewish community is not dissimilar to that of the larger society. Today the average price of a two-bedroom apartment in Ontario is $883 but a family of three living on social assistance receives only $554 to cover the cost of rent. Without enough money to pay for basic needs, families must make the terrible decision whether to pay the rent or feed the kids.

Do you agree to support substantially increasing the shelter allowance component of social assistance to more accurately reflect true housing costs?

Leader	**Y**	**N**	**U**
Ernie Eves, PC	✓		
Howard Hampton, NDP	✓		
Dalton McGinty, LIB			✓

Candidate	**Y**	**N**	**U**
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The provincial government has designated $14.4 million annually for health support services for children attending independent and home schools. Because of rigid eligibility guidelines which do not permit special needs children in independent schools or in home schooling with language, developmental and communication challenges to access these funds the situation two years into the program is that only about one-third of these dollars is actually being spent.

Do you agree to support the relaxation of these restrictive eligibility requirements so that more special needs students can benefit from the unused portion of the $14.4 million budget?

Leader	**Y**	**N**	**U**
Ernie Eves, PC	✓		
Howard Hampton, NDP	✓		
Dalton McGinty, LIB	✓		

	Y	**N**	**U**
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York Centre			
David Cullen, PC	✓		
Monte Kwinter, LIB	✓		
Matt Norrish, NDP	✓		

Hate Crime activity has spread from the streets to the internet and now takes on many different disguises.

Do you support increases to the operating budgets of the major police services in Ontario (e.g. Toronto, London, Hamilton, Windsor, Ottawa) to expand and/or develop the capability/expertise of hate crime and anti-terrorist units?

Leader	**Y**	**N**	**U**
Ernie Eves, PC	✓		
Howard Hampton, NDP	✓		
Dalton McGinty, LIB	✓		

	Y	**N**	**U**
Don Valley East			
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דער שופר — אַ ראש־השנה סימבאָל

פון ד״ר פרעד וויינבערג

דער שופר איז דער הויפט־סימבאָל פון ראש־השנה, ווי דער אָנהייב פון אַ ניי יאָר, פונקט ווי דער סדר־טעלער איז סימבאָליש פאַר פסח און דער אתרוג און לולב איז סימבאָליש פאַר סוכות. פאַקטיש געפינען זיי זיך אַלע אין דער ייִדישער געשיכטע, ווי למשל דער מגן־דוד. אויף אַלטע, אויסגעגראָבענע פאָדלאָגעס פון שילן פון ביבלישע צייטן, געפינט מען אָפט דעם שופר ווי אַן אַרטיסטישן מאָטיוו, אויסגעקריצט אין די קאַכלען פונעם דיל.

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דער שופר איז אַ האָרן פון אַ באַראַן (אין ענגליש אַ ram). דאָס דערמאָנט אין דער עקידה, ווען אברהם אָבינו האָט געטוישט אַ ווידער אָנשטאָט זיין זון יצחק. דאָך מעג מען באַנוצן אַ האָרן פון וועלכער נישט איז כשרער חיה, אַחוץ פון אַן אָקס אָדער פון אַ קו, ווייל די דאָזיקע בהמות דערמאָנען דעם ייִדישן פאָלק וועגן גרעסטן חטא פון די בני ישראל: דאָס באַשאַפן דעם „עגל הזהב״ — דעם גאָלדענעם קאַלב — כדי אים צו פאַרגעטערן.

נישט גרינג איז צו בלאָזן דעם שופר, דעריבער האַלט ביי זיך דער בעל־תוקע — דער שופר־בלאָזער — אַ צווייטן שופר אין רעזערוו. לעבן אים, ביי די תפילות, שטייט אויך אַ מקריא, וואָס לייענט אַרויס די נעמען פון די שופרות, כדי דער שופר־בלאָזער זאָל נישט מוזן געדענקען דעם סדר פון די תקיעות. די משנה באַשרייבט אַ לאַנגן בלאָז ווי די תקיעה; די תרועה איז אַ וויינענדיק, פלאַטערדיקער קלאַנג פון ניין סטאַקאַטאָ נאָטן; די שברים, ווי זיי הייסן, זיינען דריי צעבראָכענע נאָטן, וואָס גייען שנעל איינע נאָך דער אַנדערער.

דעם גאַנצן חודש אלול, ביים דאַווענען שחרית, בלאָזט מען שופר פון צווייטן טאָג אָן, צו באַגלייטן דעם סעזאָן פון תשובה. דעם לעצטן טאָג בלאָזט מען נישט. נאָך ראש־השנה בלאָזט מען נאָר איין מאָל צום סוף פון די יום־כיפור תפילות ביי נעילה.

ווען ראש־השנה פאַלט אויס אום שבת, ווי דעם היינטיקן יאָר, בלאָזט מען נישט שופר, אָבער אין בית המקדש אין ירושלים האָט מען יאָ געבלאָזן, אַפילו אום שבת. נאָך מער, די תקיעות פון שופר זיינען דעמאָלט באַגלייט געוואָרן פון צוויי זילבערנע טראָמפייטן, וועמענס קלאַנגען האָבן זיך געענדיקט פריער, כדי אונטערצושטרייכן די תקיעות פונעם שופר.

צוליב דעם, וואָס די מצוה פון הערן שופר בלאָזן איז אָפהענגיק אין אַ ספעציעלער צייט, זיינען פרויען פטור פון מקיים זיין די מצוה. טראָץ דעם האָבן פרויען גענומען די מצוה פון הערן שופר בלאָזן זייער ערנסט און קומען אין שיל ספעציעל צו הערן די תקיעות פון שופר.

אין דער געשיכטע געפינט מען אויך אָנווייזונגען אויף דער וויכטיקייט פון בלאָזן שופר נישט בלויז ראש־השנה, נאָר אויך ווי אַ רוף צו מלחמה. איר געדענקט זיכער, אַז אין יאָר 1967, ווען די ישראל אַרמיי האָט צוריקגענומען דעם כותל המערבי, האָט מען דאָרט געבלאָזן שופר.

פאָרשער פון פאַרצייטיקער געשיכטע האַלטן, אַז דער שופר האָט אין אַמאָליקע צייטן געשפילט אויך אַ כישוף ראָלע ביי די פאָלקס מאַסן, וואָס האָבן געגלייבט, אַז דער שופר טרייבט אַוועק דעם שׂטן און אַלע אַנדערע גייסטער. עס איז אַפילו וועגן דעם דערמאָנט אין תלמוד.

עס איז פאַראַן אַ שוואַרצער שופר, וואָס מען באַנוצט ביי דער צערעמאָניע פון לייגן אַ שטאַרק זינדיקן מענטש אין חרם. דער רמב״ם טייטשט אויס פאַר אונדז דאָס שופר בלאָזן אויף אַ מאָדערנעם און פאַסיקן אופן: „דערוועקט אייך, איר פאַרשלאָפענע ייִדן און טראַכט זיך אַריין אין אייערע טעגלעכע האַנדלונגען, און נאָכן חשבון הנפש קערט זיך אום צו טאָן תשובה און געדענקט אייער באַשעפער!״. אַן עצה טובה פון רמב״ם, וואָס איז גוט פאַר אַלעמען צו פאָלגן. און לאָמיר אַלע האָבן אַ שנה טובה ומתוקה!

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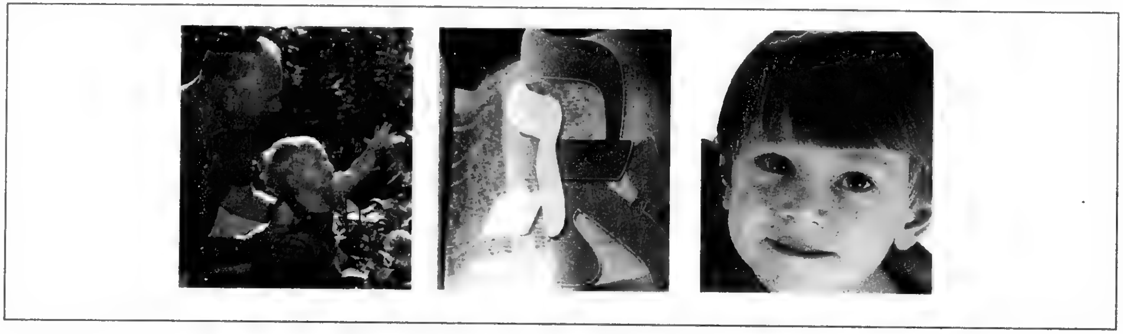

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Review

Muslim author calls for reform

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

In her new book, *The Trouble With Islam: A Wake-Up Call for Honesty and Change*, Irshad Manji asks the followers of Islam to revisit the basic foundations of their faith.

Manji questions the stubborn anti-Semitic streak in Muslim societies, the continuous oppression of women and the manner in which homosexuals are treated – with ostracism or death – even though the Qu'ran clearly states that "everything God made is excellent."

The author also asks why Muslims are "all being held hostage by what's happening between the Palestinians and the Israelis?"

Irshad Manji

The book is written in the form of a letter addressed to the author's fellow Muslims and encourages the readers to start an Islamic reformation through critical analysis and honest debate. And while many will undoubtedly criticize Manji, a feminist and gay activist, for not being a true Muslim, the challenge posed by reformers like Manji will inevitably cause mainstream Muslims to rethink and justify their orthodoxy.

But Manji doesn't limit her questions to followers of Islam. She critically suggests that "non-Muslims do the world no favours by pushing moral mute buttons as soon as Muslims start speaking."

With honesty and candour, the author addresses the fine line between the promotion of diverse perspectives and the danger of accepting undemocratic, racist voices within a pluralistic, tolerant world. After distinguishing between *individualism*, an "I'm out for myself approach" to life, and *individuality*, "I'm myself, and my society benefits from that uniqueness," Manji challenges those in Europe who are tolerant of Muslim imams who pass fatwas on writers. She asks them to consider whether they also believe that the 16 million Muslims living in Europe are capable of contributing to society as individuals.

"The question is not whether they're capable, but whether you believe they are," she writes, adding that to decide they are not capable can be been seen as a reverse kind of racism that stems from low expectations.

Manji wonders why people who opposed the recent American war in Iraq are not demonstrating against Arab regimes "in which Sunni Muslim minorities control the Shia majorities."

She asks anti-globalization activists to respond to Rami Khouri, the Palestinian journalist who has pointed out that "independent, credible, civil society institutions are non-existent in most of the Persian Gulf, Syria, Iraq and Libya, and operate under heavy state controls in Sudan, Algeria, Tunisia and Yemen," and questions why colossal street demonstrations against the abuse of universal human freedoms are not being organized.

While Manji admits that Europe needs to guard against the anti-Arab racism that grows from economic malaise, she is also cautious about the racism that comes from overcompensating.

"Depicting Zionists as European imperialists or Nazis isn't the way to redeem your afflicted consciences. Supporting human rights for all is."

The mainstream Islamic muzzle on free speech and the pursuit of equal rights are discussed with savvy and intelligence, and Manji's sincere cry for change brings a drop of optimism to a discussion filled with lies and innuendo.

Manji dismisses the usual western, romantic, tribal portrayals of desert-swept Arabia and looks at the historical background that led to the current Arab-centred stranglehold on Islamic thought. She then dares the world to begin a serious dialogue questioning the racism and intimidation that permeate the mainstream Muslim world.

The author is also critical of Israel and some of the extremist views and racist policies that have driven political agendas. However, she reminds her readers that "these folks are lightweights in contemporary Judaism. Infuriating, but marginal."

With creative intelligence, the book quickly moves from newly named concepts, such as "foundamentalism," the founding moment that has committed the Islamic world to Arabian supremacy, to the older tradition of *ijtihad*, Islam's lost practice of independent thinking.

The book, which is available only in soft cover, has been released in Germany, and is due to be released in the United States and France in January. Its light, breezy language makes the issues accessible and restores a contemporary, honest level of discussion to debates on the Middle East. The reader is left wondering which aspect of the book will anger radicals in the Muslim world most – revealing their anti-Semitism or pointing to their attitudes towards women and gays.

But for those of us who have yearned for equal playing fields and honest partners on issues ranging from suicide bombing, Muslim anti-Semitism and homophobia to Israel's attempts to pass discriminatory legislation and the legitimacy of targeted killings, there is now someone to debate with.

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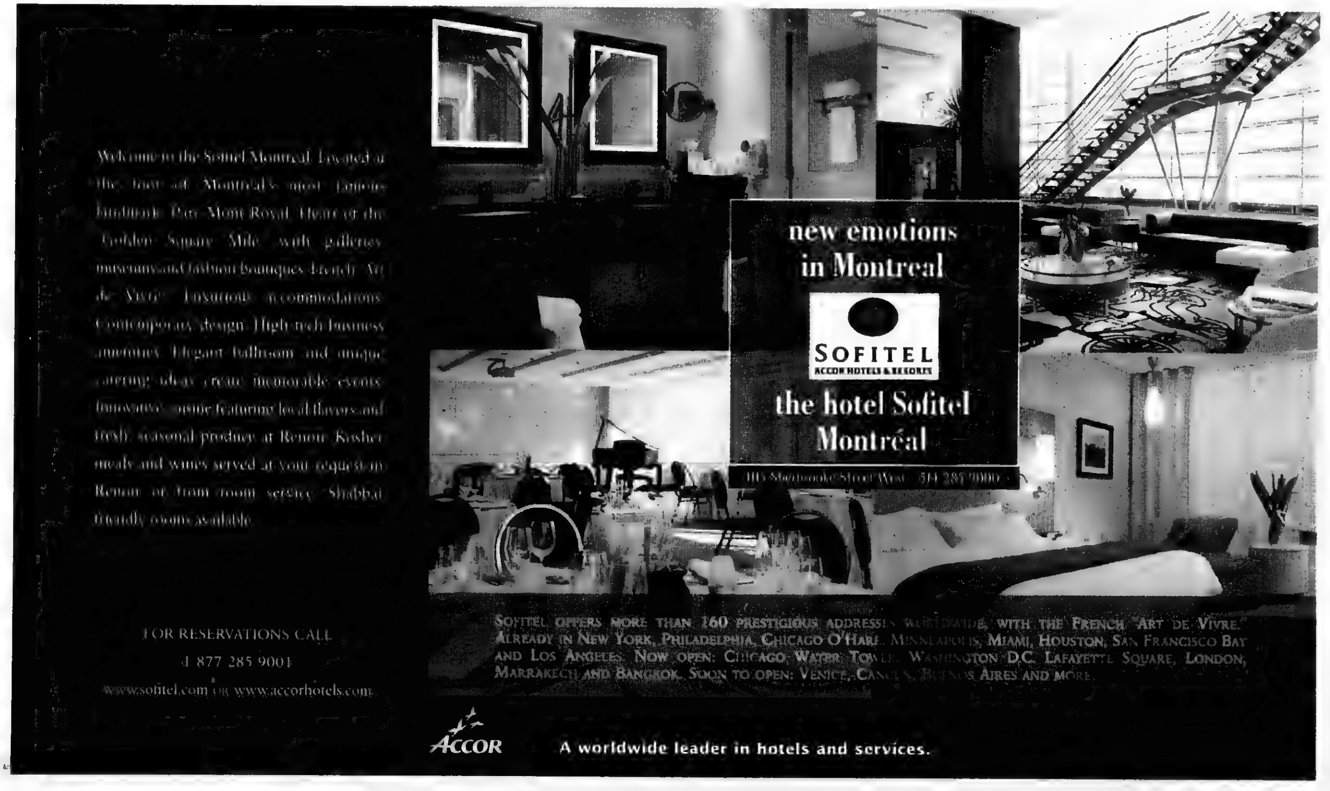

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Irshad Manji addresses anti-Semitism in new book

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

Irshad Manji, 34, is an award-winning TV personality, author and media entrepreneur. She hosts *Big Ideas*, a TV program for university and college students. Before that, she hosted and produced *QueerTelevision*, the world's first show on commercial TV directed at both gay and straight audiences.

Manji, who was the first humanities student to win the Governor General's Gold Medal for top graduate, has participated in campus debates and Jewish discussion groups across Canada.

Her first book, *Risking Utopia: On the Edge of a New Democracy*, chronicles how young people are redefining democracy to make it more inclusive of diversity. Her recent book, *The Trouble With Islam*, describes why she has become a Muslim reformist.

CJN: *As a Muslim, why did you decide to address anti-Semitism in your book?*

Manji: I dealt with the whole issue of anti-Semitism because it is so irrational. While all of us have to make choices in what we wear or what route we take, the decision to hate Jews is utterly illogical.

I remember walking into my Grade 9 English class in Richmond, B.C., and seeing swastikas all over the blackboard because the teacher was Jewish. It didn't matter that he was a great teacher. It struck me that Jews were continuously being tarred. There was no logical reason to explain it, and that I can't abide.

CJN: *Aren't you worried that your views will be criticized and that many will claim you are in the back pocket of the so-called Zionists?*

> ***'People already say that I'm a self-hating Muslim, but if that were true, I would have simply ditched my faith'***

Manji: That is already happening. But I'll absorb those insults if it will convince others to focus attention on the arguments. People already say that I'm a self-hating Muslim, but if that were true, I would have simply ditched my faith. Instead, I've spent the past 20 years away from the glare of the camera, educating myself about the Qu'ran and *Hadith* (the compilation of the teachings, sayings and actions of the prophet Mohammed).

CJN: *You now travel with a security guard. Are you afraid?*

Manji: I have received a death threat on my e-mail, but I'm resolute about what I'm doing and the need for it to be done. However, I also believe in being prepared.

CJN: *Are you optimistic about changing the hearts and minds of the Muslim world?*

Manji: Muslim students are already flocking to speak to me on college and university campuses as the Muslim voice on television. They tell me that they're glad someone is finally talking about diversity and reform in the Muslim world. They say they use me to kick off discussions with their parents. And I don't mind being the whipping girl.

CJN: Maclean's *Canada named you a Leader for Tomorrow and categorized you a "dreamer." Cynics will say that your following is minimal and that true believers will dismiss you. How would you respond to those who say you're simply dreaming if you believe you can reform Islam?*

Manji: All I can say, is that if my e-mail is any indication, many Muslims and non-Muslims share my dream. I'm overwhelmed with positive feedback from Muslims expressing relief and gratitude for a voice of reason. In the end, it's dreamers who change the day.

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Freedman family celebrates their roots in Canada

By ELYSSE ZAREK
Special to The CJN

A century after his arrival in Saint John, N.B., from his native Lithuania, 82 of Marcus Freedman's descendants gathered in Halifax for a three-day celebration of their family's roots.

His descendants, who are spread out across North America, came from as far west as Laguna Beach, Calif., and Victoria, B.C., and as far east as Israel, for the recent three-day reunion. The oldest relative was 92 and the youngest was six months. Among those who attended was Myra Freeman, the lieutenant governor of Nova Scotia.

Mary Ann Freedman, 52, attended the reunion with her husband Billy Hitzig. Like many others in her clan, Freedman left Saint John to go to university in Ontario and never moved back.

Freedman was delighted by the reunion and amazed at the turnout. The highlight, she said, was reconnecting with old cousins and meeting new ones.

"We still have a really tight family circle even though we're all over the world," she said. Despite not seeing some relatives for more than 20 years, she said they "picked up from where they left off."

As a child, Freedman and her two siblings grew up next door to her four cousins, the Kovens, in Saint John. She remembers their two families did everything together, running across the lawn from one house to the other.

"We were almost like one family," she said. "My uncle drove us all to school in the morning, and my father picked us all up from Hebrew school in the afternoon."

The idea for a family reunion began when a relative began compiling the family tree. One of the cousins thought it would be a great to have a get-together, and it "snowballed" from there, said Marcia Koven in a phone interview from Saint John.

Koven, 76, and several other clan members spent almost a year organizing the event, which was held in Halifax because Saint John has no kosher caterer. The elder ladies in the family also made sweets and pastries and brought them on the four-hour drive from Saint John to Halifax.

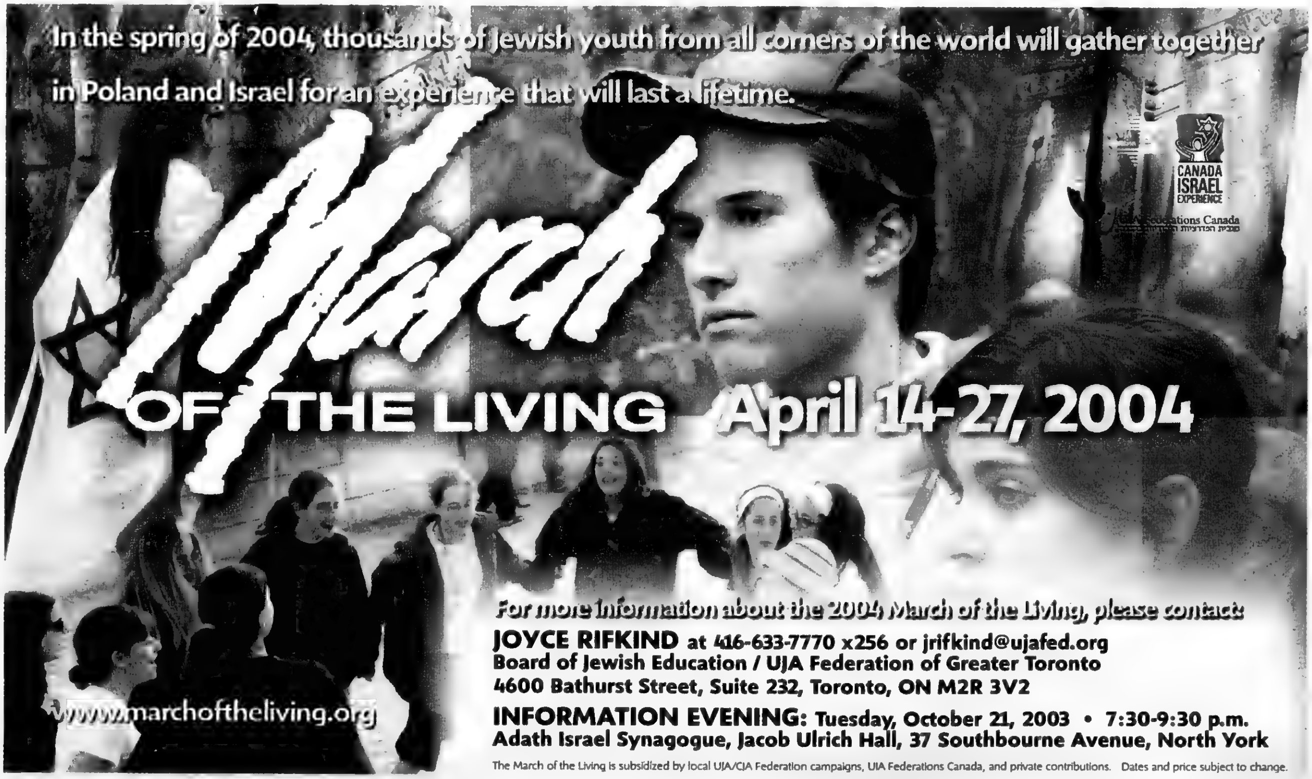
"We got to the hotel [where the reunion was held] and saw a feast!" said Freedman. "It was a major eat-a-thon." Among the events were a picnic, an afternoon tea and a meal at Government House, the official residence of the lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia.

Koven's favourite moment was the *Havdalah* service. After Shabbat, the three generations of the Freedman clan joined hands and formed a circle. "They said, 'This is the family circle,'" Koven said. "It was so beautiful. When I close my eyes and think about it, I could cry."

The Freedman family recently gathered in Halifax for a three day reunion. Inset: (from left) Myra Freeman, lieutenant governor of Nova Scotia; Marcia Koven, who organized the event; and Janet Holtzman.

Saint John was one of the major entry points into North America. Many families passed through it on the way to other parts of the country, but a few, like the Freedmans, stayed. Koven thinks almost 300 Jewish families lived in Saint John when she was growing up. Today, she guesses no more than 30 remain.

"It's one of the diminishing Jewish communities of the Diaspora," Koven said.



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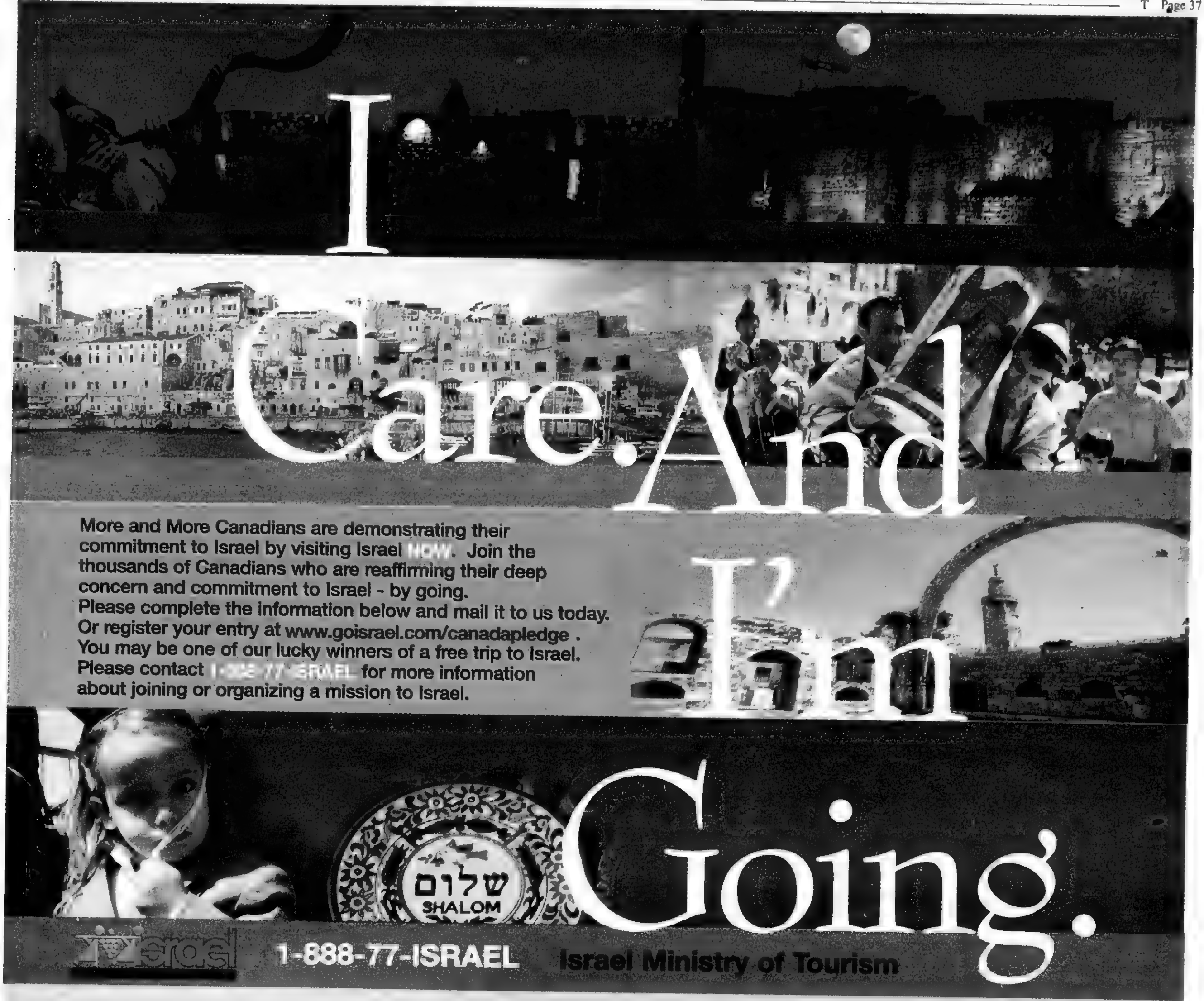

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Coast to Coast

Globe shows flawed reasoning on Arafat

According to Reports

By

PAUL MICHAELS

Debating the course of Israeli-Palestinian relations tests everyone's capacity to think clearly and consistently. This was particularly obvious last week in media commentaries about Israel's implied threat to deport Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat after two more horrific terrorist attacks.

In its Sept. 8 editorial, "The wrong man quit," the *Globe and Mail* concluded, "If Mr. Arafat cannot step aside, he should step down." The paper's Sept. 13 editorial, "Wrong way to deal with Yasser Arafat," argued that a forced exile of Arafat would be folly. There is no inconsistency in this. The *Globe*, recognizing what a destructive force Arafat is to the aspirations of his own people, urged only that he relinquish power, not that he be physically removed from the West Bank.

Yet, there is an inconsistency in the *Globe*'s line of reasoning. While acknowledging (in the second editorial) that even though "Behind the scenes… [Arafat] continued to wield considerable power," it argues that Israel's threatened expulsion catapulted him back to "centre stage," with the result that "he is no longer sidelined" and lasting Mideast peace "is all the more elusive."

Arafat did indeed exercise considerable power from his Ramallah compound. He forced the resignation of former PA prime minister Mahmoud Abbas. Then, Arafat quickly neutralized Abbas' successor, Ahmed Quereia, by unifying security services under his National Security Council to prevent any operations against terrorist groups like Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

It follows, then, that Arafat was never "sidelined" and so peace is no more elusive today because of Israel's controversial pronouncement.

The *Globe*, it must be emphasized, is quite sensitive to Israel's acute level of frustration with Arafat and the degree to which he has been a deceiver. (Robert Fulford depicted him with laser-like accuracy as a "sacred monster" in the *National Post* on Sept. 13). But let's not be under any illusions: as long as Arafat remains in the disputed territories, he will continue to control Palestinian affairs, no matter who is appointed prime minister, and that means any progress toward peace is virtually impossible.

Yes, if Israel were to expel Arafat, things might be equally bad, and perhaps even worse in the short run. But this only highlights Israel's dilemma: there is arguably no satisfactory solution in the foreseeable future.

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On the subject of terrorism and clarity of thought, here's part of an exchange between the *Toronto Star*'s Richard Gwyn and University of Toronto professor Janice Stein on TVOntario's *Studio 2* (Sept.10) that is not to be missed.

Steve Paikin (host): "How will we know when we've won [the war on terrorism]?"

Gwyn: "The real sign we're winning [is] when you get a sense that the Arab world, the Islamic world, is turning away from the use – to the extent that it is doing it, but some parts of it are doing it – of terror and killing as a political instrument…"

Stein: "… If you look at the history of suicide bombings… they began… in Sri Lanka. The Tamil Tigers used it, but that was not an artifact of Islam…

"I don't accept the association between Islam and extreme forms of terrorism… There are other groups in society who will avail themselves [of terrorism], because it is so easy to do now."

Gwyn: "You can't confuse the Tamil Tigers, even if they get hold of the bomb, with Islamic terrorists. I mean Islamic terrorists have a reason in their minds, a justification – for attacking us."

Stein: "So do the Tamil Tigers."

Gwyn: "No, the Tamil Tigers want to get the Sri Lankans. They don't want to get us."

Paul Michaels is director of communications with the Canada-Israel Committee.

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Current Mideast violence compared to 1948 war

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Israel is fighting "a new war of independence," says Col. Miri Eisen, a former Israeli military spokesperson.

Eisen likened the current Palestinian uprising to the 1948 Arab-Israeli war, "which was about our right to exist as a Jewish, democratic state."

She said the Palestinians have succeeded in persuading most western European countries to question Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state.

"We didn't think it was an issue," said Eisen, suggesting the Israeli government was blindsided by the success of a Palestinian public relations campaign to delegitimize Israel.

But today it is "a core issue" that Israel has begun to address, said Eisen, who dealt with the media after Operation Defensive Shield in the spring of 2002.

Israel launched the massive military operation to re-occupy the West Bank after a series of devastating Palestinian suicide bombings.

Eisen said the "Palestinian narrative" to win hearts and minds is "simple and very coherent."

The Palestinians assume the role of victims and claim Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza is the sole cause of Palestinian violence against Israelis.

Until about 1½ years ago, Israel defended its occupation, said Eisen, who was in Toronto on a Canadian speaking tour on behalf of UJA Federation.

But in a shift of strategy since the terror attacks of Sept. 11, Israel now embraces a two-state solution, acknowledges the downside of the occupation and emphasizes the Palestinians' association with terrorism, she said.

Israel does not necessarily have to win the public relations battle. "But we can't afford to lose it."

In the court of public opinion, Israel should always stress its identity as a Jewish democracy, Eisen said.

"We have every right to be a Jewish democracy," she said, alluding to attempts by some Palestinians to convince the world that Israel should be a secular state, a state of all its Jewish, Muslim and Christian citizens.

On university campuses, Israel has failed to deliver an important message, said Eisen, who immigrated to Israel with her family from San Francisco in 1971 when she was nine years old

"We're not giving students, the educated next generation, a basic understanding of what Israel is. To them, the Six Day War is ancient history."

Eisen said Israel seeks a Palestinian partner prepared to recognize its status as a Jewish state.

"With [Palestinian Authority President Yasser] Arafat, we have no common ground."

She said Arafat does not accept Israel's existence as a democratic, Jewish state. "We can't negotiate with him."

As long as he remains PA president, the peace process will be at a standstill, she said.

Describing Arafat as an irrelevant figure, she called Israel's recent decision to "remove" him from power as a measure to give Israelis some hope he will be replaced by more moderate leaders.

Eisen accused Arafat of planning the intifadah for more than a year before its eruption in September 2000.

"He waited for the right moment," she said, referring to the Arab riots that broke out after Ariel Sharon's much-publicized visit to the Temple Mount in eastern Jerusalem.

The Palestinians thought Israel would not be able to withstand the violence touched off by the intifadah.

"But they are amazed by our stamina, determination and righteousness."

The intifadah, however, has brought anti-Semitic feelings to the fore, she noted.

For the majority of Israelis, the sense of isolation triggered by the conflict has been the hardest pill to swallow.

"Before, we were part of the world. But now, we sense we're alone," she said in a reference to the sharp decline in tourism in the past three years. "There is a sense nobody wants to come here any more."

Jewish tourists, though, have ameliorated the isolation felt by Israelis.

Eisen expressed unhappiness with Canada's Mideast policy, saying it is somewhere between that of the United States and Europe.

She predicted that terrorism will come to Canada and other countries.

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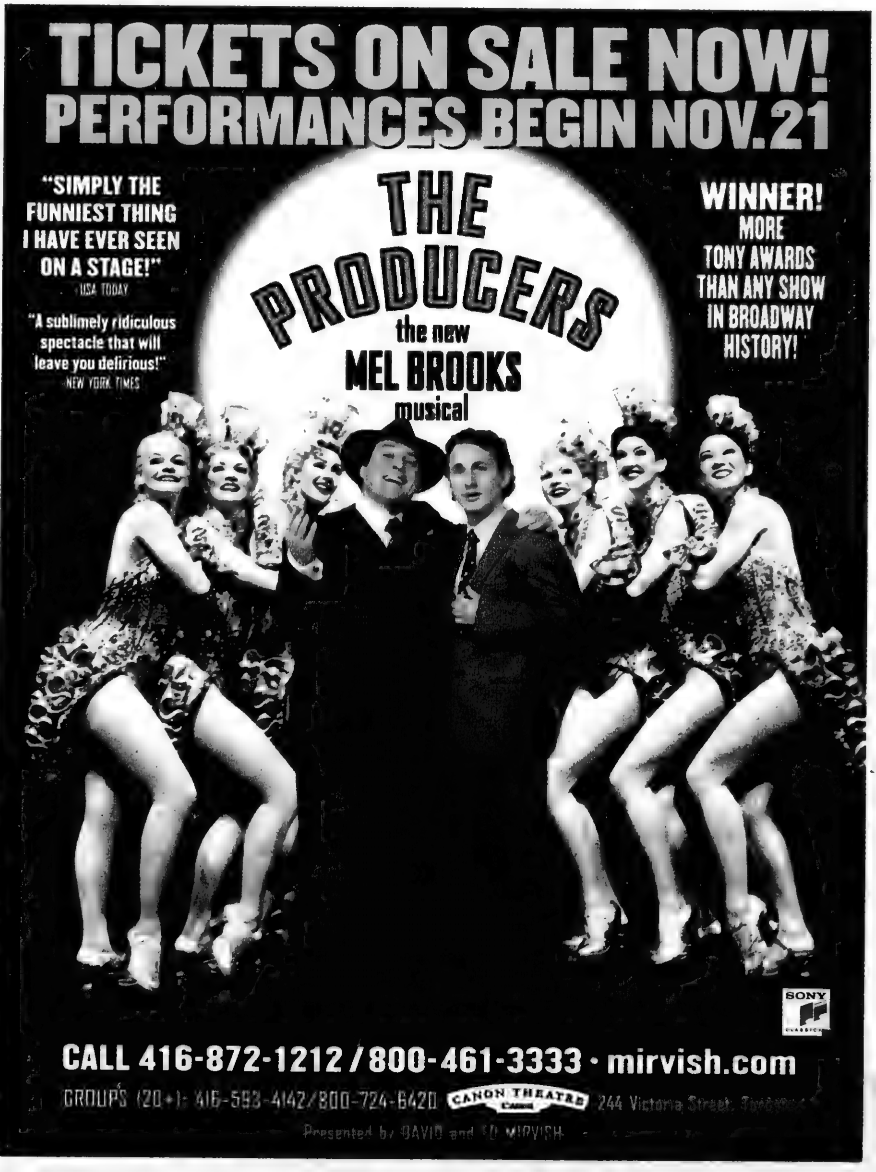

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Watchdog slams hatred in Palestinian media

By ADAM GRACHNIK
Special to The CJN

OTTAWA — The next great looming global crisis is the creation of a new generation of suicide bombers, says Itamar Marcus, director of the independent Jerusalem-based organization Palestinian Media Watch (PMW).

Speaking Sept. 16 at the Agudath Israel Congregation in Ottawa to mark the start of the city's 2004 UJA campaign, Marcus presented a series of short video clips to show how the Palestinian Authority (PA) teaches children that Jews are murderers, that Israel has no right to exist and not to fear, but lust after, *shahadah* (martyrdom).

"If there's a whole generation of kids who can just get on a plane like those Saudis did and fly into the World Trade Center… we have the potential for the foundation of world suicide terrorists," Marcus said.

Sitting in the 300-person crowd and taking notes was Canadian Alliance MP Stockwell Day, his party's senior foreign affairs critic, who called the presentation "gripping and depressing."

"On the positive side, it calls people to action. It gets MPs to see what's going on," Day said.

He said his notes were in preparation for an informal meeting between Marcus and MPs on Sept. 18. Day said informal discussions normally garner responses from four or five MPs, but almost 20 expressed interest.

"Truth is a powerful wedge," he said.

Marcus said there are two distinct worlds in the PA – the English language world and the Arabic language world, and PA officials convey different messages to each.

"They take small truths and expand them to terrible lies and libel," Marcus said.

PMW, founded in 1996 to monitor Palestinian Arabic media and schoolbooks, has uncovered hundreds of examples of hatred of Jews and disdain for Israel being preached to Palestinian children through textbooks and other media such as music videos, Marcus said.

In one of the videos he played, a young man sings a farewell message to his father. In another, an attractive female singer dances in military garb, telling youths not to fear martyrdom.

"These messages are running hours a day to Palestinian children," he said, adding that Palestinian children believe dying for Allah is good and that polls have found that 80 per cent of them aspire to *shahadah*.

Marcus showed an interview with an 11-year-old girl, who, with a wide smile, said that, if given the choice of complete rights and freedoms or *shahadah*, she would choose *shahadah*.

Marcus said these messages appear all over Palestinian media. In one newspaper's sports section, for example, he said there was extensive coverage of a soccer tournament for 12- and 13-year-old boys that was named after Abd Al-Baset Odeh, the suicide bomber responsible for the terror attack on a Passover seder in a Netanya hotel in March 2002.

"It's the brother of the bomber that distributes the trophies," Marcus said.

Another common theme, Marcus said, is Holocaust denial. He showed recent clips from Sept. 8 on PA television, in which teachers said they don't teach the Holocaust because it's all lies.

As well, he said, PA religious and political leaders are often shown on television preaching violence against Jews and the utter denial of Israel's right to exist.

"There's no Dachau, no Auschwitz. [Jews are] an entity implanted as a cancer in our land," one "senior historian" said on television.

Following Marcus' presentation, UJA Campaign chair Robert Greenberg announced that the 2004 Ottawa campaign aims to raise $4.2 million, an increase of 15 per cent over last year.

Israeli DJ-VJ duo attracts 1,100 students

On Campus

National Jewish Campus Life, the Canada-Israel Experience (CIE), Hillel of Greater Toronto and UJA Federation of Greater Toronto co-hosted a Rosh Hashanah bash with Israeli DJ Lucky Lou and VJ Eitan Einwohner at Toronto's York Event theatre on Sept. 13 that attracted 1,100 people.

"Toronto's New Year's party set the stage for what will be happening in other Jewish student clusters across Canada," said Barbara Bank, national chair of Jewish Campus Life.

"As part of our initiative to inject greater enthusiasm and interest in Judaism and Israel, we went to the source and brought a piece of Israel to Canada."

Proceeds from the event will go to CIE's Mifgash (encounter) program, which helps link Israeli soldiers and Canadian Jews and solidify ties formed on Birthright Israel visits.

"Whether it was to reunite with friends from a past Birthright Israel trip, to hear a world renowned DJ from Tel Aviv or to taste an apple honey martini, our community came together like never before," said Ivy Ackerman, CIE Marketing Manager, who co-organized the event.

"To be standing in the middle of that room and to feel the energy circulating was an experience I'll never forget."

Lucky Lou and Einwohner were in Toronto as part of a cross-Canada tour.

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Professor Martin Lockshin, Director, Centre for Jewish Studies

It is customary for Jews to look back and take stock at the end of the Jewish year about the events of the past year. Sadly, 5763 was not an easy year for Jewish communities in Israel or in the Diaspora. Israelis were under attack physically. Outside of Israel, much to our surprise, antisemitism increased in many countries of the world. Now, in the final days of 5763, the situation in Israel in particular is depressing. Jews the world over have been wondering how to reverse these troubling trends and how to increase feelings of Jewish pride in these difficult times.

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We are proud that York students continue to study in Israel in numbers that are higher than virtually any other North American university. Recently York University signed a cooperation agreement with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, expanding the areas of our cooperation and making it easier for the students in our Jewish Education program to get part of their training in Jerusalem.

There are unfortunately no quick fixes for many of the issues that beset the Jewish world. But Jews have always recognized that part of the solution lies in knowledge and study and dissemination of the truth. We hope to continue, with your help, to do this for many years to come.

"*Takhel shanah veqilelotehah, tihal shanah uvirkhotehah*—may the past year with all of its curses come to an end, and may a new year of blessing begin!"

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CENTRE HIGHLIGHTS 2002-2003

The year began with the **Harry Crowe Lectures** featuring (L to R) Professor Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University, and Professor Menachem Kelner, Haifa University who spoke to an overflowing crowd on the theme of "*Antisemitism in Academia*".

Pictured are York students in the **Jewish Teacher Education Program** who spent a year of study **at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.** Seated left to right in Jerusalem: Catherine Chochinov, Carla Girvitz, Maytal Helfand, Keren Romm. Visiting from York University, Professor Martin Lockshin, Director, Centre for Jewish Studies.

York University saluted Rose Wolfe, O.C., and conferred upon her an **Honorary Doctoral Degree** at the York University Spring Convocation 2003. Mrs. Wolfe was recognized for her contributions to volunteerism, higher education, and the community. Seated left to right: Avie Bennett, O.C., Chancellor, York University, Rose Wolfe, O.C., Alfred Ene, Assistant Vice-President, Student Affairs. Standing left to right: Dr. Lorna R. Marsden, President and Vice-Chancellor, York University, Professor Martin Lockshin, Director, Centre for Jewish Studies, Marilyn Abram, Member, York University Board of Governors, Professor Sydney Eisen, Founder, Centre for Jewish Studies.

Thirteen York University students with other students from Poland and Germany participated in a field study this summer in Poland and Germany. ***The Mark and Gail Appel Program in Holocaust and Anti-Racism Education at York University: Learning from the Past – Teaching for the Future,*** a joint program of the Centre for Jewish Studies and the Canadian Centre for German and European Studies, was created by Professor Michael Brown and Professor Mark Webber to assist future teachers from Canada, Poland and Germany in developing curricular responses to racism and antisemitism. Photo: Students visited an historic museum in Buttenhausen, Germany.

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- **Professor Sara Horowitz, Associate Director, Centre for Jewish Studies**, was awarded a 3-year Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) grant for her project **"Gender and the Holocaust: Constructing Cultural Memory"**. Professor Horowitz recently taught the first seminar on Holocaust literature for university professors offered at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C., where she serves as a member of the Academic Advisory Committee.
- A 3-year SSHRC grant was also awarded to **Professor Alex Pomson, incumbent, Koschitzky Family Chair in Jewish Teacher Education**, for his project, **"Parents and their Children's Schools: An Ethnographic Enquiry into the Purposes and Practices of Jewish Schools"**. He is beginning his term as Chair of the Network for Research in Jewish Education.
- **Professor Eric Lawee** was awarded a generous grant from the Amado Foundation to support his research on **"Critical Tendencies in Late Medieval Hispano-Jewish Biblical Scholarship"**.
- **Professor Michael Brown** was awarded a **Lady Davis Fellowship** and will be teaching at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem this fall.

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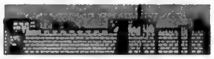

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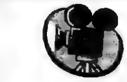

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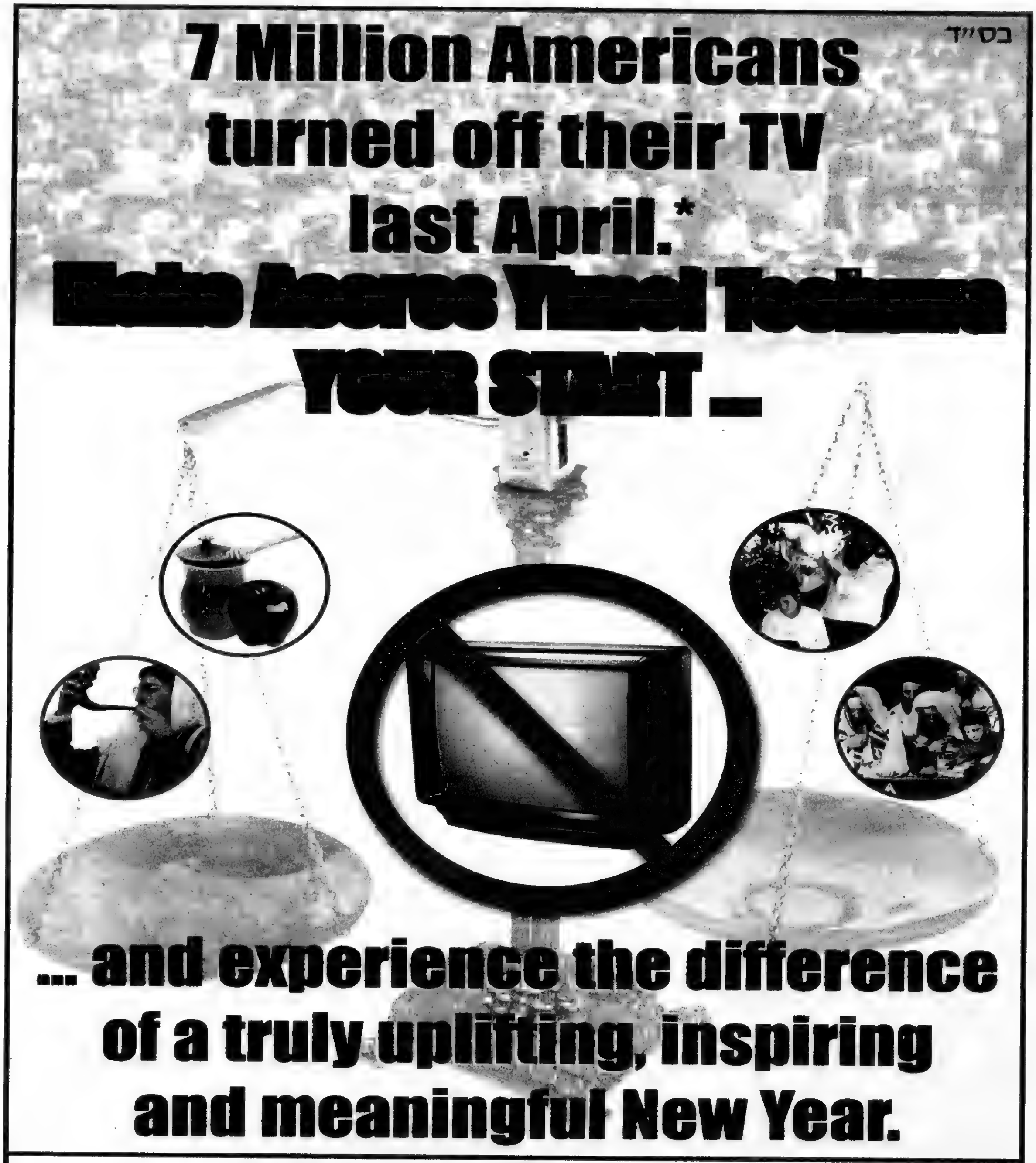
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Holiday Food Ideas

Bubka – a treasure from mother

By BEV BERGMAN
CJN Staff

Every year since my two brothers and I have married and had our own homes and families, our mother has baked a wonderful bubka for us to eat after the Yom Kippur fast. She baked a minimum of three cakes, and each one took two days to create.

Her process began at least one month before Rosh Hashanah, and with each baking, we awaited the pronouncement of whether it was the best cake she ever baked or her worst flop!

The first mouthful of this wonderful yeast cake has always provided a warm feeling of our mother's love and offered a positive outlook toward a sweet new year. This will be our first Yom Kippur without her.

The kugel from my sister-in-law Marilyn is also a favourite for our break-the-fast meal.

MICKEY BISGOULD'S BUBKA

½ lb. butter
1 cup homogenized milk
2 packages yeast
3 tbsp. warm water
2 tbsp. flour
7 tbsp. sugar – divided
1 tsp. salt
4 egg yolks
3-3½ cups flour
4 egg whites

Filling:
1 cup brown sugar
½ cup walnuts
¼ cup raisins
1 tsp. cinnamon

Topping:
¼ cup brown sugar
¼ cup soft butter

Melt ½ lb. butter with 1 cup milk. Allow to cool.

Crumble yeast into large bowl. Add warm water and mix until yeast dissolves. Add 2 tbsp. flour and 2 tbsp. of the sugar. Let stand for 20 minutes.

Add melted butter-milk mixture, remaining 5 tbsp. sugar, salt, egg yolks. Add 3-3½ cups flour, until mixture is not sticky. Mix with yeast mixture.

After everything is mixed together, make a big ball of dough and put in fridge overnight in plastic bag.

Next day, preheat oven to 350. Cut dough in half. Roll out on a large floured board until it is thin.

Beat four egg whites – not quite as much as for meringue and spread half of egg whites over half of dough.

Filling: mix together 1 cup brown sugar, walnuts, raisins and cinnamon. This mixture goes on top of the half-dough that has egg whites on top. Roll up in tube pan, placing the half-dough mixture on the right side of the pan.

Repeat the same method for the other half of dough mixture, spreading remaining egg whites and filling. Roll up in tube pan, placing this half-dough mixture on the left. (They should meet in the centre.)

Boil a pot of water, reduce heat to a low boil and place a plate over pot. Place tube pan over plate. Put two light towels over unbaked bubka for about one hour.

Topping: Mix together ¼ cup soft butter and ¼ cup brown sugar with enough flour to make a crumbly mixture.

When the bubka has risen to about three-quarters of the pan, sprinkle the topping mix over the entire bubka. Put towels back on top until it rises to the top of pan. Bake for 55 minutes.

Note: The bubka can be made ahead and frozen.

CRUSTY TOPPED LOCKSHEN KUGEL

8 oz. cream cheese, softened
½ cup margarine, softened
1¼ cups sugar
8 eggs, well beaten
4½ cups milk
2 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. lemon juice
dash salt
8 oz. egg noodles
½ cup graham cracker crumbs
1 tsp. cinnamon

Beat together cream cheese and margarine. Add sugar and mix well. Blend in eggs. Stir in next four ingredients. Cook noodles as directed and drain. Combine with cheese mixture. Pour into 9 x 13-in. baking dish. Mix graham cracker crumbs and cinnamon and sprinkle on top of noodles.

Bake at 350 for 1¼ hours or until browned and crusty on top. Allow to cool for 30 minutes. Cut in squares; can be topped with a dollop of sour cream and berries. Serves 10-12.

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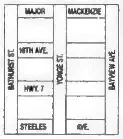

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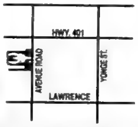

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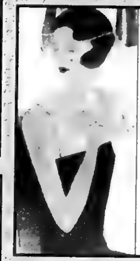

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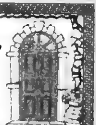

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Winnipeg CJA campaign underway

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The Jewish Federation of Winnipeg/Combined Jewish Appeal kicked off its annual fundraising campaign at the beginning of September and as of last week had raised $525,000.

While the figure is at about the same as last year at this time, CJA executive director Jerry Koffman said that on a card-by-card basis, pledges are up 13 per cent overall. Superweek, Sept. 8 to 14, the annual phone blitz that marks the beginning of the campaign, raised close to $140,000.

"Our goal this year is $4.3 million," Koffman said. "We are emphasizing our community's needs, as well as the needs of Israel and our fellow Jews who are still living in the countries of the former Soviet Union. Almost everyone we were able to contact during Superweek made gifts."

The Federation/CJA campaign will not be the only major fundraising campaign in the community this year.

At the beginning of January, the Asper Jewish Community Campus, the community's six-year-old showplace, is launching a $7.5 million fundraising project to pay off its remaining $2-million debt, as well as improve its facilities – at an estimated cost of close to $3 million – and double the size of its $2.2 million endowment fund to address its long-term viability.

The Asper Campus campaign was timed to start Jan. 1 so as not to conflict with the CJA campaign, Asper JCC president Larry Hurtig said.

While the goal in building the campus was to have a debt-free building, Hurtig said initial fundraising fell short because the campus committee was unable to sell the old YMHA building downtown for its $2-million asking price and had to settle for $350,000.

Paying down its remaining debt will save the campus about $100,000 a year in interest charges, Hurtig said.

"As we also needed money for improvements and wanted to increase our endowment fund, we felt it was better to try to raise the funds all at the same time instead of having to go back to the community three times," he said.

The need for improvements to the campus' Rady Jewish Community Centre and to expand its Aleph Bet Day Care centre shows how popular the two are, Hurtig added.

The day care is filled to capacity with 48 children and has a waiting list of 110, he said, and the Rady Centre has almost double the number of members originally expected by planners.

The campus campaign hopes to raise $4 million from the Jewish community and the remainder from the general community, corporations, foundations and government grants, Hurtig said.

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You may associate me with divorce work, but I also deal with estate planning issues, another aspect of our firm's expertise. Here I describe certain ways of legally avoiding tax in retirement years. Estate planning is important to families whether they are intact or falling apart. Here are some important tips to consider for the New Year, especially for people approaching retirement age in higher income brackets or with savings they have successfully accumulated. They have been compiled with the assistance of Michael Korman at Raymond James Financial Planning Ltd. (416) 777-7131. *I caution that you speak to a qualified advisor before adopting any of these strategies.*

Insured Annuities — A Useful Tip for People Approaching Retirement. Many investors approaching retirement age invest their non-registered funds in bonds, GICs, treasury bills, savings accounts and other low-risk investments. While these investments ensure safety of principal, their after-tax returns are generally quite low.

Preservation of capital and safety of principal are of paramount importance to retired or retiring investors, but usually go hand in hand with low returns. However, there is one often-overlooked alternative that can allow you to increase your after-tax return without eroding the capital available to your estate. This investment is called an **insured annuity** — a plan that combines high after-tax income with the security of capital preservation.

Insured annuity yields $2500 more than GICs with same invested capital

An insured annuity is actually a hybrid of two separate investments. The first is a *prescribed annuity*, an investment that can only be purchased with non-registered funds. A prescribed annuity not only provides lifetime income, but also receives favourable tax treatment, in that the interest component of each periodic payment is considered, for tax purposes, to be equal. The premiums for the second component of an insured annuity, the *life insurance*, are paid out of the income from the annuity. The life insurance portion is typically designed to pay a sum equivalent to your original annuity investment back to your beneficiaries tax-free. Thus, an insured annuity allows you to achieve higher after-tax returns with the benefit of tax-free capital paid to your heirs upon your death.

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The benefits of an insured annuity compared to a fixed-income investment are best illustrated by an example. In the following scenario, "Harry" relies on interest income from GICs to help fund his retirement, while Harry's twin brother "Bob" purchases an insured annuity. Both are 70 years of age.

Harry has $100,000 invested in a GIC yielding 5%, which provides him with $5,000 annually. He has other sources of income, so his marginal tax rate is 46%. Thus, after tax he receives $2,700 from his GICs, and doesn't touch the capital so that he can leave $100,000 to his children.

Bob, who is in the same tax bracket as Harry, wisely chooses to purchase an insured annuity. He buys a prescribed life annuity for $100,000, which will pay him $10,313 a year as long as he lives. Since only a portion of the annuity payment is taxable, the tax on the annuity income will be just $954 per year. With a portion of his annuity income, he buys a Term-To-100 life insurance policy that pays $100,000 to his heirs when he dies. This policy costs $4,138 per year, so after tax and the cost of the life insurance, he receives $5,221 a year. ***By purchasing an insured annuity, Bob receives $2,521 more than Harry receives from his GIC, with the same amount of invested capital.*** As an added bonus, Bob's beneficiaries will receive the proceeds of his life insurance directly, without probate fees.

The table below illustrates the dramatic increase in retirement income that an insured annuity offers over an investment in GICs.

The added benefit of allowing your heirs to receive the proceeds of your life insurance directly (without probate fees) makes an insured annuity even more attractive.

Needless to say, these are merely tips. Once again, a financial planner and tax lawyer or accountant should advise you before taking the plunge to tailor your personal circumstances, as there may well be excellent reasons not to invest in such vehicles, including the costs associated with them.

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Annual After-Tax Income	$7,834	$9,359	$2,700	$6,981	$8,301
Life Insurance Cost	$3,050	$4,138	n/a	$2,275	$3,234
Net After-Tax Income	$4,784	$5,221	$2,700	$4,706	$5,067
Percentage Increase Over GIC Income	77%	93%	n/a	74%	88%
Approximate GIC equivalent at 46% Tax Rate	8.80%	9.70%	n/a	8.70%	9.40%

Sources: (as of October 11, 2001) (I have intentionally not revealed comparative insurance company sources for these figures as it is not my intention to advertise any specific insurance companies).

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Winnipeg teen lauded at industry music festival

By MYRON LOVE
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WINNIPEG — Sophie Berkal-Sarbit may be on her way to international stardom.

The young Winnipeg singer, who recently celebrated her 13th birthday, was the winner in the best female Broadway vocalist category at the New York International Music Festival, a roving showcase for new talent that held its summer instalment in Las Vegas from July 22 to 29. It aims to help new singers and bands break into the music business.

Sophie competed against 200 other performers, almost all of them adults. Her mother, Harriet, notes that she received a standing ovation at the end of her performance.

Sophie comes by her musical ability naturally as the granddaughter of Rabbi Louis Berkal, the longtime chazzan at Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, Winnipeg's largest shul. In fact, she and her zaide often perform in concerts together at the Sharon Home, a retirement residence.

The up-and-coming star studies voice with Catherine Robbins, the head of preparatory studies at the University of Manitoba's School of Music. In mid-August, she performed with noted local jazz musician and radio host Walle Larson at the Lyric Theatre in Winnipeg's Assiniboine Park.

For the young singer, the road to Las Vegas began last February when she was accepted to Camp Broadway, a short-term master class program taught by Broadway performers.

"The students in the camp are between 14 and 17," says her mother, Harriet. "They made an exception for Sophie."

Sophie Berkal-Sarbit

Looking around for another venue for Sophie, the family found the New York Festival on the Internet. They missed the first instalment at Madison Square Garden, but Sophie was able to qualify for Las Vegas.

To be eligible, she had to submit a demo CD with jazz and Broadway numbers. With Shayla Fink of the Winnipeg-based klezmer group Finjan accompanying her, Sophie made *Drop Everything – Have a Listen*, a compendium of seven Broadway songs.

In Las Vegas, each performer had to perform for two 15-minute periods. The young Winnipegger prepared five songs for each set.

The next stop for the festival winner is the Los Angeles leg of the festival, which runs until Sept. 28 and opened with a celebrity gala evening that let performers, artists and filmmakers show their work to distributors, record producers, talent agency personnel and international media representatives.

"Sophie is just doing this for fun and the experience, but you never know how these things turn out," her mother says. "If something comes of it, great. If not, this has been another opportunity to hone her performing skills."

In the meantime, to further improve her musical range, Sophie is going to study classical singing this year. There is also another leg of the festival in November in New York.

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brainwashed to hate, and who encourages death and killing of innocent people – and on the other side who is really willing to compromise and give up some of his rights, who really tries to avoid killing innocent people and [instead] attack terrorists and arch terrorists, then Mr. Canada will have a stronger opinion about what Canadians' state of mind should be.

"And of course I expect the Canadian government to say very clearly to the Palestinians that they should go back to the table and make peace with Israel. I also expect the Canadian government – and not only the government but every prominent leader whether from the government or other fields like the arts – to say to the Palestinians very clearly and very loudly, 'Stop educating the next generation to admire killings and murders. Educate them to love peace.' "

The vast majority of Israelis are willing to compromise for "real peace," and they understand that they will help establish a Palestinian state, Brosh emphasized, but they will not agree to have "peace negotiations at night and suffer terror attacks during the day."

He is skeptical of reports that indicate increased Palestinian support for Yasser Arafat in the wake of a recent decision in principle by the Israeli Security Cabinet to "remove" the PA president.

"There are no spontaneous demonstrations in a dictatorship," he said.

Born in Haifa in 1962, Brosh is a sixth-generation Israeli on his father's side. His mother was born in Austria and sent to Liverpool, England, as part of the Kindertransport during World War II. She rejoined her parents in Israel in 1949.

A graduate of Hebrew University, Brosh said he would probably have pursued a PhD in Jewish history had he not embarked on a diplomatic career.

But as a diplomat, he said, "you're always a student. You learn about different cultures and political systems."

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Sharon: Israel's threat made Arafat act against terror

By SHLOMO SHAMIR
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — The Israeli threat to "remove" Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat appears to have compelled him to act against terror, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon says.

"It appears that the reprieve from terror attacks stems from the fact that Arafat was alarmed by the threat, and is acting to prevent terror attacks accordingly," Sharon said Sunday at the weekly Israeli cabinet meeting.

He was reacting to a minister's suggestion that Israel hold another discussion on whether to "remove" Arafat, and dismissed the United Nations General Assembly vote demanding that Israel drop the decision to get rid of Arafat.

The vote passed by 133 votes to 4, with 15 abstentions.

"We will not change our positions as a result of this or any other vote," Sharon told cabinet. "Israel will find ways to prevent disturbances on the part of the person who causes the country such major damage."

Sharon rejected a request by Interior Minister Avraham Poraz to revisit the Arafat decision. The cabinet made the decision after two suicide bombings two weeks ago, but was vague about the time and manner in which it would carry out any removal.

Poraz contended the decision had damaged Israel in the international realm and that many nations, in addition to the UN, had condemned the move.

Sharon replied: "There's no need to be alarmed by the criticism. There's no reason to debate the issue again."

Sharon also accused the opposition of making contact with the Palestinian Authority behind the government's back. He was referring to left-wing activist Uri Avneri, who suggested creating a human shield around Arafat. Sharon also condemned anti-government demonstrations, saying Israel was going through a difficult time and needs to be unified.

On Saturday, Israel condemned Friday's General Assembly vote as a miserable move that legitimizes a well-known terrorist.

"Israel regrets the fact that the Palestinians once again chose to turn their energies to the arena of rhetoric, as in this case of the UN General Assembly decision, instead of focusing on the essence, which is to fight terror together," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

The Palestinian Authority, however, expressed satisfaction at the outcome of the UN vote.

The United States and Israel voted against the motion, joined by the Marshall Islands and Micronesia. Australia, Cameroon, Canada, Kenya and Colombia were among those abstaining.

EU members unanimously supported the resolution after its sponsors agreed at the last minute to add phrases condemning both Palestinian suicide bombings and Israeli targeted killings of Palestinian extremists.

Under the EU amendments, the assembly voted to condemn "the suicide bombings and their recent intensification" but also to remind the Palestinian Authority that under the road map for Middle East peace – co-authored by the EU, United States, the UN and Russia – it is obligated to "take all necessary measures to end violence and terror."

The resolution also deplores Israel's "extrajudicial killings and their recent escalation" and says the killings are both violations of international law and an impediment to the peace process.

The United States had vetoed a similar, Arab-backed resolution in the UN Security Council last Tuesday. Eleven of the 15 member states voted in favour while Britain, Germany and Bulgaria abstained, but the United States exercised its veto on the grounds the resolution was "lopsided" for not condemning terrorist groups behind suicide attacks against Israeli civilians.

Turning to the General Assembly after a U.S. veto in the Security Council is a traditional tactic for the Arab bloc, which has strong support there. But while council votes can be binding under international law, assembly measures merely reflect the will of the international community.

> ***'Israel will find ways to prevent disturbances on the part of the person who causes the country such major damage'***

New Mideast initiative seeks to bypass traditional leaders

By MAZAL MUALEM
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

NEW YORK — A week after the 10th anniversary of the Oslo accords, a gathering was set to take place Monday at the Rockefeller Mansion, about an hour north of New York City, that was to include an Israeli and Palestinian team for five days of talks.

At the completion of the meetings, a 10-point document will be made public with recommendations on ways to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The document will then be made available to hundreds of thousands of Palestinians and Israelis, who will participate in a referendum organized by IBM that will ask them to respond to each of the points.

The purpose of the project is to bypass politicians and transfer the decision-making about a solution to the conflict directly to the people, who are then expected to pressure their leaders.

In Israel, an interesting pair of Israeli politicians will follow the discussions closely: deputy minister of industry and trade, Michael Ratzon, a right-wing member of the Likud, and MK Matan Vilnai, a right-winger in Labor.

The two are partners in the initiative, and despite their ideological differences, their common security-minded approach to a solution has led to their collaboration.

A no less interesting partnership in the project involves the brother of Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, Fathi Arafat, a Gaza-based pediatrician, and the son of the former Palestinian prime minister Mahmoud Abbas, Yasser Abbas, a businessman.

Backing the initiative is Jewish businessman Daniel Levtzky, who set up a group called People's Voice, which is organizing the project.

Among the members of the advisory committee are World Zionist Congress President Edgar Bronfman, James Zogby, president of the Arab-American Institute, and Hollywood stars Danny De Vito, Brad Pitt, Jennifer Aniston and Jason Alexander.

Similar in spirit to the effort of Ami Ayalon and Sari Nusseibeh set up last June, the project reflects the disappointment and fatigue the public feels about the abilities of the leaders on both sides to end the conflict.

However, unlike the Ayalon-Nusseibeh partnership, the public will not be presented with a solution. Another major difference is that the latest initiative is a partnership of ideological rivals.

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Hostage exchange deal with Hezbollah days away: report

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — A hostage deal between Israel and Hezbollah will be completed within a few days, Israeli security sources were quoted as saying Monday by Palestinian newspaper *Al-Quds*, published in east Jerusalem.

According to the report, the head of the Israeli team negotiating the hostages' release left for Berlin on Sunday and met with a German mediator to complete the final details of the agreement.

Sources in Lebanon and Israel told the paper that the final list of prisoners to be released by Israel as part of the deal is taking form.

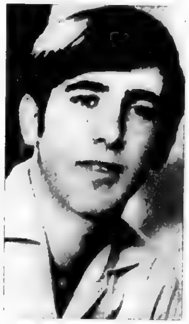
According to the report, Israel will release Abdel Karim Obeid and Mustafa Dirani, two Lebanese guerrilla leaders it snatched in the late 1980s and early 1990s to win the release of kidnapped Israeli Air Force navigator Ron Arad, who was shot down over Lebanon in 1986, as well as other Palestinian, Lebanese and Syrian prisoners.

In return, Hezbollah would release Israeli businessman Elchanan Tannenbaum and the three Israeli soldiers, Benny Avraham, Omar Suwad and Adi Avitan, that the army has declared war casualties whose place of burial is unknown.

Hezbollah seized the three soldiers along Israel's northern border in October 2000, months after Israel ended its 22-year occupation of south Lebanon.

Weeks later, it seized Israeli reserve officer Tannenbaum, saying he was a Mossad agent. Israel has declared the three captured soldiers dead, but the return of their bodies is considered a priority. Tannenbaum is still alive.

A Palestinian source close to the German mediator told Associated Press on Monday that Israel has agreed in principle to release about 400 Arab prisoners, including at least 200 Palestinians.



Ron Arad

Marwan Barghouti, the most senior Palestinian held by Israel, tops the list of those Hezbollah seeks to free, the source said, adding that talks on who will be released are ongoing.

Meanwhile, Israel's Chief Rabbi Yona Metzger was set to leave Monday for Kazakhstan to discuss the release of Arad with Iranian delegates.

He told police officers during a Rosh Hashanah toast at police headquarters that after a meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, he would be leaving for the Muslim state to meet with an Iranian delegate, an ayatollah named Humeini who is a senior representative of Saudi Arabia's king, as well as with Christian representatives.

The goal is to make headway on the release of the Israeli hostages, especially Arad. When asked who would accompany him on the trip, Rabbi Metzger replied: "The Holy One Blessed be He."

Lebanon's Hezbollah guerrilla group promised German mediators negotiating the possible prisoner swap with Israel that it would look into Arad's fate, it said in remarks published on Monday.

Hezbollah has long sought to swap four Israelis in its custody for Lebanese and other Arab prisoners in Israeli jails, including Palestinians. Hezbollah said the talks were favourable and hopes the prisoners would be home soon.

"We really care about finding out the fate of Arad, and we have many motives and reasons that push us to continue looking into it," Hezbollah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah told Lebanon's *as-Safir* daily.

"We reiterated to the German mediator: We don't have any new information, but we promise you… that Hezbollah will exert utmost efforts to obtain evidence of Arad's fate."

Previous swap talks in 2001 stalled partly over Arad and the fate of four Iranian diplomats who Tehran says are in Israel after they were reportedly kidnapped by Christian Lebanese militiamen after Israel's 1982 war in Lebanon.

Nasrallah said Hezbollah wanted to ensure the release of Palestinian prisoners not included in the deal being discussed and "to resolve the fate of the Iranian diplomats that Israel says it does not have, but who we consider to be alive and in Israeli custody."

Israel said last month it hoped to secure a swap within months, and Nasrallah also said he hoped an exchange was near.

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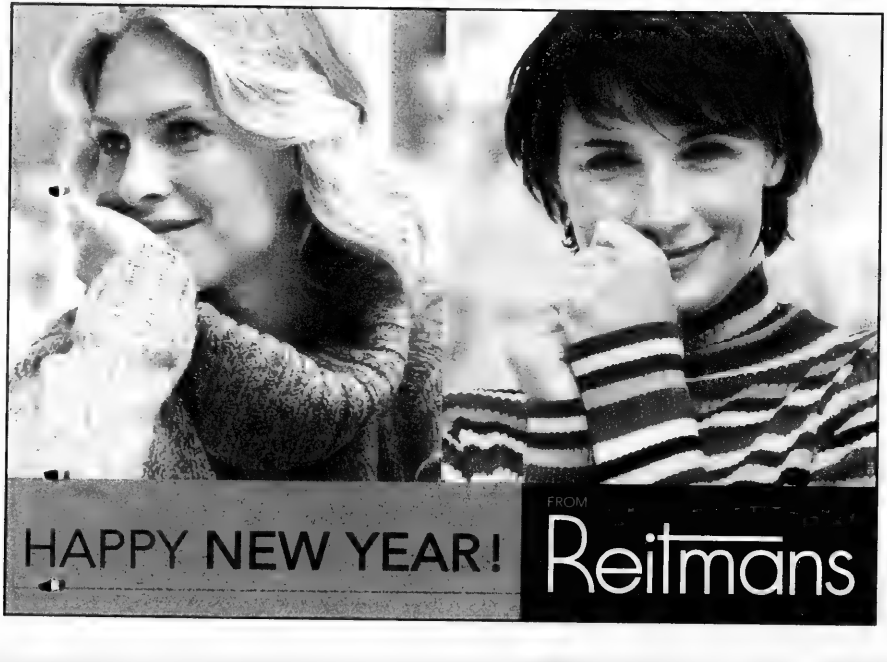

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Past and future in focus as S. Africa Jewish group marks 100 years

By MOIRA SCHNEIDER
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JOHANNESBURG — South Africa's main Jewish group is celebrating its 100th anniversary, and concerns about the community's future – and its past – are dominating the organization's efforts.

One of the issues causing the concern is the widely held conviction among South African Jews that their government is pro-Palestinian – particularly rankling to a community that has always been strongly pro-Zionist – and that the Jewish community is being sidelined.

The Jewish community's perceived lack of support for the anti-apartheid cause is also under scrutiny.

These issues came to the fore at the South African Jewish Board of Deputies' recent conference, held in honour of the group's centenary.

Russell Gaddin, the board's newly elected president, discussed his concern that the community is being pushed into a "smaller and smaller" role in national politics.

To secure a meeting with South African President Thabo Mbeki took the board "many, many months of urging. I feel that as representatives of South African Jewry, we should have been granted a meeting on request," he said.

"Perhaps we were a little bit spoiled by former President [Nelson] Mandela, who was defended by Jews" – in his trials by the apartheid government – "and had Jewish doctors and advisers," Gaddin said.

The Jewish community's small size – 75,000 – as compared with the roughly 1 million Muslims in South Africa, may account for some of the perceived neglect. But ties between the ruling African National Congress and anti-Israel groups also could be to blame, some say.

"Why, when there are so many pressing issues in South Africa such as crime and the Zimbabwe situation, does Israel continually come up for debate in Parliament?" Gaddin asked, voicing the community's feelings of insecurity on the matter.

Fuelling the concerns, the Jewish leader of the opposition Democratic Alliance, Tony Leon, talked about the meeting earlier this year between the country's deputy foreign minister, Aziz Pahad, and the anti-Israel Lebanese militia group Hezbollah.

After the May meeting, Pahad commended Hezbollah and pledged to continue contact between it and the South African government, Leon said.

But in his keynote address at the opening of the conference, Mbeki reassured the community that the government wouldn't tolerate anti-Semitism.

He paid tribute to the "many patriots from the Jewish community who played a role to free our country from racist tyranny" and added that Jews were among those prominent in rebuilding the country.

Mbeki addressed another issue: the viability of the community and its institutions after large-scale emigration that has seen its numbers drop from 118,000 in the mid-1970s.

Since South Africa's transition to democracy, emigration has been fuelled by rising violent crime as well as by affirmative action. Many young people leave after finishing university for job opportunities abroad.

A resolution passed at the conference addressed the issue, calling on the board to "pay urgent attention to finding ways of reducing emigration."

Mbeki expressed his concern at a survey conducted by the London-based Institute for Jewish Policy Research in conjunction with the University of Cape Town's Kaplan Centre for Jewish Studies and Research, which found that 60 per cent of the community did not see a long-term future for Jews in South Africa and referred to their "pervading sense of unease" toward an increase in anti-Semitism.

"Let me say clearly and unequivocally," Mbeki said, "that our government would be pleased to spend as much time as may be required to address the concerns of our Jewish community with its representatives."

Mbeki said the government supported the road map Mideast peace plan and would "continue to do everything in its power to facilitate this outcome with both the Israeli government and the Palestinians."

Commenting after the speech, the board's past president Mervyn Smith said there is no doubt there were "major issues concerning the lack of easy access to the South African government, which the Jewish community no longer enjoys," but he said Mbeki's speech was "remarkable for an open invitation he issued to the community to come and talk about issues that concerned it."

In honour of the centenary, the World Jewish Congress held its first-ever meeting in South Africa after the board's meeting.

The board also engaged in some soul-searching by highlighting an issue that attracted more criticism to it in the past than any other – its failure to speak out against the apartheid system.

Addressing the conference, Smith said the community's leaders had displayed a lack of moral leadership and that in his view, the Jewish community of South Africa had failed "the struggle" – as the fight against apartheid is sometimes called here.

In addition, the failure to speak out had its effects in present-day South Africa, he said. "Because we were not connected to the struggle, we failed to develop meaningful contact with future black leadership which would have stood us in good stead today."

While the South African media is also perceived by the community to be anti-Israel, leading Jewish journalist Jeremy Gordin warned against "shooting the messenger," saying that Israel was not always right.

But the board's media team gave examples of slanted reporting and steps that have been taken to combat Islamic fundamentalist views.

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Obituary

A great loss to the Jewish people

By KENNETH GREEN

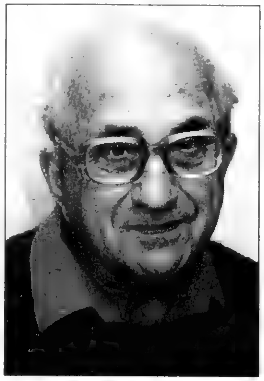
Special to The CJN

We are deeply saddened by the death of Prof. Emil L. Fackenheim in Jerusalem, last Friday, Sept. 19, at the age of 87. It is a great personal loss to all of us who knew him, revered him and loved him.

Fackenheim's death is also a great loss to the Jewish people. He was internationally acknowledged as one of the most important Jewish philosophers of the 20th century. But not only was he a great Jewish thinker, he was also a great Jew. He insisted on reminding us of what our primary duty as Jews is: ahavat Israel, love of Israel. Indeed, in his life, as in his thought, he was a true lover of Israel, the Jewish state and the Jewish people, both religious and secular.

In this I shall not recount the facts of his life, but will leave that to others. What I would most like to call to mind is what he gave to the Jewish people. He came to take a generation lost and wandering in the aftermath of the Holocaust, and he pointed them in the direction in which they should go.

The most famous statement he ever made was in a powerful little book he wrote, with the provocative title, *God's Presence in History* (1970). When most Jews, never mind the rest of the world, still wanted to turn their eyes away from the terrible events of the Holocaust, he insisted that we must think about it and respond to it as the challenge of our time. He stated that the Holocaust ushered in a moral commandment to all Jews, which he called "the 614th commandment" – Jews must not give a posthumous victory to Hitler.



Emil Fackenheim

What did he mean by this? It is a moral imperative for Jews to continue to fight against the most essential thing Adolf Hitler stood for, which is the complete eradication of the Jewish people. Jews must act to preserve Judaism and to continue as Jews, if for no other reason than to make sure the Nazis did not succeed.

He saw Jews doing this almost by instinct, the most powerful evidence being not only the strength of the immediate survivors to go on, but especially the existence of the Jewish state. Israel is the Jewish people's healthy and moral answer to all those who hate them and who still try to destroy them.

Further, he argued that the Holocaust is a world-historical event, not just for the Jews, but also for the West, and indeed for all humanity. What the Jews do is most significant; but the Holocaust must also be wrestled with in the realm of thought, even if no "meaning" can be extracted from it. We are only called on to respond to it, but our response must be authentic. He later developed these ideas in what must be called the magnum opus of his Jewish thought, *To Mend the World: Foundations of Post-Holocaust Thought* (1982).

Through most of his life, Fackenheim went against the tide: he stood up courageously and he spoke out repeatedly on this issue, although he was much criticized for it in later years. His critics charged that he made the Holocaust too central to Judaism. He retorted that it could not be made central enough, because the real problem of our time is that most people wish that the Holocaust would go away, that we move on from it and that we treat it like every other tragedy that has befallen the Jewish people. He said this is both morally irresponsible and theologically impossible, as well as intellectually dishonest.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention something about Fackenheim the philosopher. If he had never written anything on Judaism, he would still have to be remembered as a major force in contemporary philosophy. He wrote a penetrating book on the 19th-century German philosopher Hegel, suggesting that, though his philosophy is in need of some correction, it is still one of the most helpful guides to understanding the effects of history on man and the world.

Fackenheim also wrote powerful works on theology in general, interpreting the contemporary meaning of divine revelation, especially as expressed in the Hebrew Bible. As a theologian, Fackenheim attempted to resolve our perplexities about God's relation to Israel, which he saw as a continuing reality (however strained, if not ruptured, by the Holocaust), by the mere fact of Jewish survival. It is through noble dedication to continued Jewish existence, on both the personal and the national level, and in both the religious and the secular domains, that the mending of this rupture may occur in future.

If the Holocaust ushered in a moral imperative for the Jews to survive (which he believed was equally binding on both religious and secular Jews), the State of Israel is the proof that this imperative is being heeded. The continuing fight of Israel for survival is the main fulfilment of that moral imperative. And this is genuinely moral, in Fackenheim's view, because it not only benefits the Jews, but is a good for all of humanity.

For Jews, it is best to help Israel survive, and hence for humanity to retain its moral core, by living in Israel, heroically participating in the creation of a third Jewish commonwealth against tremendous odds.

But he added a surprising addendum for those Jews who, for one reason or another, could not settle in Israel: have just one more Jewish child than you were originally planning to have.

What made Fackenheim unique and what impressed all those who knew and learned from him, was how he combined profundity of thought with personal integrity. He exemplified the integrity of both philosophy (in short supply in the 20th century) and of Judaism by being a man who practised what he preached. He told us that the State of Israel is in the forefront of contemporary Jewish history, and so he acted on his principle: he got up and with his family moved to Israel in 1984, settling in Jerusalem, and living there the rest of his life—never backsliding, however great the personal difficulties that followed on his decision.

Fackenheim was a spiritual giant and a radical thinker. On a personal level, I must say that I pursued Jewish philosophy because of what he stood for and because of what he taught me about both Judaism and philosophy. But what he did for me is no exception. It is typical of what he did for numerous students who came into contact with him or his books: he educated an entire generation. He instructed us with his powerful ideas, he inspired us with the example of his life and he exhorted us to be better Jews.

I feel privileged to have known him, to have been his student and his friend. But the debt I owe him is hardly what matters; what matters is the debt which the Jewish people owes him for the moral clarity of his vision. May his memory be for a blessing.

Kenneth Green was a student of Emil Fackenheim. He teaches at the University of Toronto.

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Editor's note:

Emil Fackenheim, the author of dozens of books on Judaism and the Holocaust, was born in Halle, Germany, in 1916, and graduated from the Academy for the Scientific Investigation of Judaism in Berlin. In 1938, he was ordained as a Reform rabbi at the Liberal Rabbinical Seminar in Berlin.

The same year, after the Nov. 9 terror of Kristallnacht, he was briefly interned at the Sachsenhausen concentration camp just outside Berlin, but managed to immigrate to Canada in 1940, where he became a rabbi, then a professor of philosophy (1948-84) at University of Toronto.

In 1984, he immigrated to Israel, where he was associated for many years with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Fackenheim was also a former columnist of *The CJN*.

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Hamas pleads for help from Arab world

By ARNON REGULAR
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Last week, two days after the failed attempt by Israel on the life of Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, Hamas sent an official plea to the Arab world for help.

The request was disseminated on the group's Internet site, by telephone and other forms of communication throughout the Arab world at one of the most critical points in Hamas' history.

One of the reasons for the plea was the stepped-up attempts by Israel to kill the group's military and political leadership, as well as its middle-ranking and grassroots activists. The number of targeted killings this month stands at 14.

Other reasons are the freezing of bank accounts belonging to charitable organizations affiliated with the group in the territories, the increased supervision of contributions to Hamas in the Gulf states, and the European Union's decision to place the political leadership on its list of terror organizations.

The Hamas request included a plea to the Arab countries to condemn the targeted killings and to exert diplomatic pressure to change the EU's decision, as well as pleas for support from the man on the street and for clergy to issue fatwas in favour of Hamas.

A series of internal flyers distributed to a select few in Gaza and obtained by *Ha'aretz* reveal that the March killings of Ibrahim Makadma and others were a warning that the killings were beginning on a large scale.

Makadma was involved directly in military operations and therefore some of the leadership mistakenly thought the killings were aimed merely at the Iza Din al-Kassam military brigades, which had been hit many times during the intifadah by Israel.

The doubts held by some of these leaders – ironically also by the relatively moderate Ismail Abu Shanab, who was hit in a targeted killing last month – ended when Israel also attacked senior Hamas leader Abdel Aziz Rantisi in June, a few weeks before the ceasefire between Palestinian extremist groups, indicating the move was aimed at the leadership as well as the rank-and-file.

It is too soon to speculate whether the round of targeted killings has ended, but it's clear it has already had a profound effect on Hamas. Low-level activists, such as those who distribute flyers or organize demonstrations, and activists at the Islamic University in Gaza, have gone underground.

Hamas' military wing was always shrouded in secrecy, but over the past few weeks, its public military parades in Gaza have almost completely disappeared. Those who expected a furious outburst at the attempt on Yassin, in the form of an armed demonstration by the military wing – a mere triviality during the intifadah – found instead a parade of women and children.

The heads of the military and political wings are on the run and do not sleep at home, and in practice, there has been barely any public activity since the wave of targeted killings began.

Until recently, European diplomats would meet with Hamas political leaders in Gaza to get updates and try to understand the group's position. This gave the Hamas leadership legitimacy and recognition as well as diplomatic channels of communication.

But the EU's recent decision suddenly cut off these contacts and left Hamas worried about its ability to raise funds in Europe, where there is a large Muslim population.

It has also had an effect in the Arab world. The first harbinger came from Jordan, whose government announced it was freezing accounts held by Hamas members in Jordanian banks.

In order to cut their losses, Hamas leaders reacted by trying to strengthen ties with Egypt, which over the past year has taken the place of Syria and the Gulf states as Hamas' diplomatic address. This has made the group increasingly dependent on Cairo over the past months and its leaders are constantly visiting the Egyptian capital.

The Week in Israel

Sept. 15

- Four Israelis were among eight people being held hostage in Colombia. The eight were kidnapped while hiking near ruins in the northern mountains by leftist anti-government guerrillas.

Sept. 16

- Israel is reducing its allocation to the Birthright Israel program. The cut in the state's 2004 draft budget would reduce the sum to $500,000 (US) over 5 years from its original $14-million commitment. Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu pledged to restore Israel's financial commitment to Birthright in 2005.

Sept. 17

- Israel reportedly has agreed to release some top Hezbollah prisoners in exchange for businessman Elchanan Tannenbaum and the remains of three Israeli soldiers kidnapped in Har Dov in 2000.

Sept. 18

- Israeli media reported that Egyptian intellectuals are warning against suing Jews for gold the ancient Hebrews took from Egypt. Abd al-Wahab al-Masiri, who has written about Jews and Judaism, said a lawsuit could bolster Zionist claims to the Land of Israel.

Sept. 19

- Defence Minister Shaul Mofaz said Palestinian Authority prime minister-designate Ahmed Qureia can prove himself as a peace partner only by launching a crackdown on extremist groups once he takes office. "As long as [Yasser] Arafat continues to be the Palestinian leader, I don't think there's a chance to move forward in the peace process," Mofaz told Israel Radio. He made the remarks after U.S. President George W. Bush said the day before that the road map peace plan had stalled because of Arafat's failed leadership.

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Greetings from CJC

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denunciation of Ahenakew's remarks by First Nations leaders and grassroots members, along with the renewal of ties between our two communities, will be the enduring legacy of that story.

This past year, CJC was particularly active on the parliamentary scene, appearing before House of Commons and Senate committees and presenting briefs on several proposed legislative changes to the Criminal Code and other laws that affect our community's interests. As usual, we were also busy with the Department of Foreign Affairs, presenting briefs in advance of the UN Commission of Human Rights meetings in Geneva. CJC also answered Foreign Affairs Minister Bill Graham's call for input on Canada's foreign policy, submitting a comprehensive document on international anti-Semitism, terrorism, Jews from Arab lands and support for Israel.

Officials from the Foreign Affairs and Canadian Heritage departments looked to CJC for its expertise as they prepared for Canada's participation in a June conference on anti-Semitism convened by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Vienna (OSCE). CJC met with members of the Canadian delegation prior to the conference. Staff from CJC's offices in Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto are currently preparing for the visit to Canada by the UN Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism. Roundtable sessions on antiSemitism were to have been held between Sept. 16 and Sept. 25 in each of the three cities.

CJC is also challenging an application to broadcast the Al Jazeera network in Canada. The comprehensive 36-page legal brief we submitted to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) includes numerous examples of the network's virulent anti-Semitism and cites jurisprudence pertaining to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms that answers all who would mischaracterize our opposition as quelling free speech.

These briefs and others can be found on the CJC Web site at www.cjc.ca.

I have touched on only a few of the year's highlights, and much has been left out (such as CJC missions to Israel, including the Ontario mayors' mission). The past year has been one of the most challenging, hectic, demanding and ultimately, rewarding in my 20-some years as a volunteer in this community. I am proud of the accomplishments of this outstanding organization, which has been called by *The CJN* the "rampart for the Jews of Canada since its founding in 1919." It is a role CJC is well-prepared to continue long into the future as we face the challenges ahead.

I wish you all a sweet year and a meaningful fast.

L'Shanah Tovah Tikateivu.

German Jews shaken by bomb plot

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

BERLIN — A feeling of insecurity has spread through Germany's Jewish community since authorities uncovered a plot to plant a bomb at a November ceremony to launch the construction of a new synagogue in Munich, Jewish leaders said last week.

Authorities last week announced the arrest of an 11th suspect in the foiled neo-Nazi plot to plant a bomb at the Nov. 9 ceremony, which coincides with the anniversary of the Nazis' 1938 Kristallnacht pogrom in which thousands of shuls and Jewish businesses were attacked.

The deputy leader of the Central Council of German Jews, Charlotte Knobloch, said the country's right wing has not been so organized since the Nazi era.

> *'Neo-Nazi attack is an assault against humanity'*

"We're asking ourselves: Has it gone so far again?" said Knobloch.

Another German Jewish leader, Paul Spiegel, said most Germans viewed the foiled plot as an attack against Jews that did not concern them.

"They don't grasp that this neo-Nazi attack is an assault against humanity and against democracy in this country," Spiegel told Phoenix television.

The author Ralph Giordano, a Holocaust survivor who remained in Germany after the war, called on all Germans to become more vigilant against the right wing.

"Munich is the final warning," said Giordano, 80, who was in Berlin to accept a prize from the Leo Baeck Institute for promoting German-Jewish reconciliation through his works, which include the autobiographical novel *The Bertinis*, which tells the story of a Jewish family in Hamburg during World War II.

Eleven people, including a well-known neo-Nazi, Martin Wiese, have been arrested in the past two weeks in connection with the alleged plot to plant a bomb at the ceremony marking the laying of a cornerstone at the new synagogue in central Munich.

The main Munich synagogue destroyed by the Nazis was never rebuilt. Instead, the Jewish community established three smaller synagogues.

The latest suspect, a 17-year-old, was arrested in Munich and was being held on suspicion of belonging to a terrorist organization, said a spokesperson for federal prosecutors in Karlsruhe. No other details were released.

The *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* reported last week that Wiese had purchased 1.7 kilograms of TNT that police seized in a raid last week.

A security official in the eastern state of Brandenburg, state Interior Minister Joerg Schoenbohm, called for more undercover operations against the far-right.

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THE WAR FOR ISRAEL'S SURVIVAL

Yesha Rapid Response Teams - The Frontline Defenders of Israel

Throughout YESHA *(Judea, Samaria and Aza)* an ever intensifying war continues. An ever greater part of this war has moved into the heart of the communities of Yesha. The burden of this war is borne by the **Rapid Response Teams** of these communities.

The "*Iron Triangle*" and "*Backbone of the Mountain*" are names used by the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) to describe the four settlements that surround the holy biblical city of Schechem *(Nablus)*, a major base of Hamas and Jihad Islami terrorists. The community of *Yitzhar* is one of the four settlements *(Elon Moreh, Bracha* and *Itamar* are the others,) situated in this region. It was infiltrated on a moonless Thursday night by two heavily armed terrorists who were detected below one of Yitzhar's outposts. An alarm was sounded and the Rapid Response Team (RRT) sprung into action. Within five minutes one terrorist was killed and the second who was wounded escaped to a nearby Arab village.

Who and what are these response teams and how do they function?

During the early 1970's the Arabs, as part of their relentless war on Israel, began a campaign specifically targeting civilians to murder or kidnap. To limit the damage of these attacks, the IDF turned to Yesha and the border communities and asked them to organize Rapid Response Teams *(RRTs or Kitot Konnenut)* tasking them with containing these attacks until the army's arrival. With time, the Arabs changed their strategy and tactics and these units were effectively abandoned.

In the early '80's a new military command named *Hagmar* (regional defense command) was created in Yesha by Chief of Staff (C.O.S.) Raphael Eitan, utilising the potential of the soldiers living in the settlements to serve under a local command. Having been initially well trained and equipped, these highly motivated units excelled as a deterrent force. This drew the attention and wrath of the ever-vociferous extreme left, demanding the dissolution and disarmament of these units, claiming the Jews of Yesha were becoming a militia unto themselves.

These baseless claims found a receptive ear among the new Chiefs of Staff - Shomron, Shahak and Barak - in the years to come. They stripped these units of training, equipment and any meaningful assignments, ultimately leaving them without a sense of mission. The final blow was struck after the Rabin assassination when the armouries and individuals living in the settlements were stripped of their weapons and ammunition, effectively leaving certain areas and Jews in Yesha defenceless.

As the Oslo agreement deteriorated and unpublished intelligence reports indicated the formation by the P.A. of special liquidation units (based on the Holocaust era *S.S. Einzatsgruppen*) trained for the sole purpose of annihilating the Jews in the communities of Yesha. Much feverish activity took place, once again leading to no real concrete changes.

A reassessment by the IDF of the purpose of the Rapid Response Teams finally took shape in the late '90s under the guidance of then C.O.S. Shaul Mofaz and his assistant, the current C.O.S. Moshe Yaalon. At the time, they anticipated large scale attacks directed at outlying settlements and realized that the Arab forces spread throughout the villages in Yesha had the firepower, training and ability to cut off all the roads to the settlements. Therefore it was established that from here on, these RRTs would be responsible to repel an attack - without relying on the IDF. Although responsibility was now transferred to these units, little was done in terms of training or equipment.

Since September 2000, the face of Israel completely changed, confronting the average citizen with unprecedented violence and terror. The Arabs concentrated most of their firepower on the roads leading to the Yesha communities, knowing full well that these roads are their lifelines and simply put, not being able to travel means not being able to exist. These Yesha communities have borne the brunt of this savage and relentless guerrilla war in which the overwhelming strategic advantage clearly goes to the attacking forces, as they select the time and location of their assault, forcing Yesha communities to be on constant alert, never knowing where and when to expect the next terror attack.

By March 2002 the situation deteriorated further, with a series of well planned attacks that have developed into the main thrust and strategy of the Arabs in their quest to destroy the settlements. Arabs have been - and still are - employed in the communities and in many places are part of the daily lives of its inhabitants. Their almost unnoticed presence enables them to pass on "real time" intelligence in order to exploit weaknesses, to strike at will. This incredible phenomenon continues in most of the communities in Yesha to this very day.

In March 2002, within a period of two weeks, four communities were infiltrated in the Gush Katif area alone, resulting in the murder of 11 people, 7 of them teenagers. Whole families were obliterated as the Arabs sought to sow as much carnage as possible within the shortest possible time. Between March 2002 and February 2003 more than 500 infiltrations were attempted against Yesha communities. It was quickly realized that their security network must be immediately reorganized in order to survive. After discussions between the settlements and the I.D.F. a decision was made to delegate the tasks of security to the Rapid Response Teams. These teams were composed of twelve of the most capable combat experienced men living in the yishuv. The teams, however, were neither equipped, trained nor available to counter the new threat.

To equip a twelve man Rapid Response Team costs approximately $60,000 (U.S.) not including the intensive continuous training required. At present, very few communities have the resources to adequately train and equip Rapid Response Teams. The existing teams are fulfilling their responsibilities dangerously under-equipped. The I.D.F. - except for some assault rifles and ammunition - does not provide any additional equipment due to their own dire budgetary constraints.

In January 1999, as a result of the ever increasing violence, and foreseeing a sustained guerrilla war, a grassroots organization was formed by community activists living in the outlying settlements, who named their organization ***"Mishmeret Yesha" (Guardians of Yesha)***. Amongst its goals was the strengthening of the security of all outposts and settlements. Since September 2000, Mishmeret Yesha undertook to provide armored vests and other critical non-lethal equipment (communications gear, scopes, ballistic helmets, night vision binoculars, tactical lighting, etc.), which are desperately needed to strengthen these units operating on the frontlines of Yesha.

The past 31 months of endless attacks - and countless alerts and alarms - have exhausted the energies of the men and women in the outlying Yesha communities. Having lived with the violence on the roads for many years, the Jews of Yesha expected that at least inside their settlement and homes, they were safe. Now however, the violence has been thrust into Yesha's schools, homes and bedrooms.

Mishmeret Yesha is requesting Jewish communities worldwide to stand by their brave Jewish brethren in Yesha and enable them to hold the front lines of Israel at this most perilous juncture in Israel's existence - and help them to stop the next tragedy before it happens (G-d forbid). The monies required by Mishmeret Yesha for this project are not for victims, not for ambulances, not for medical equipment, nor for trees. These monies are for preventing the next attack. This is one project in which all Jews can and must participate to actually change the situation.

By doing so, one really observes two commandments of the Torah; ***"DO NOT STAND IDLY BY YOUR BROTHER'S BLOOD" and "LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOU LOVE YOURSELF"***.

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Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

FILMMAKER SHOPSOWITZ SEEKS HOME MOVIES, LETTERS, DIARIES FOR WORLD WAR II DOCUMENTARY

Veteran Toronto filmmaker **Karen Shopsowitz** and the production company YAP Films recently started pre-production for a three-hour, three-part documentary series for television about the lives of ordinary Canadians during the Second World War.

Titled *Canada's War: The Lost Colour Archives*, the series is being timed to coincide with the 60th anniversary of D-Day in June 2004. Shopsowitz and her associates are seeking colour footage, shot either in Canada or by servicemen overseas, which may have lain neglected in homes or archives for decades.

"We're looking for those films sitting in people's basements and attics, forgotten reels of 16-mm or 8-mm colour film, shot during the '30s and '40s," she said. "There's a lot more footage out there than people would expect… What we're doing is asking people to take a look and see what's there."

Historian **Jack Granatstein**, a consultant for the series, speaks enthusiastically about its potential to present a completely unknown side of World War II. "Home movies can show what people wore and how they lived, while servicemen's films can add a wholly new aspect to our understanding of the soldiers' lives overseas," he said.

The team is also hoping to unearth letters, diaries and other materials. According to executive producer **Elliott Halpern**, the finished product "will enable a new generation to understand the sacrifice of a nation and experience for themselves what drove it to victory."

Do you have material to contribute? If so, contact Shopsowitz at 416-504-6662 or by e-mail at kshopsowitz@yapfilms.com.

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Kfir Gluzberg's pictures of architectural Israel are on view at the Klim Gallery until Oct. 9

Photos from Israel: Kfir Gluzberg, an 18-year-old former CHAT student now in his second year of architectural studies at the University of Waterloo, took hundreds of photos of doors and windows during a Birthright trip to Israel in May. His parents **Daniel** and **Raya Gluzberg**, who run the Klim Art Gallery, have assembled about 60 of his best pieces into a photographic exhibition, "The Gates of Jerusalem."

The show opened in the midtown space last week and remains on view until Oct. 9.

Originally from Vilnius, Lithuania, the Gluzbergs lived in Israel for 16 years and moved to Canada when Kfir was four years old. They are the exclusive representatives in Canada for Rolling Stone musician and painter **Ron Wood**. They also run an art school and are active in art publishing and promotion.

Klim is located at 2473 Yonge St. (near Castlefield). 416-932-9221.

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Art Deco at the ROM: Fresh from London's Victoria and Albert Museum, Art Deco 1910-1939 – the wonderful and wide-ranging display of prewar art deco objects that opened last week at the Royal Ontario Museum – naturally includes ample representation by Jewish artists.

A pair of matching porcelain figurines titled *Prince and Princess*, for example, are the work of German artist **Gerhard Shliepstein**, about 1925, and were a gift from **Mrs. Saul. A. Silverman** of Montreal; the ROM has ranked them among the top 10 items in the exhibition. Visitors will also enjoy the exquisite bookbindings by artists **Rose Adler** and **Madeline Kohn**.

However, the modernesque poster produced by artist **Jupp Wiertz** about 1935 for display in travel agencies may evoke mixed feelings. It bids travellers to have a "Pleasant Trip to Germany" and features numerous modern modes of travel, including a Hindenburg-style zeppelin with Nazi swastikas on the tail fins. History has added an unintended but unavoidable layer of irony.

The exhibition, which continues until Jan. 4, 2004, is enhanced by art deco objects from the ROM's Bernard and Syvia Ostry Collection. Housed in the Samuel European Galleries, the Ostry collection features 50 rare and exemplary works including furniture, lamps and decorative sculptures.

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Arts in Brief

- Between Stages presents a staged reading of *Sara's Cave*, an award-winning new Holocaust play about a woman who hides a Jewish family from the Nazis. A discussion with author **Don Molnar** follows. Suggested donation $5. Miles Nadal JCC, Thursday, Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m.
- Two episodes in the W Network's *Stories of Mothers & Daughters* series, directed by **Barri Cohen**, explore the relationship between Holocaust survivor **Olga Verall** and her daughters, **Judy** and **Leslie**. The first episode airs Sept. 29 at 10 p.m. (repeats Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m.), and the second airs Oct. 6 at 10 p.m. (repeats Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m.).

Olga Verrall and her daughter Judy confront the past Sept.29.

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Nobody Swings on Sunday an elegy to Toronto's Jewish past

By TAMMY STONE
Special to The CJN

"We children of immigrants live in two worlds: the one we were born to in Canada, and the one our parents escaped from." So begins *Nobody Swings on Sunday*, a new documentary by Harry Rasky that explores the Toronto Jewish experience in the 1930s and 1940s.

During a career that has spanned five decades and more than 40 documentaries, Rasky has mined diverse subject matter in distinguished works about some of the great artists of modern times – from singer/songwriter Leonard Cohen to playwright Tennessee Williams and photographer Yousuf Karsh.

He has also been nominated for a number of Emmy and Academy awards, notably for his 1977 masterpiece *Homage to Chagall: The Colours of Love.*

"But I always wanted to do something about my own roots," he says from his Toronto home.

The opportunity presented itself two years ago when he gave a guided tour of the St. Clair West area where he grew up, starting at the Earlscourt branch of the Toronto Public Library just south of Dufferin Street and St. Clair Avenue.

Rasky says he "reluctantly agreed to do it," and couldn't have anticipated the turnout – about 200 people – nor the interest participants took in the tour.

Luckily, he brought a cameraman with him to record the event, and the footage became the seed of this portrait of Rasky's – and Toronto's – past.

Based largely on his book of the same name, the title of the film, which airs on CBC-TV Sept. 25 at 7 p.m., refers to an almost comical edict passed by the authorities in Toronto during the Depression.

At the time, Toronto was predominantly Protestant, and Rasky recalls that a police officer once stopped him from playing in the park with the words: "Oh laddie. Oh no. On the Lord's Day, nobody swings on Sunday." (Needless to say, the fact Rasky was Jewish and that Saturday was his Sabbath would not have made a difference to the officer.)

With deft humour and a talent for engaging storytelling, Rasky narrates the documentary, combining personal details about his family's experiences with facts about Jewish life in Toronto.

Jews were the single largest minority group in the city during the 1930s and 1940s, and most lived in and around Kensington Market.

Rasky's family, Russian immigrants, lived in the St. Clair West area, another partially Jewish enclave further north.

"My memory of that time was of having a rough time," Rasky says, because his parents spoke a different language and anti-Semitism was prevalent.

"I wanted to express all those things [in the film]."

Rasky weaves many elements into the nostalgic film, including his own evocative paintings and those of Aba Bayefsky that depict Kensington Market, as well as interviews with Toronto Jews who grew up in the city and faced anti-Semitism in school. Some well-known Toronto Jews, including entrepreneur Ed Mirvish, Mayor Mel Lastman and former York University president Harry Arthurs also share their insights about Toronto Jewry in the first half of the 20th century.

Nobody Swings on Sunday is not just a chronicle of anti-Semitism, although it does touch on some of the salient aspects of being a Jewish immigrant in a Protestant world – a world encapsulated by a black-and-white photograph depicting four women sitting by a banner stating proudly that they lost 28 sons between them to World War I.

Rasky's film is a lovely elegy to the past, imbued with such anecdotes as his (illiterate) grandmother's brush with the law over her snatching of the neighbours' newspapers – not to read, but to fuel her stove.

For every sobering fact presented in the film – such as Jews not being able to enter the teaching profession – there is a delightful memory brought to life through Rasky's narration and the use of black-and-white photographs.

Among these are several striking pictures of old movie palaces in an area that used to brim with them: for a nickel, people would escape the difficulties of their lives and head to the St. Clair or the Oakwood to watch movies.

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Dummy is a warm-hearted Jewish family drama

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Dummy, an off-beat comedy directed by Greg Pritikin, is bound to warm hearts.

Premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival and scheduled to open here Sept. 26, *Dummy* revolves around family, romance and friendship.

It stars Adrien Brody as Steven Schoichet, a nice, awkward Jewish man whose life seems at a dead end.

He dislikes his job, and though he lives at home, he is lonely. Worse still, his parents treat him somewhat condescendingly.

What to do? He takes up ventriloquism. The dummy he buys becomes his alter ego and confidence builder. Strange but true.

Adrien Brody and Illeana Douglas in *Dummy*.

Adrien Brody, who went on to star in *The Pianist* after making this crowd-pleasing film, portrays the thirtyish Schoichet.

There are four women in his life: his imperturbable mother Fern (Jessica Walter), who constantly proffers cheese blintzes, the soul food of Jews; his unmarried sister, Heidi (Illeana Douglas), a wedding planner who recently broke off her engagement to an accountant; Fangora (Milla Jovovich), an eccentric rock musician; and Lorena (Vera Farmiga), an employment counsellor.

Fern flits in and out of scenes as the proverbial Jewish mother. Heidi makes occasional but pivotal appearances as a woman enveloped in a web of frustration.

The most engaging sub-plots, however, concern Lorena and Fangora.

Schoichet ardently woos Lorena, a single mother, but his romantic techniques are rather primitive. The police issue a restraining order, but this hardly deters him.

When he finally brings Lorena home for a Friday night meal, his inquisitive mother bombards Lorena with a litany of questions. The most important ones concern Lorena's background.

"Are you Jewish?"

Lorena replies, "No, Italian."

To which Fern retorts, "Same thing."

Fangora, a feisty musician whose language is salted with epithets, is the most unusual character in the film.

When she decides to incorporate klezmer music into her band's repertoire, she stays up nights reading *The Joys of Yiddish*.

In short order, Fangora, incongruously enough, is belting out *Shein Vi Di L'Vone* and other standard Jewish hits from weddings and bar mitzvahs.

Unfortunately, Jovovich's pronunciation of Yiddish is simply atrocious. She should have fired her dialect coach.

But this is a mere quibble. *Dummy* is expertly directed, and the performances ring true.

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Filmmaker Anita Doron: from the Carpathians to Canada

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Anita Doron is a storyteller who happens to be a filmmaker.

A published poet who has been writing since the age of five, she said, "I don't want to make films because it's cool or funky, but because I want to inspire people and take them into different worlds."

With *Not a Fish Story*, a 23-minute short screened at the recent Toronto International Film Festival, Doron breaks new ground as a teller of tales and movie director.

Anita Doron

Not a Fish Story, which was showcased in the Perspectives Canada category, is bizarre, surreal, amusing and instructive.

Facing what appears to be a mid-life crisis, a man decides to transform himself into a fish. He builds a large aquarium in his basement and sets about becoming an amphibian.

Rose, his wife, is dumbfounded. But she comes around and helps her husband. In doing so, she liberates herself and finds true happiness.

"For me, it's about a woman who's stronger than she thought," said Doron, a 29-year-old honours graduate of Ryerson University's film studies program. "She copes with a new situation and starts a new, more fulfilling life."

Doron, whose parents live on a kibbutz close to Israel's border with Lebanon, originally wrote *Not a Fish Story* as a short story.

At Ryerson, thanks to grants from the Ontario Arts Council and the National Film Board of Canada, she converted it into a movie.

Having obtained funds from the Ontario Film Development Corporation, she and her producer Jonathan Orson, plan to start production on a new short in October.

Entitled *Elliot Smelliot*, it revolves around a 12-year-old Jewish genius who falls for a 20-year-old student.

Doron, who settled in Toronto after marrying a Canadian freelance writer seven years ago, is also working on three feature films.

The first is a romantic comedy, *God Help Us*. The second, *Kaleidoscope*, takes place in Hungary before and during the Holoocaust, and is based on her grandmother's diary. The third, *House of Dolls*, turns on the quest of three obsessed doll collectors to find a rare porcelain doll.

Doron was born in the Carpathian town of Bergszasz, which was part of Hungary before World War I.

Armed with a Super 8 camera, she made her first film at the age of 12. It was a documentary about a polluted river, and it annoyed the Soviet government.

But long before she discovered cinema, Doron was a compulsive writer, grinding out polished poetry good enough to be published in book form.

Her parents, Uri and Erika, both of whom are engineers, left the Soviet Union illegally. They arrived in Israel during the 1991 Gulf War.

They left the Soviet Union with three bags, all of which were lost en route. Today, they live on Kibbutz Hanita.

"My mother is from a traditional Jewish family. She always wanted to live in Israel," she explained. "My father was an atheist, but in Israel he found his identity as a Jew."

The first year was quite difficult. "The kibbutz is a closed society," she said. But gradually, all three adjusted.

While serving in the Israeli army, Doron took a video course, and this prompted her to study film. "The course was a marriage of words and images," said Doron. "I fell in love with it."

Upon completing her national service, she visited relatives in Canada. In Toronto, she met, then married, Jack Gerb, whom she describes as "this wonderful man."

They settled in Toronto after visiting Israel. Gerb, from Winnipeg, did not want to live in Israel.

At Ryerson, Doron acquitted herself brilliantly, winning the Norman Jewison Filmmaker Award, the Harvey Hart Director Award and the Applied Arts Award of Excellence.

Fresh out of Ryerson in 2001, she worked as a researcher for Atom Egoyan on the film *Ararat*.

Doron likes Canada. "It's such a tolerant, peaceful country." Yet she hopes to return to Israel so that she can be reunited with her parents. "It's very painful to be separated, but we'll try to find a way to be together."

Yet she is philosophical. "A filmmaker," she said, "can live anywhere."

Nobody Swings on Sunday
an elegy to Toronto's Jewish past

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Another old building many people may not know about is the original Mt. Sinai Hospital, located in the Yorkville area. The hospital was created by Jewish women because their doctor husbands weren't able to get jobs at other hospitals. Rasky notes that the building is to be torn down soon.

Students that he lectures to today, Rasky says, can't believe Toronto has such a history of anti-Semitism. He counters this disbelief with an indisputable claim: "It happened. I was there."

He says that when he showed the documentary to his nieces and nephews, they were "troubled by it."

But he says it's important to know the history of our cities, which play such an important role in our lives.

"We're almost totally shaped by the city we live in," Rasky says. "I was highly shaped by the old neighbourhood. And I've never forgotten."

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Mix of cultures highlights the music of Jeszcze Raz

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

The members of Jeszcze Raz have been entertaining Montreal audiences with their exuberant repertoire of klezmer, jazz, Polish, Middle Eastern and Gypsy music since 1995 and have distinguished themselves in the city's world-music scene.

Jeszcze Raz

Formed by Paul Kunigis, a former Israeli, the band records in five languages – Hebrew, Polish, Yiddish, Arabic and French. Its latest CD, *Balagane*, won a Juno Award in the world music category this year and sold about 15,000 copies.

Jeszcze Raz (pronounced yes-chay raz) is Polish for "once more" and is a substitute term for "happy birthday" in the Polish birthday song.

The source of Jeszcze Raz's multi-lingualism is Kunigis, the band's vocalist and piano player, who is credited with writing all the songs on *Balagane*. He has a mixed cultural and religious background in which worlds collide.

Kunigis was born in Poland to a Jewish father, a highly decorated Polish Army officer, and a Roman Catholic mother. His father, Misha, was in the Russian army at the onset of World War II and was repatriated to the Polish army at the end of the war.

"There were quite a few Jewish officers in the Russian and Polish armies," Kunigis says.

In 1957, when he was three years old, the family immigrated to Israel. Kunigis, who had a bar mitzvah and a first communion, says he was comfortable being raised in two religious traditions. "It was a natural thing. I went to church and I went to synagogue."

He recalls that his father and his former Red Army buddies used to sing into the wee hours of the morning while the Johnny Walker flowed on weekends at the family's home in Ramat Gan.

Kunigis, a self-taught musician, counts his father among his musical influences.

Kunigis left Israel for Toronto to study linguistics and history at York University, and after graduation worked in the travel industry. A job transfer took him to Montreal.

Nine years ago, at 40, Kunigis decided to make music a full-time career.

His father was shocked that he quit a stable job for an insecure profession.

"Luckily, I had the opportunity to do a couple of shows before he died," Kunigis says, adding that his father could see that his efforts to teach his son about his heritage hadn't been wasted.

Indeed, the ability to understand several languages and several cultures is one of the best gifts his parents could have given him, Kunigis says.

He tries to convey the importance of tradition in his songwriting and he hopes to convey it to his children, Alexis, 3, and Arielle, 14 months.

"You can be who you want to be, but don't forget where you come from," he says.

The language Kunigis chooses for his lyrics is determined by a song's melody, he says. The woeful title song of the band's CD *Balagane* (meaning *Chaos*), about Middle Eastern politics, is suited to Hebrew, while "the Polish songs are more nostalgic, because I left there when I was three."

Along with Kunigis, Jeszcze Raz also includes four English and French Quebecers and a Romanian violinist.

"A good United Nations," he says. "And they're all expected to speak Polish and Hebrew."

Recently, an audience of 800 sang along with the band in Polish, and they've had Arabs and Jews in the audience singing side by side.

The band attracts audiences of all ages, including at a recent show three generations of one family – a daughter, a mother and a grandmother – aged 7 to 77. "The young people trip on the rhythms and the different way of dancing," Kunigis says. "And for the older people, it gives them something they're familiar with."

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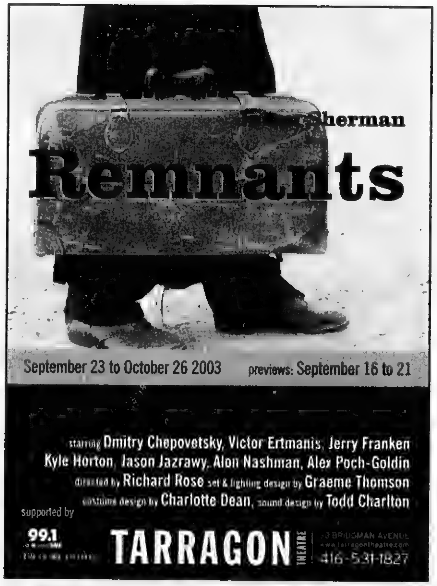

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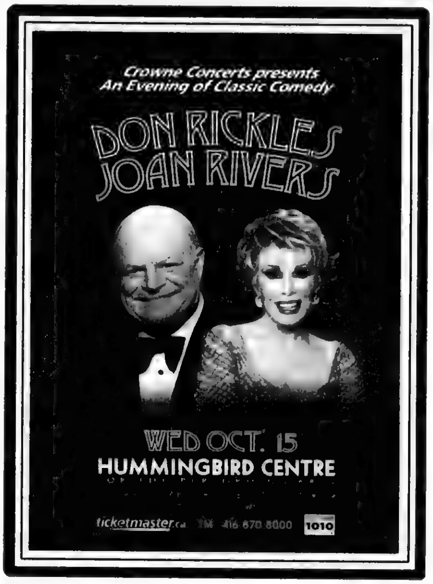

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Panel examines myths surrounding SARS, West Nile

By ADI NEUBERGER
Special to The CJN

We can put away our face masks and breathe easier, as it seems SARS – severe acute respiratory syndrome – is not the threat health officials originally believed it be.

After extensive hands-on experience, health officials now maintain it can only be contracted through close contact with an infected person and is not an airborne threat, as initially feared.

In fact, the risk to the public at large of contracting SARS is quite small, said Dr. Andrew Simor, head of Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre department of microbiology, during a panel discussion sponsored by the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science last week in Toronto.

The panel examined the misconceptions and fears surrounding SARS, West Nile virus and mad cow disease, the triumvirate of illnesses that received a great deal of attention last spring and summer.

"The major risk to the public has always been those [SARS] cases that go unrecognized," said Simor, who was a key player in Toronto's fight against the disease.

During the SARS crisis, fears escalated when it was learned that people arriving here from Asia had carried the disease with them. Canadian airports were subjected to extraordinary SARS-related precautions, causing unprecedented travel delays.

But we now know only 14 per cent of infected Canadians contracted the disease while travelling, Simor said. "The situation we saw at Canadian airports was caused more by political pressures than health considerations."

Fears of West Nile may have been similarly exaggerated, the panel heard. As of September 2003, there have been 409 confirmed cases of West Nile in Ontario, though most of the people infected have not exhibited serious signs of the disease, said Harvey Artsob, Health Canada's director of the zoonotic diseases and special pathogens program at the National Microbiology Laboratory.

For every 150 people infected, 80 per cent show no symptoms, while less than one per cent end up with serious central nervous system complications.

"While we still view West Nile as a serious disease, especially among the elderly and those with compromised immune systems, we are not as concerned about the general population," Artsob said.

He also revealed that the initial North American outbreak of West Nile in 1999 was accompanied by suspicions of bio-terrorism until scientific investigation proved otherwise.

"There was a report associated with Iraq that listed West Nile as a possible agent of bio-terrorism," said Artsob.

Later, experts determined that it most likely entered the United States on an infected mosquito or bird, coincidentally one that may have come from Israel.

The panel of doctors also included Yuval Shaked, a fellow at Sunnybrook and Women's College department of molecular cell biology, and Graham Sher, CEO of Canadian Blood Services.

280 pints - and counting - for blood donor, 60

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Retired hair stylist Morton Allan Cohen has been giving blood for more than 40 years.

Morton Allan Cohen

To date, the 60-year-old has donated 280 pints.

"I guess I've been a mitzvah boy all my life," Cohen says.

Born in Fredericton and raised in Saint John, N.B., where, he says, "almost all the people there are my relatives," he came to Toronto in 1981.

"I love Toronto. Today, there are very few Jews left in Fredericton and Saint John."

Cohen says he realized the serious need for blood when he was a teenager.

"One night, I received a call from the hospital in Fredericton telling me that they needed my blood type. A girl of three months was dying and needed a transfusion of ORH-positive blood.

"I went down to the hospital, gave my blood and the baby survived. So I thought, why couldn't I do it for other people too?"

Over the years, he has been called on many occasions to donate because of his blood type.

Cohen is the son of Lillian Budovitch and the late Israel Cohen. Both sets of grandparents came to New Brunswick in 1914.

He is very proud of his family.

"My late grandfather, Myron Cohen of Saint John was a member of Parliament. My aunt is Senator Erminie Cohen of Saint John and my brother Warren Cohen is a past president of the Sgoolai Israel Synagogue in Fredericton, just to name a few."

Cohen graduated from Wilfred Beauty School in New York, where he received an honours degree in hairdressing.

In Toronto, he worked at Terrace Beauty Salon, but gave up his career because of a back problem. He is now a volunteer hairdresser at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

"When I work at Baycrest, the bubbies and zaides give me tips, but I don't like to accept them," he says. "I give it all to Israel."

He says he gives blood as frequently as he can. "And if I could, I would give more."

He also volunteers on the telephones for Canadian Blood Services. It has given him several awards for his commitment to the blood program.

Cohen also volunteers for the United Jewish Appeal campaign and has been a member of B'nai Brith's Leonard Mayzel Lodge for 26 years.

Cohen says it's important to help others by donating both time and money, and says he hopes others will follow his example and donate much-needed blood.

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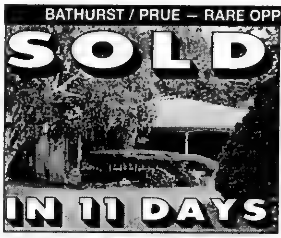

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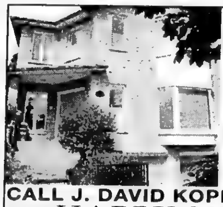

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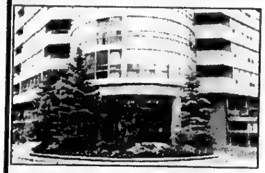

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Sports & Leisure

Toronto teens haul home medals from Maccabi Games

By NEIL BECKER
Special to The CJN

Swimmer Adam Eilat led a strong Toronto swim team at the recently concluded JCC Maccabi Games, returning home with a medal haul that included 10 golds and one silver.

His teammates on the swim squad added six other gold medals, seven silver and four bronze.

Overall, teen athletes representing the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre (BJCC) capped months of hard work and perseverance with an impressive medal haul at the Tenafly, N.J., games.

Also represented on the winner's podium were the girl's soccer squad, the female basketball team and the boys' baseball team, each of which won silver medals.

In tennis, Toronto athletes recorded sweeps, winning gold, silver and a bronze medals in both male and female events.

Not to be outdone, the golf team drove and putted their way to two golds in the boys 15-16 category, while the 13-14 males brought home two bronzes.

Meanwhile, on the track, Toronto athletes reached the winner's circle with two golds and a silver.

"The games went quite successfully, and the power outage hit in New Jersey, but luckily, it didn't affect the games," said Grant Smith, head of the BJCC delegation. "The girls' soccer team, which won bronze last year, took home the silver, and our swimmers did really well in winning the overall meet."

Out of the approximately 80 athletes who took the 10-hour bus ride to New Jersey, about half were rookies who, Smith said, had only positive things to say about the experience.

"The kids came back with a big smile, and the experience is something they will cherish for life. Parents called already asking about next year," he said.

The weekend competition kicked off at the Continental Airlines Arena with opening ceremonies that saw athletes march in city by city.

In total, 40 teams participated in the games, representing communities in the United States, Israel, Canada, Mexico, Britain and Venezuela.

In addition to the sports competition, participants were treated to cultural activities that included a host family night, a carnival and an NBA jam session.

"In all my years, I have never met anyone who didn't have a good time, and that's what it's all about," Smith said.

With the games barely concluded, attention is turning to next summer's event in Boston and Smith said organizers are already in contact with the coaches.

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New magazine focuses on ‘geezer’ skateboarding

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

About 30 to 40 years ago, a curious juxtaposition of wealth and rebelliousness was taking form in middle class communities of southern California and Florida.

A group of young dudes, some with experience at the quintessentially Californian pursuit of surfing, were surreptitiously developing a new sport and the outlaw attitude that went with it. These people, from Modesto to Miami, were taking their skateboards into empty pools in middle class neighbourhoods, into pipes, culverts, and other concrete playgrounds, and performing death-defying jumps, twists and turns.

Often shooed away from their temporary playgrounds by homeowners and security staff, they created the charisma and aura that has since attached itself to the sport of skateboarding.

Today, millions of teenagers – and those a little older – have become skateboarding aficionados, as the sport has spread throughout the United States into Canada and as far afield as Europe.

While the sport, with its flirtation with danger and the ever-present risk of injury on unforgiving concrete surfaces, continues to be most popular among the younger set, there are still plenty of skaters in their 30s, 40s and even 50s who enjoy the exhilaration and freedom it brings.

At 39, Michael Brooke finds himself in the middle of that mature skateboarding demographic. He understands their nostalgia about past exploits along with their interest in current developments.

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Recently, Brooke introduced a glossy and colourful new magazine to the skateboarding scene. Called *Concrete Wave*, the publication appears five times a year and is geared specifically to older skaters – “skate geezers” as he calls them.

It debuted in the United States in the summer of 2002 and arrived on Canadian magazine shelves this month.

Brooke acknowledges there is no shortage of skateboarding magazines, but says they are geared primarily to a younger crowd with an average age of 15.

“While most publications are content to show rails and ledges [used by skaters to perform incredible stunts] and to appeal to a younger demographic, *Concrete Wave* exists for those skaters who are looking for something a little different… *Concrete Wave* covers the widest variety of skateboarding possible: vertical, slalom, freestyle, downhill, longboarding and of course, old school,” Brooke says.

Brooke, who’s been skating for 28 years, says 85 per cent of skaters are under 18, and a vast marketing effort is geared toward enticing them into making purchases in the $2-billion industry.

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At 39, Michael Brooke is well on his way to becoming a skate geezer

Over the years, the sport has developed its own roster of stars – recall the popularity of Tony Hawk, brought in last year to perform at a Toronto Argos game – as well as its own culture, mentality and even look, Brooke says.

The sport’s graphic look, with its extreme colours and cartoonish characters sprayed onto boards, is definitely meant to appeal to teenage skaters, he says.

The culture and mentality is certainly one of the rebels breaking the rules, avoiding law enforcement and skating where they shouldn’t be. Back in the 1960s, that often meant that in warm-weather climates, skaters would search out empty pools and use them as their own private parks until chased away.

One skater featured in the fall issue of the magazine, Tom “Wally” Inouye, was famous for his Inouye’s Pool Service, which appeared to be a legitimate business but which he used to drain pools in southern California so they could be used for skateboarding.

“There was a feeling that if they were caught, the cops will crack heads,” says Brooke, who says he was kicked out of the Yorkdale Shopping Centre parking lot not too long ago.

Today, civic leaders everywhere are trying to accommodate skaters: in Mississauga, a dedicated skateboarding park has been built near the Hershey Centre, while another venue has sprung up in the Leslie Street and Cummer Avenue area of North York.

Still, “you can skateboard anywhere there is a smooth surface,” says Brooke, who still gets out on his board pretty much every day in the summer.

Skateboarding has enjoyed waves of popularity, starting in the early 1960s, when millions of boards were sold.

A second boom took place between 1975 and 1979, with 20 million people worldwide taking up the sport. From 1985 to 1989 the sport again enjoyed wide popularity and then in 1995, it experienced its biggest explosion in popularity, one that’s lasted until today.

Back in 1977, Alan Gelfand became one of competitive skateboarding’s pioneering figures. A resident of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Gelfand developed “the Ollie,” a trick that revolutionized the sport.

Gelfand, who’s Jewish, pressed his weight on the back of the board and popped it up in the air and rode the edge of a pool. He was able to get great height and such total control of the board that “people though he had velcro on his feet,” Brooke says.

Brooke was part of the 1970s boom and he has introduced the sport to his two oldest kids, aged nine and seven. His two-year-old has already balanced on a board.

Brooke hopes his kids take to the sport the way he did, but knowing how rebellious skaters are, he worries that “my kids will rebel against me by taking up golf.”

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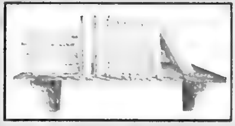

FICTION

• ***The Five Books of Moses Lapinsky***, by Karen X. Tulchinsky, Raincoast, HC, $34.95.

A truly wonderful, passionate and well-researched novel set in Toronto during the Christie Pits Riots. (Torontonians will especially enjoy references to the city's neighbourhoods and landmarks.) A fantastic achievement.

• ***Seven Blessings***, by Ruchama King, St. Martin's Press, HC, $33.95.

A funny, touching and thoroughly enjoyable book about the Orthodox matchmaking scene in Jerusalem and the American ba'alei teshuvah there searching for their niche and for love.

• ***Lost Tribe: Jewish Fiction From the Edge***, edited by Paul Zakrzewski, HarperCollins, SC, $22.95.

The young, rising authors featured here are described by the editor as the "post-Philip Roth generation." A stunning selection of short stories by 25 brilliant – and mostly unconventional – North American Jewish writers depicting contemporary Jewish life.

NON-FICTION

• ***Close Encounters With Twenty Israeli Writers***, by Eilat Negev, Vallentine Mitchell, SC, $38.95.

Through extensive research and interviews, Negev has filled a cultural void, as there has been a marked lack of biographies of that country's most renowned scribes. This very interesting and unusual anthology provides the reader of Israeli literature, for the first time, with biographical information and insight into the lives of 20 prominent, creative writers.

• ***Emanations***, by Ari D. Kahn, Targum/Feldheim, HC, $35.

Rabbi Zev Leff says, "Rabbi Kahn presents novel insights into the themes and aspects of the various holidays… He masterfully and ingeniously weaves together the various sources, finally presenting an intriguing tapestry that conveys fresh new perspectives on the topic… I recommend this work to all those who wish to delve into the depths of the waters of Torah concerning our Holy Days and seasons."

• ***The Blessing of a Broken Heart***, by Sherri Mandell, Toby Press, HC, $29.95.

The author's 13-year-old son, Kobi, was brutally murdered by terrorists. This book, in the words of Naomi Ragen, is "an important meditation on what it means to continue to live and love and bless God after the inexplicable horror of such a loss… the rarest of books; the kind no reader can enter without leaving changed for the better. It is a book that truly blesses its readers."

YOUTH

• ***Courage and Hope: Inspirational Writings by Youth in Gush Etzion***, Gush Etzion Foundation, SC, $14.

Natan Sharansky says, "These children seem to represent the confidence of the Jewish people in the face of seemingly overwhelming odds… a youthful optimism… For a poignant glimpse of 'real life' in Israel today, creatively expressed, this book offers a moving and unusual window."

• ***Avram's Gift***, by Margie Blumberg, MB Publishing, HC, $30.95.

A delightful, moving Rosh Hashana story that teaches how each individual can deeply affect future generations. Exquisite watercolour illustrations by award-winning artist Laurie McGaw. Ages 8 and up.

• ***Apples and Honey***, by Joan Holub, The Penguin Group, SC, $9.99.

A Rosh Hashanah lift-the-flap book for preschoolers with instructions on making an apples-and-honey dish and adorable illustrations by Cary Pillo.

• ***The Magic Pot***, by Sharon Abron Drache, L'Dor Vador, SC, $9.95.

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Recommended Reading is compiled by Atara Beck of Israel's Judaica Centre.

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1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
2 cups quick cooking oats
1 cup raisins

Preheat oven to 375°F. Grease a baking sheet.

Cream together shortening, sugar, honey, egg and orange peel. Stir in flour, baking soda, salt, and oats; beat well. Stir in raisins. Drop by tablespoons onto cookie sheet.

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'It's never too late'

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By MIRIAM PORTER

Rosh Hashanah is a time for new beginnings and decisions. This year, I figured it was the perfect time to (finally) get my own mezuzah. One of the reasons I still didn't have one was because I was embarrassed it had taken me to my 30s to finally do it. I knew the mitzvah of having a mezuzah was important, so I set out on my little journey to make it happen.

I found a scribe through my rabbi and set up an appointment. When I arrived at his house early one Sunday morning in the Bathurst Street and Lawrence Avenue area, I saw the biggest mezuzah I had ever seen in my life, so I assumed I was at the right place. I was led into a room that was jam-packed with boxes overflowing with tfillin, their leather straps hanging over the edges. There were shelves and shelves of tzitzit, challah covers hanging from the walls and mezuzot as far as the eye could see.

I decided on a pretty marine blue mezuzah and handed it over to the friendly looking rabbi sitting at the back of the room so he could put in the scroll. He could tell I was embarrassed when I asked him what blessing I should say when attaching it to my doorpost.

"Is this your first one?" he asked me. I nodded nervously.

"But what about the other doorways of your home? They all need one," he said.

But after he saw the look on my face, he said, "It's never too late to do what you're doing. It's wonderful, and in time, you can cover all the doorposts. It is a mitzvah and you should not be embarrassed."

I felt better and we talked for a few minutes. He generously invited me to spend Shabbat with him and his family after the holidays and I accepted. (Every rabbi I have ever met has invited me over for Shabbat and I have accepted every invitation!) I told him I would return when I was ready to put mezuzot on the other doorways of my apartment.

In the meantime, I am proud of my first mezuzah. Every time I enter or exit my apartment, I am reminded of what it stands for and that it is my new beginning for this Rosh Hashanah.

Shanah Tovah.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

(Answers to the crossword are on page 70.)

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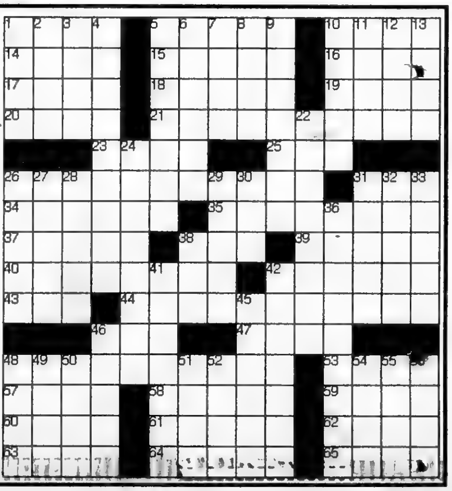
Across
1. Food class, for short
5. Precepts
10. Mens ___ in corpore sano
14. Drug source plant
15. Kol ______
16. Malaysian outrigger
17. Beatles' meter maid
18. Part of theatrical act
19. Follower makes 'T' a high male voice
20. D follower will discourage another
21. To require not a one (3 words)
23. Proofreader's word
25. Hot color
26. First holy day
31. Bon ___
34. Disregard
35. L'olam, or forever, in French
37. Power type
38. The ___'s horn will soon be blown
39. Relaxer
40. Take bullion in hand? (3 words)
42. Horatio and family
43. H.S. graduation certificate
44. High Holy Days occur either in ________ __ October
46. Large phone company
47. Fuel
48. 26 Across is the start of the ___________
53. Tardy
57. Highly eager
58. _____-iliac
59. Abba ____
60. Columbia's agency
61. 21st foot race trial, by the letter?
62. Computer ____
63. Chemical endings
64. Les femmes, the pronoun
65. Union and Grand Centr[illegible]

Down
1. Concern
2. Landed
3. Mechanical learning technique
4. Trophy on a hunter's wall
5. In lieu of
6. Plants having two seed leaves
7. Adam and Eve's Garden
8. ___ Jacobsen, Danish architect, designer of the 'egg chair'
9. View sea eagle?
10. Dispense wealth
11. Firenze's river
12. Mid-day
13. Bern's river
22. Napoleon's form of address to his isle of exile?
24. What holds up the sails?
26. Made haste, poetically
27. Where competitors like to be
28. Empty clam or nautilus
29. Pump muscle
30. Cash dispenser
31. Tight-fisted guy
32. ______ Mesa, southern New Mexico wildland beset by oil and gas interests
33. More concise (abbrev.)
36. Hassle DeGeneres and namesakes
38. Bad ___, negative publicity
41. _____-mesh, town of NW Judah
42. Enamored, affectionate
45. Secluded, at the Sorbonne
46. Opera set in Egypt, in the plural
48. Plain ____
49. Senator ____ Bayh
50. "Solomon the ____"
51. ____ Dayan, wrote about her father
52. Append this to 'D' and affix it
54. Aid and ___
55. Plantation of Gone With The Wind
56. Often are used to justify means



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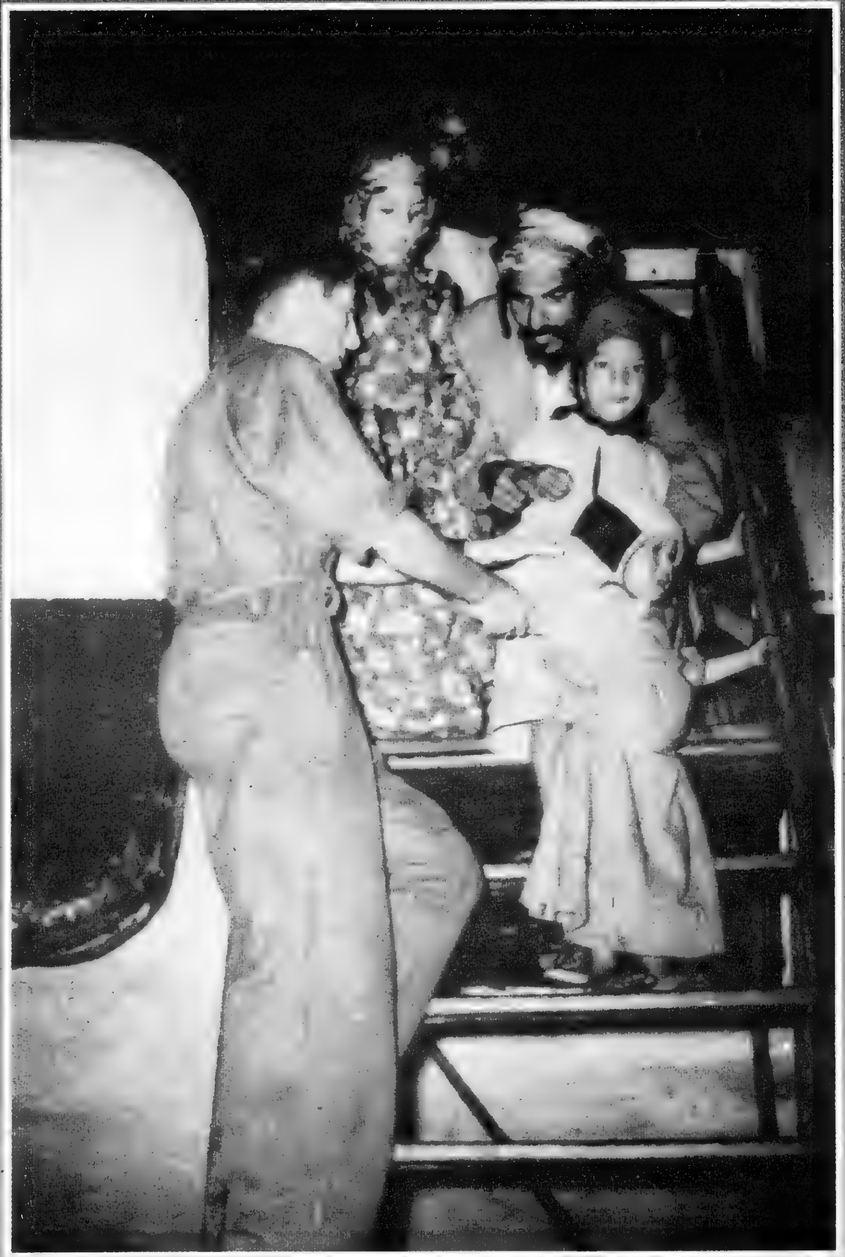

They too were refugees

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To be sure, not all of the immigrants from Arab countries during the period after Israel's birth were refugees. Many rushed, with all their heart and soul, to join their destiny to that of the nascent Jewish state.

But most were refugees, despised and displaced from countries where the cemeteries were filled with the graves of their ancestors.

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Integrity of the historical record

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Editorial

For its own sake, it is imperative that we retell the account of the expulsion of the Jews from Arab countries – and for the sake of the integrity of the historical record.

At a time when voices clamour for justice on behalf of the Arabs who were displaced by the founding of the State of Israel, very few voices clamour for justice on behalf of the Jews who were also displaced by the founding of the Jewish state.

This supplement, therefore, is entirely dedicated to the Jews who were once refugees from Arab countries and to the doing of justice on their behalf.

We hope it will be a reference document that chronicles the history and the plight of the former Jewish refugees. In it, we have assembled essays from some of the most renowned scholars in the field.

Maurice Roumani provides an introductory overview, in which he makes the very forceful point that "Jews too have legitimate rights in the Middle East." Malka Hillel Shulewitz has written about the national, cultural and religious context to the expulsion. Sarah Taieb Carlen gives a comprehensive history of the Jews of North Africa (the Maghreb). Judy Feld Carr brings her unique expertise to bear upon a history of the Jews of Syria. And we have reprinted an excerpt from our archives written more than 20 years ago by Donald Carr, in which he pointedly pleaded for reparations for these displaced Jews.

We have also published a series of personal testimonies from individuals and families. Staff reporter Anna Morgan has poignantly captured the stories of seven different families who were part of the mass expulsions. The celebrated author Naim Kattan also tells of his past in Iraq.

As one of the crowning elements to this keepsake supplement, we have reprinted an abridged version of the outstanding report *Jewish Refugees from Arab Countries: The Case for Rights and Redress*, recently prepared by David Matas and Stanley A. Urman.

The report was written for Justice for Jews from Arab Countries, a non-governmental social action committee that is trying to raise the world's awareness about this sorely neglected group of people.

Our aim is to help bring this injustice to the attention of the world. Achieving that aim starts with us. For as Don Carr wrote 23 years ago, "If Jews are ignorant about this situation, how can the rest of the world be expected to know?"

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The Jewish refugees from Arab countries: time to settle accounts

By MAURICE M. ROUMANI

The road map peace plan of President George W. Bush's administration signalled yet another attempt to solve the protracted conflict in the Middle East. To be sure, earlier American plans fell short of forging a settlement between the warring parties in the region. A solution was elusive, in part because it ignored the complex nature of the conflict. While it looked like a conflict between two contradictory nationalisms, in effect the conflict also had an undercurrent of a long history of religious antagonism that at times boiled over, costing Jewish lives and property.

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For decades, the warring parties tried to ignore the religious factor in the conflict, but today more than ever before, they have come to realize that no solution to the conflict can be found without addressing both issues, the religious and the nationalist, preferably simultaneously.

The Arab-Israeli conflict is inherently a Muslim-Jewish conflict, even though people are reluctant to admit it. The modern nation-state in the Middle East is a recent import from Europe, and therefore it is to be expected that religion, Islam in this case, predominates in the minds and behaviour of people.

One of the salient examples of this behaviour is the majority-minority relationship in the Arab world from the time of the prophet Mohammed to our own days. The Qu'ran specifically states: "Fight against those to whom the Scriptures were given, who believe not in Allah nor in the Last Day, who forbid not what Allah and His apostle have forbidden, and follow not the true faith, until they pay the tribute out of hand, and are humbled" (Sura 9:29).

By paying the "tribute," a poll tax, Jews were given protection as long as they were "humbled." Over the centuries, this came to mean discriminatory laws against non-Muslim believers, even if they belonged to the monotheistic religions.

When, a few years ago, an eminent Egyptian scholar, Sa'ad al-Din Ibrahim, head of the prestigious research centre Ibn Khaldun in Cairo, called for an international conference on the status of minorities in the Arab world, according to Tel Aviv University professor Ofra Bengio, he attracted such heavy criticism from Arab intellectuals and politicians that his life was put in jeopardy and charges of treason were levelled against him. Under these circumstances, the conference could not be held in Cairo and instead was held in Cyprus.

This came as no surprise to those who have studied the subject or to those who lived as a minority in one of the Arab countries.

The treatment of Jews and Christians as *dhimmi* (protected minorities) in the Muslim world for almost 14 centuries only proves that the majority-minority status perceived by the Arabs did not cease with the establishment of Israel by the United Nations in 1947. The inadmissibility of Jews as a free and independent entity in the region has governed the policies of the Arab states since the creation of the State of Israel in 1948.

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'Jews found themselves unwelcome and persecuted in the Arab countries'

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In 1987, the editor of the newspaper *Tishrin*, who was the spokesperson for the late Syrian president Hafez al-Assad, was asked in a lecture given at the University of Maryland whether Syria was ready to accept Jews as an independent entity in the Middle East. He reflected, and with strong conviction, he asserted that "for the Arabs, Jews are a religion and not a nation."

This statement is not derived from recent events, which shaped the map of the Middle East after the defeat of the Ottoman Empire during World War I. It is deeply rooted in the Qu'ran where Jews are accepted only in the framework of being *dhimmis*. Many Arabs, and others, will deny that 20th-century Arab policies towards Jews and the new Israeli state stemmed from this religious dictum, but the facts leave very little room for any other interpretation. The treatment meted out to the Jews by their Arab host countries over the past 14 centuries testifies to their inferior status and persecution.

To be sure, Jews under Islam, especially during the classical period and part of the Middle Ages in Spain, fared better than those under Christianity. Passages in the Qu'ran and the *Hadith* (a compilation of the teachings and actions of Mohammed collected by his followers) attest to tolerance and benevolence towards Jews and other religions. However, these passages are rarely quoted by the clerics in addressing the community of believers. They are only addressed in forums where the interlocutor tries to show how Islam is a tolerant religion. In most cases, and especially in recent times with the rise and expansion of Islamic extremist groups, one hardly hears any of these passages. Although they exist for everyone to see and learn, the other diatribe passages against Jews, from the time of the battle of the prophet Mohammed with the three prominent Jewish tribes in Arabia, are often quoted and brought to bear on Arab states' public policies and pronouncements.

> ***'For the Arabs, Jews are a religion and not a nation'***

But there were also periods in which minorities in general and Jews in particular were persecuted, forced to convert to Islam or even put to death.

The Arabs' rejection of the United Nations' resolution to create an independent Jewish entity in the Middle East was tantamount to the inadmissibility of a change in the status of the Jews in the eyes of the Arabs. Although rooted in the distant past of Muslim history and enshrined in the sacred Qu'ran, the *dhimmi* status accorded to Jews and Christians is hardly addressed by modern Arab political thought, but it seems to linger in the subconscious behaviour of many Arabs in their attitudes to, perception of and treatment of Jews, especially those living in Israel today.

There was, nevertheless, a brief period in medieval history when members of the three religions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam, lived in harmony, flourished and cross-fertilized each other in many fields, such as literature, philosophy, mathematics and medicine. As a result, during part of the Middle Ages, Jewish communities flourished and a few of their leaders rose to high positions in the sultans' courts. This period was marked by economic, political and cultural expansions of the Muslim empire, in contrast to the declining periods of Muslim history when minorities suffered and were even persecuted.

The decline of the Ottoman Empire and in consequence of Islam, the onset of colonialism and the rise of Arab nationalism, all generated a reaction that brought in its wake a stricter application of discriminatory laws against minorities and at times even persecutions.

The history of the Jews in Arab countries in modern times is a living monument to the misfortunes that befell these communities in the 20th century, especially after the Balfour Declaration of Nov. 2, 1917, which expressed sympathy for Zionism.

Jews who had lived in the region from the time of the destruction of the First Temple in 586 BCE, and definitely before the rise of Islam in the seventh century CE, found themselves unwelcome and persecuted in the Arab countries.They were systematically expelled from their birthplace according to a calculated plan shared by the majority of Arab states at the time. A new refugee problem was thus created.

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‘Increasing evidence that the expulsion of Jews was planned’

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These same Arab states, in 1948, created the Palestinian problem by inviting the Arabs who lived within the confines of the newly established state of Israel to leave their homes, join the Arab armies, and march triumphantly back to regain their homes after defeating Israel.

Like the Palestinians, Jews from Arab countries were uprooted and displaced to a distant land. The Jews were welcomed and settled permanently in their new homes. The Palestinians, however, most of whom had been dislocated only a few kilometres away from their home towns in an area where they shared the same culture, religion and climate, were rejected by their own brethren and kept in refugee camps to fester for decades.

By branding all Jews in Arab countries as Zionists, the Arab states caused them to flee their birthplace and seek refuge in Israel. The arrival of almost 600,000 Jews from the Arab countries of the Middle East and North Africa between 1948 and 1956, out of approximately 860,000 Jews living in these countries at the time, was the first major exodus in the region after World War II. What could have been an exchange of population between these Jews and the Palestinians who fled Israel or were expelled, turned into a protracted conflict the end of which is not yet in sight.

Of the 260,000 Jews who remained in these countries after 1956, more than 200,000 have left for Europe and the Americas. Today only a few thousand Jews are left in Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt and Syria, a very insignificant number by all accounts.

The countries of the Middle East

In the 20th century, discriminatory legislation, persecution and death sentences against Jews were carried out by Arab states, even though they were members of the United Nations. Jews in these countries were eventually expelled through legislation enacted for this purpose and specifically directed against Jews who were forced to leave behind, despite their protests, both communal and private possessions accumulated over long centuries of living in these countries.

In 1948, the number of Jews in Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Iraq and Yemen was 279,000. In 1998, their number was estimated at 400 or even less.

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When the Ottoman Empire was defeated by the Allied powers of Europe in 1918, the different provinces came under European mandates and the situation of the Jews “remained satisfactory,” says Hayyim J. Cohen in *The Jews of the Middle East, 1860-1972*. But once these countries gained their independence and took an active part in the Palestinian issue prior to 1948, the situation of the Jews grew increasingly untenable.

Laws allegedly against all foreigners enforced political and economic restrictions, but in real fact, they affected mostly Jews, thus paving the way for their expulsion.

There is increasing evidence that the expulsion of Jews from Arab countries was planned at some stage in 1947 at the time of the UN partition plan, before the state of Israel was established in 1948. This decision followed the anti-Jewish riots and pogroms that took place against Jews in most Arab countries. The most notorious were in Iraq and Libya.

In Baghdad, on June 1 and 2, 1941, an Arab mob attacked Jews returning from synagogue, and by the time the mob had disbanded, more than 160 Jews were dead and 240 wounded; 86 Jewish enterprises were looted and 911 homes destroyed; and 14,500 Jews sustained material losses. Further outbreaks occurred in 1946 and in 1947 when legal restrictions on movement of Jews were enforced. The Jews of Libya suffered a similar fate.

In equating all Jews with Zionism, the Arab states, later supported by the Arab League, embarked on a campaign against their Jewish subjects that left them no choice but to leave or be expelled. Jews were forced to relinquish their rights, their properties and their possessions, which were confiscated, nationalized by the state, or simply taken by an Arab neighbour or business colleague. They left in most cases with a suitcase and a meagre sum of money, which amounted to 20 British pounds.

In Egypt, Syria and Iraq, laws were enacted for the purpose of depriving the Jews of their citizenship. Soon after, Jewish property was confiscated by the state without compensation. No appeals against these measures were allowed in any court of law. At the same time, Jewish businesses “such as banks, insurance companies, industrial plants and the like were nationalized by the state without any compensation,” writes Israel Supreme Court judge Haim H. Cohn in the essay *Discrimination of Jewish Minorities in Arab Countries*.

In 1938, Arabs attacked Jews in parts of Egypt, and a year later bombs were placed in a number of synagogues in Cairo. From 1945 on, the Jews’ situation deteriorated. In 1945, synagogues were burned down with their scrolls in Cairo, and a hospital and a seniors home were destroyed. In 1947, a law limiting commercial activities of non–nationals was allegedly directed at foreigners, but in fact it affected mostly Jews who were engaged in a wide range of business activities.

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'In 1967, things got much worse'

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In 1958, the Egyptian government turned against Jewish property, confiscating most of it under the false pretence that Jews as foreign nationals were exercising pressure on the Egyptian government through foreign concessions to obtain exit permits. Between June and November 1948, the situation deteriorated even further, costing Jewish lives and loss of property. On June 20, 1948, it is estimated about 34 Jews lost their lives and more than 80 were wounded in Cairo, Cohn says. In July of the same year, a mob attacked Jews in the streets leaving more that 250 killed and wounded.

Similar incidents happened in Iraq. Baghdad had known a thriving Jewish community, one of the most ancient in the Middle East since the exiles of Babylon in 586 CE. After Iraq gained its independence in 1932, nationalist forces, who in part were Arab refugees from Syria and Mandatory Palestine and were imbued with Nazi propaganda, turned against their Jewish subjects, restricting their options for employment and their ability to pursue a higher education. Sporadic anti-Jewish riots occurred, but the worst event was the pogrom (*farhud*) of 1941 in Baghdad, which left more than 180 Jews dead, several hundred wounded and communal and private property damaged or destroyed.

After the *farhud*, Jews in Iraq realized how precarious their situation was, but still thought the worst was behind them, since the riots had taken place at a time when Iraq had no government. However, their hopes were dashed. In a series of anti-Jewish activities, Jews realized how Iraq had changed for them. In 1946, a *fatwa* (religious edict) was published forbidding the sale of land to Jews in all Arab countries and in 1948, synagogues were pillaged and property destroyed.

When the state of Israel was established in 1948, Jews were arrested and brought before military courts and persecution of members of the community intensified. "Most of them were fined, other were sentenced to various terms of imprisonment, and one was sentenced to death," according to Hayyim J. Cohen.

Between June 1950 and June 1951, 110,000 of the 130,000 Iraqi Jews left for Israel with 50 British pounds for each adult and 20 for a child, leaving behind property and wealth accumulated over two millennia, estimated at between $150 million and $200 million (US).

In 1967, things got much worse in both in those Arab countries bordering Israel and others farther away like Libya.

In Egypt there were mass arrests; people were detained for months and even years without warrant or other legal authority. When they were finally allowed to leave, their citizenship was taken away and their property confiscated.

"In 1968," writes Haim H. Cohn, "a law was passed in Iraq by which public notaries and registrars were enjoined from certifying or registering any disposition by a Jew of his property, and banks were enjoined from paying out to any Jew money deposited by him in excess of 100 dinars per month." Subsequently, several Jews were held on false charges of espionage, and nine were hanged in a public square with cheering crowds as with the recent Palestinian expressions of joy when Scud missiles fell on Tel Aviv during the Gulf War of 1991, or when suicide bombers killed innocent people in Israel during the past two years of the intifadah.

In Syria, as in Libya, Jewish cemeteries were destroyed and public highways were built over them. In the early '50s, the Arab states increasingly tightened their grip on the Jewish communities by closing Jewish schools and synagogues and prohibiting any Jewish education or public worship. In addition, Jews were not allowed to own motor vehicles or to drive them. Telephones were forbidden in Jewish homes or businesses.

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Recent immigrants from Morocco at their homes in Mitzpeh Ramon, Israel.

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‘Jews in North Africa came under Nazi control’

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In reviewing these laws and other measures, Cohn concludes that “the Arab states disclose a conscious or subconscious desire to take revenge on Jews for the establishment or survival, or prosperity of the State of Israel for which they themselves are in many ways responsible.”

The countries of the Maghreb

According to one estimate, says Norman A. Stillman in *The Jews of Arab Lands: A History and Source Book*, two-thirds of all Jews in Arab countries lived in North Africa in 1939. Unlike their co-religionists in the Middle East, Jews in North Africa came under Nazi control with the assistance of the French and Italian colonial powers ruling at the time. “From Iraq to Morocco, Arab sympathizers had lain with the Axis, a fact not lost on the Jews of these countries.”

They also could hear the Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin al-Husseini, broadcasting from Berlin calling upon the Arabs to “kill the Jews wherever you find them, for the love of God, history and religion,” Stillman writes.

As tension grew in Palestine between 1929 and 1939, so pressure and anti-Jewish feelings and activities intensified in the countries of North Africa. Under the pro-Nazi Vichy government, the first anti-Jewish attacks in Morocco had already begun in 1940.

The Jewish communities of the French Maghreb – Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and the Italian colony of Libya – could not recover fast enough from the pro-Nazi rule before they were dealt a series of blows that left them hopeless and helpless in any attempt to regain their stability and trust in living in these countries. From 1943, coinciding closely with the events in Palestine at the time, Jewish communities in these countries saw their hopes for harmony and perhaps a semblance of normalcy shattered by intensive anti-Jewish riots, destruction of communal and private property and loss of life. These events finally led to their emigration. Each of the Arab-Israeli wars of 1948, 1956 and 1967, brought the end of these Jewish communities closer.

> ***‘As the Arab-Israeli conflict intensified, Moroccan Jews felt more insecure’***

In Morocco, on June 4, 1948, riots broke out in the north, killing and injuring dozens of Jews. In 1959, Zionist activities became illegal, forcing many Jews to leave. In 1964, 30 Jewish courts were closed down, including the High Rabbinical Court, and Jewish schools were put under Muslim administration.

In 1912, Morocco came under French rule. The situation of the Jews improved. In June 1943, “43 Jews were murdered and pogroms and other forms of attack persisted until Moroccan independence in 1956,” writes Dr. Tudor Parfitt in a manuscript called *The Jews of Arab Countries and Iran: A Survey*. Laws were introduced making emigration illegal, but nevertheless, between 1955 and 1957, more than 70,000 Moroccan Jews arrived in Israel. When, in 1959, Zionist activities became illegal in Morocco, 30,000 Jews left for France and the Americas. In 1963, the ban on emigration was lifted and more than 100,000 Jews left the country.

As a consequence, the Jewish population of Morocco, which was estimated at 250,000 in 1948, was reduced to a mere 35,000 Jews in 1972. As the Arab-Israeli conflict intensified, Moroccan Jews felt more insecure and their situation became more precarious, despite the protection and tolerance shown by the monarch toward them. In 1998, it was estimated that only 6,000 Jews remained in Morocco.

Before 1948, 140,000 Jews lived in Algeria. Until 1962, there were 60 Jewish communities, each maintaining at least one synagogue, one rabbi and its own educational system. During the struggle for independence, pressure was placed on Jews to endorse the nationalist cause. A spokesperson for the Liberation party at the time declared in 1960 that Jews would endure the consequences of their hesitant attitude when Algeria came into being. Following the Evian Agreement that granted independence to Algeria, almost all of the Jews left the country, mainly for France, with fewer than 14,000 going to Israel.

As in Algeria, the rise of Tunisian nationalism led to anti-Jewish legislation in 1961, causing Jews to leave in great numbers. In 1948, the Tunisian Jewish community had numbered 105,000 with 65,000 living in the capital, Tunis, alone. By 1961, the total Jewish population had declined to 70,000, and in 1968, there were only 12,000 Jews left in Tunisia. Heightened anti-Jewish persecutions during the war of 1967 influenced even more Jews to leave for France and Israel.

The Jews of Tunisia constituted a wealthy, prestigious community, including at one time, as in Morocco, a member of Parliament. The change that occurred in government policies generated a fear and insecurity that caused most of the Jews to leave.

As in Iraq, the Jews of Libya, “whose presence in Cyrenaica can be claimed with certainty from not long after the reign of Ptolemy I in the third century [BCE],” according to Italian historian Renzo De Felice in *Jews in an Arab Land Libya, 1835-1970*, suffered a similar fate.

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Newly arrived immigrants from Algeria walking in Ein Hod.
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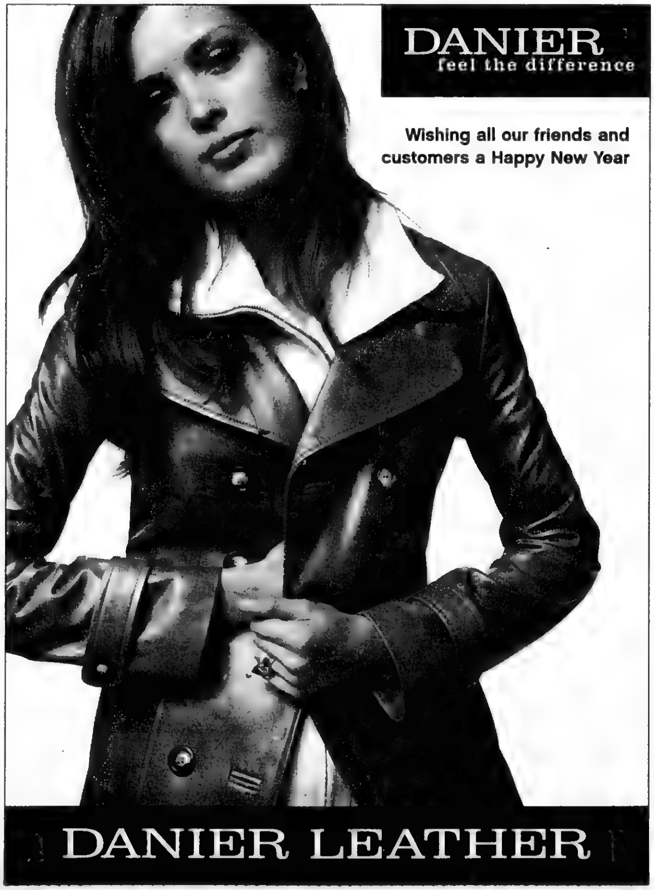
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'Entire families were taken away from their homes'

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The Libyan Jewish community, which numbered 36,000 in 1948, is an example of a community that left Libya en masse as a result of anti-Jewish activities, commercial restrictions and persecutions. With the outbreak of anti-Jewish riots in 1945 and then in 1948, the Jewish community witnessed a wave of pogroms unprecedented in its history. Between Nov. 4 and Nov. 7, 1945, a pogrom broke out, leaving 130 dead, 30 widows and 92 orphans, when the entire community at the time numbered 32,000 men, women and children. De Felice describes the pogrom as one with "unimaginable cruelty and some even burned alive… In some cases whole families were wiped out."

In another reference, De Felice states that in one of the towns, Qussabat, "many women and girls were raped, and many men and women, in order to save their lives, were compelled to abjure their faith and embrace Islam."

In 1948, another pogrom took place, "much less dramatic… than that of 1945" since it took place only in the city of Tripoli on much smaller scale and claimed fewer victims (14) and material damage. It was equally devastating, however, since it created panic and wreaked havoc among the Jewish population who had now, after the second pogrom, lost all hope of carrying on any semblance of daily routine.

The overwhelming majority of Libyan Jews, 34,000, immigrated to Israel, as many as 30,00 arriving by 1951. The 1967 war signaled the end of what was left of this small Jewish community. Here again on June 2, 1967, a few days before the outbreak of the war, the clerics incited the mobs by proclaiming "a holy war and gave sermons to this effect on the radio," De Felice says. Entire families were taken away from their homes, more than 100 shops were looted and 13 people were killed, seven of whom were from one family. After the police took control of the situation, the Italian Embassy and the offices of Alitalia in Tripoli airlifted the remaining Jews, who left behind their homes and possessions. In some cases, food was still cooking on the stove when they were taken away. Although they were penniless, Italy welcomed them as refugees, placing them in camps where they waited for their rehabilitation with the aid of international and Italian Jewish organizations.

The Jewish refugees: claims for compensation

U.S. congressmen, senators and former presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton recognized that Jews from Arab countries, like the Palestinians, are also party to any settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict, says Malka Hillel Shulewitz, editor of *The Forgotten Millions: The Modern Jewish Exodus from Arab Lands*. The United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 emphasized that any settlement of the conflict in the Middle East should contain "a just settlement of the refugee problem." The resolution had as a goal to make no distinction between Palestinian Arabs and Jews from Arab countries.

For the past quarter of a century, the World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries (WOJAC), the American Jewish Committee and lately other Jewish organizations including the American Sephardi Federation of New York and the World Jewish Congress have raised the banner of the Jews from Arab countries as a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict seemed to draw nearer.

> ***'Jews have received no compensation for their property and their suffering'***

The resettlement of Jews from Arab countries in Israel, which by a conservative estimate has cost $11 billion (US) so far, and the property, communal and private that they left or were forced to leave behind in their countries of birth, would have to be assessed in any settlement of the refugees. To date, Jews have received no compensation for their property and their suffering. The resettlement of these Jews in Israel was financed by the Israeli government, the Jewish Agency and world Jewish organizations. By contrast, the Palestinian refugees have been financed since 1948, by the UNRWA, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, with an annual budget of $311 million.

By recognizing the claims of the Jews from Arab countries to their rights, the Arab world, and for that matter the Muslim world, would come to recognize another important part of the equation – that Jews have legitimate rights to that part of the Middle East, their ancient homeland, as do Arabs to other parts of the Middle East, even if these were occupied and converted to Islam centuries ago. Paradoxically if the right of Jews to an independent national entity in the Middle East is recognized by the Arab neighbours, territorial boundaries will be as irrelevant as they were during that brief period of history called the Golden Age of Spain, when Muslims, Christians and Jews lived in harmony and made contributions to mankind, the effects of which are felt to this very day.

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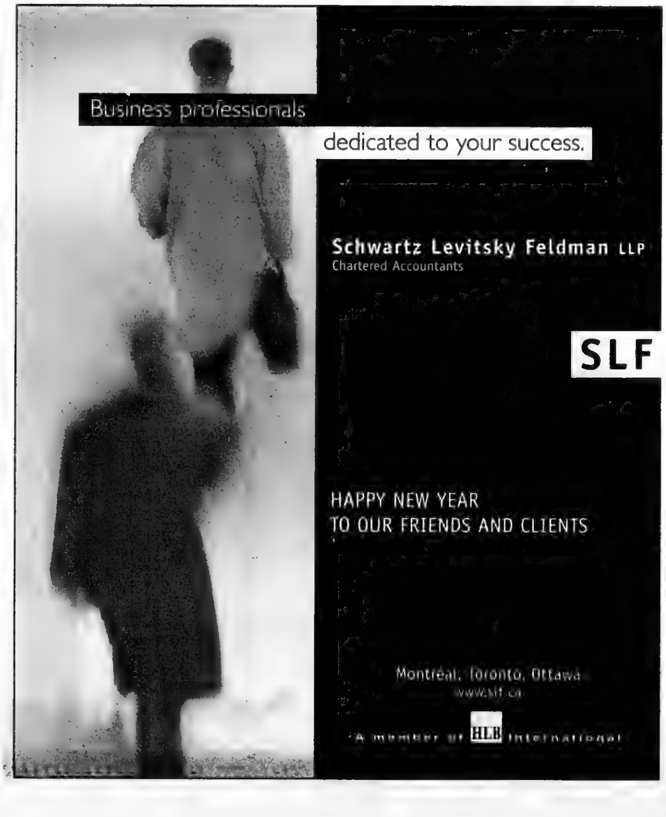

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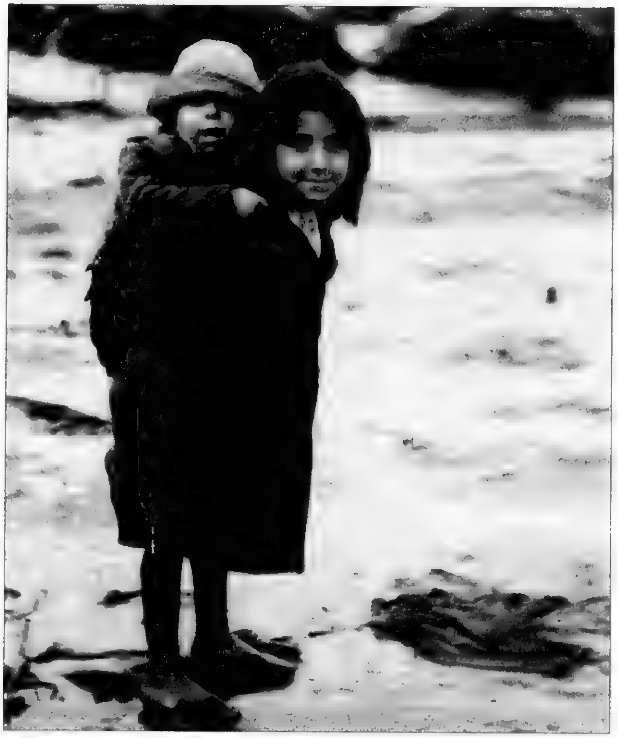

LOVING TRANSPORTATION: A young girl carrying her brother through the mud at a camp for immigrants in Beit Lid in January 1950.

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Who are the Dhimmis? Exploding some myths

By MALKA HILLEL SHULEWITZ

Many are the myths that have embraced Islam over the centuries. Of these, the most dangerous is a belief in its tolerance, at least in relation to Christianity which, in 1215, when the Fourth Lateran Council met under the patronage of Pope Innocent III, decided that non-Christians would be separated from Christians by a special badge to be distinctively displayed on their outer-garments.

The pictures of Jews in Europe wearing the yellow Star of David and the word "*Jude*," often while being beaten up by Christian fanatics, is well-planted in our minds. The fact that Islam had enacted similar legislation as early as the eighth century, which was codified in the 11th century and became known as the Covenant (or Pact) of Omar, is rarely recognized.

The 19th-century historian Israel Abrahams, in his seminal work, *Jewish Life in the Middle Ages*, makes the interesting comment that "the badge was itself perhaps derived by Innocent III from the Mohammedans." Two pages later, Abrahams makes another observation after posing the question, "How stood the matter [distinctive dress] in realms where Islam held sway over men's conduct?" He responds, "The answer is saddening. For, though they themselves were fellow sufferers with the Jews in Spain, the Muslims felt little fellow-feeling for the Jew in the East and in the Levant. There was hardly a Mohammedan land in which the Jews were not compelled to live in a separate quarter and adopt some distinctiveness in dress. Under Islam, the Jews were forbidden to wear certain articles of dress, they were restricted in their choice of colours, they were forced to dress in black or yellow, and to appear bare-footed."

It is essential to trace the roots of discrimination in traditional Islam if we are to understand what is happening today:

- why there are virtually no Jews left in the Middle East (apart from those in Israel and a few thousand in North Africa) where they had resided and to which they had contributed mightily for at least 1,000 years before the rise of Islam;
- why the majority of the Christian communities in this part of the world have almost disappeared to form large Diasporas in the western world. Constituting about 13 per cent of the population of the Middle East around the time of World War 1, they have today dwindled to just two per cent, including natural increase over that period;
- why an Islamic empire that stretches over an area larger than Europe or the United States cannot tolerate in its midst a sovereign Jewish state that covers less than half of one per cent of that area, and refuses to find room to accommodate a few hundred thousand brother refugees created as a result of their own wars of aggression.

> ***'It is essential to trace the roots of discrimination'***

Islam made its debut in the seventh century in the Arabian peninsula, or Saudi Arabia as we know it today. Mohammed, its prophet, brought a new revelation, one which was, according to its own terms, the final revelation God had given to mankind and consequently a revelation whose teachings would supersede all previous revelations, particularly in Judaism and Christianity, due, as the Qu'ran mentions, to the rebelliousness of their followers. Islam, therefore, presented itself from the beginning as a teaching and a way of life that possessed an intrinsic superiority. It has maintained this attitude of superiority throughout its history, down to the present day. It is also important to understand that it came into being as a society and a polity, as well as a religion.

When the conquering armies of Islam were sweeping like a whirlwind through Arabia, they encountered many influential and long-established Jewish tribes. Mohammed greatly admired them. He was impressed by the knowledge that they had already received divine revelation in the Scriptures and he initially adopted many Jewish traditions and practices. Admiration turned into hostility when the Jews of Medina refused to accept the new faith. Since his was the culmination of prophetic history, he believed that the People of the Book (Jews and Christians) would readily accept his teachings and become integrated into his new polity. He assumed that Jews in particular would recognize "real" prophesy.

However, though the new religion bore a resemblance to and had borrowed some features from Judaism, the Jews refused to acknowledge the authenticity of Mohammed's prophetic claims. This was the cause of Mohammed's first great disappointment with the People of the Book at a time when he had eagerly expected them to accept the truth of Islam, which then recorded it as the Jews' early "treachery" and for which the Jews paid dearly.

Between 625 and 627, Mohammed made war on the opposing Jewish tribes. One of them, the Banu Quariza, was completely exterminated, while two others – the Banu Nadhir and Banu Qainuqa – were driven out of the peninsula. At that time, Mohammed

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SETTLING INTO THEIR 'HOMES': New immigrants arrive at the Ma'abara (temporary immigrant camp) at Har-Tov in 1950.

'A series of regulations designed to separate Muslims from non-Muslims'

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began to give the inherited Jewish and Christian customs a more Arabian flavour or to discard them entirely. Though the Jews (and the Christians) were still recognized as People of the Book, the Muslims developed a hostile contempt for them as unbelievers and ironically turned against the Christians as well as the Jews.

The Muslim attack on the Jewish oasis of Khaibar in 628 was of particular significance since it set a precedent for Muslim authority and a conquered non-Muslim people: the Jews of Khaibar were allowed to retain their land but had to pay a 50 per cent tribute. The Qu'ranic expression of this is found in the injunction (Sura 1X, 29): "Make war upon those who have received Scripture… until they pay tribute, being brought low," i.e. to a state of humiliation.

This, as mentioned, was, together with subsequent legislation, later codified in the 11th century as the Covenant of Omar. It comprised a series of regulations designed to separate Muslims from non-Muslims and guard the superiority of the former through the humiliation of the latter. Observance of these regulations was the price paid by "people of the Covenant," called *dhimmis*, for living under Muslim rule. How strictly these regulations were enforced depended on the benevolence of the ruler and how much his economy needed the sometimes superior experience of his *dhimmis*. It is perhaps interesting to note that, according to historian Jacob Marcus in his *Jews in the Medieval World* (Jewish Publication Society 1960), at least six of the Covenant of Omar's regulations were taken from earlier Byzantine Christian legislation against infidels.

It should be noted that under Islam, there were sizable numbers of Jewish and Christian subjects who attained high rank, financial influence and recognized intellectual attain-

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‘It is time to stand up and be counted’

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ment. There were indeed periods of flourishing Jewish achievement, as attested to by the Cairo Genizah, which has provided us with a rich record of intellectual and economic prosperity among different Oriental Jewish communities. However, this was the exception rather than the rule. The system of assuring Islamic superiority – legislated through the Covenant of Omar – ruled supreme. It established the *dhimma* (protected people) system for minorities.

Though the word jihad is now better understood in the West, the *dhimmi* condition is almost unknown, though the latter can only be comprehended in the context of jihad because it originates from this ideology.

The *dhimma* was the treaty concluded between Mohammed and those he subdued. Originally, they were tolerant pacts. In theory, *dhimmis* were guaranteed their lives and property, as well as their religious liberty, provided they did not transgress any of the *dhimma*'s stipulations. But soon the *dhimma* became a codified system of legal tyranny that defined the status of the *dhimmis*, who had to pay the *jizya* (poll tax) symbolizing their subjugation to Islam, as well as higher commercial taxes than were paid by Muslims. Ownership of their land passed to the Muslim community; to have the right to cultivate it, they had to pay another tax. The construction of new churches or synagogues or the restoration of old ones, as well as the use of religious objects was forbidden. *Dhimmis* had to live in separate areas in inferior homes. Marriage or sexual intercourse with a Muslim woman and blasphemy against Islam were punishable by death. *Dhimmis* were not allowed to testify in court against a Muslim and could exercise no authority over one. *Dhimmis* had to go unarmed at great risk to their lives. The numerous decrees regulating the colour and shape of their clothes made them easily recognized and they were then humiliated in the streets.

Some indication of what this meant can be gauged from the following quote from a letter published in the Egyptian press during the intense rioting against Jews in Egypt that began in 1945 and intensified in 1948, when the letter was written:

“It would seem that most people in Egypt are unaware of the fact that among Egyptian Muslims there are some who have white skin. Every time I board a tram, I see people pointing at me and saying ‘Jew, Jew.’ I have been beaten more than once because of this. For that reason I humbly beg that my picture (enclosed) be published with an explanation that I am not Jewish and that my name is Adham Mustafa Galeb.”

Considering the foregoing, perhaps we can better understand what triggered the transfer of whole communities in our time. Why, in what could be described as the blink of a historic eyelid, we have witnessed the almost total dissolution of the Jewish people’s most ancient Diaspora, while only a minority of the once-proud Christian communities remains in the Muslim Arab Middle East. Since both the Jewish people and most Christians in the West have reacted so mildly to these major movements of populations and the discrimination that caused them, one can only assume that the *dhimmi* mentality was not confined to Muslim lands, but that a strain of it has infected the West.

It is no coincidence that Amrosi bin Nurhasin the Bali bomber, shouted, “Jews, remember Khaibar. The army of Mohammed is coming back to defeat you,” as he recently entered the courtroom for sentencing. Though there were no Jews among the slaughtered and wounded in Bali, the media did not understand that this Islamist mass murderer was referring to an important historic precedent (mentioned above, before the e-mail information about the Bali trial was received). It matters not to a radical Muslim that this happened in the seventh century. For him, it is relevant.

Hadith (communications or narrative), is the body of verbal or written traditions concerning the words and deeds of Mohammed and his companions. It can also be a single one of these traditions. Thus knowing the *Hadith*: “Two religions shall not remain together in the peninsula of the Arabs,” which justified the “cleansing” of the Hijaz (the region of what is now north-west Saudi Arabia where Mecca is located) of Jews and Christians in 640 is basic to comprehending why the Bali bomber, Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat or the Saudi princes aim at “cleansing” Israel of its Jews. Whether we are in Judea, Samaria or the Golan Heights is irrelevant except insofar as our presence makes us less vulnerable to Muslim attack and Islam’s “final solution” – a “natural” return to *dhimmitude*.

In the halls of the pro-Arab foreign ministries of the West, they should take note of a saying popular in the Middle East: “First the Saturday then the Sunday people.” The Islamists mean it. It is time to stand up and be counted among those who will block the advance of the reactionary forces of *dhimmitude* before it is too late.

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What about reparations for Jewish refugees?

The following is excerpted from an article that was published in The CJN, *Sept. 4, 1980.*

By DON CARR

One distortion [about Israel] has resulted from a wall of silence. The Arabs have readily acceded to this silence. But the blame must fall upon us and our leadership throughout the world for keeping the rest of the world and our own people in ignorance.

While much has been made of the Palestinian Arab refugees, nothing – or virtually nothing – has been heard about a parallel problem, as great in number and in physical hardship, but far greater in terms of loss of material possessions and persecution. That is the problem of Jewish refugees from Arab countries.

Because of the determined efforts of the Arab countries to perpetuate the status of their brothers as refugees, they have succeeded in promoting world sympathy. This was achieved by herding the Palestinians into refugee camps, denying them the right or ability to create new lives for themselves, insisting that they, their children and their grandchildren, remain on the relief rolls of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) and, latterly, as the PLO has grown, by maintaining them in camps intermingled with terrorist training bases.

Notwithstanding the callous and deliberate creation by the Arab states of a refugee problem that could have been easily solved by them, the rest of the world has felt pity. Instead of insisting that the Arab states do something, they have insisted that Israel provide the remedy. This does not mean compensating the refugees. It means taking them back into a state they have sworn to destroy, or permitting them to create a state that will clearly be directed by the PLO and will form a base for terrorist actions against Israel and its ultimate destruction.

The Palestinian refugees constitute less than one per cent of the entire Middle East Arab population. They have always been and are now in an environment where the people share the same language, religion, tradition and lifestyle. The Arab from Haifa or Nablus is no different from one who lives in Amman. Jordan's present prime minister is a Palestinian.

As late as March 1977, Zuhair Mohsin, the leader of the PLO terrorist group known as "as-Saiqa," stated: "There is in fact not a separate Palestinian people. Jordanians, Palestinians, Syrians and Lebanese do not differ. We are part of a people, the Arab nation. We are one people; only for political reasons we carefully stress our Palestinian identity. For it is in the national interest of the Arabs to encourage the Palestinian existence against Zionism. Yes, the existence of a separate Palestinian identity serves only tactical reasons. The foundation of a Palestinian state is a new tool to continue to battle against Israel and for Arab unity."

The above notwithstanding, none of the Arab host countries, with the exception of Jordan, offered citizenship to the refugees. All UN proposals since 1949 for resettlement of the refugees have been rejected by the Arabs.

While controversy exists over the exact number of Arab refugees (an official census was never permitted by Arab administrators in charge of refugee camps), it is generally accepted that in 1948, there were between 500,000 and 650,000 Arabs who left what became Israel. In 1967, another 250,000 were reported as being refugees as a consequence of the Six Day War. Therefore, approximately 750,000 to 900,000 Arabs were displaced during the two periods of battle.

UNRWA has shown strikingly higher figures. This has resulted from the addition of offspring and children of offspring and the non-reporting of deaths. At one time, the statistical discrepancy of UNRWA's figures was so high that it was forced to delete more than 425,000 names from its records.

UNRWA has spent almost $1.4 billion (of which some 70 per cent comes from the United States) from May 1950 to date on the maintenance of Arab refugees. The 22 independent Arab states combined have contributed less than five per cent of this amount, while their oil revenues have reached hundreds of billions of dollars.

In contrast, Israel has contributed nearly $10 million to UNRWA – that is one-third more than the total contribution of Kuwait, two-thirds more than Egypt, twice the contribution of Jordan, 3½ times that of Syria and almost seven times that of Iraq.

The hidden, unfamiliar story is that of the Jews who became refugees from Arab countries.

The history of the persecution of Jews in Arab countries goes back to the seventh century. (*Please see the essays by Maurice M. Roumani, Malka Hillel Shulewitz and Sarah Taieb Carlen in this supplement for more detailed accounts of that persecution.*)

As *dhimmis* (non-Muslim people of the Covenant), they were subjected to regulations over the centuries… Prohibitions against them included building houses higher than those of the Muslims, riding horses, praying, mourning or burying their dead in a way that might be offensive to Muslims, drinking wine in a public place, bearing arms, acceptance of their oath in a Muslim court…

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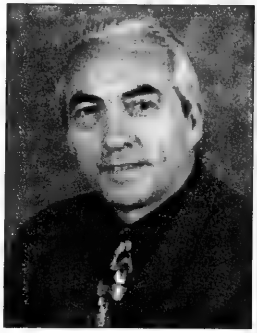

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‘More than 750,000 Jews were compelled to flee’

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Any suggestion that Arab oppression of Jews was brought about by political Zionism or the creation of the State of Israel is a myth.

In a speech to the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee in Washington, D.C. on May 8, 1979, Senator Lowell Weicker referred to the increasing frequency with which the Arab states argue that the Palestinians are being made to suffer for an event (the Holocaust) in which they played no part.

While at first that may seem to be a compelling argument, Weicker pointed out that it was essential to counter the argument. “It is important that the victims of centuries of Arab pogroms be given a voice at last, and that the Americans be told that while Jews were murdered or looted or dispossessed in Russia, Latvia, Lithuania, the Ukraine, Poland and Germany, their brothers and sisters suffered a similar fate in Egypt and Syria and Iraq and Libya and elsewhere in the Arab world. Americans do not know that for every Palestinian refugee there is a Jewish refugee from an Arab land equally impoverished, equally dispossessed. These refugees don’t bomb buses and murder school children and hijack planes.”

> ***‘Left behind were communal properties, schools, synagogues and most of their precious contents’***

It must be recognized that the attitude toward the Jews in Arab lands subsequent to the Balfour Declaration and at the time of the creation of Israel, changed – for the worse. Intolerance and sporadic pogroms gave way to brutal and systemic persecution, particularly in Syria, Iraq, Egypt and Libya. Public executions were commonplace. Hate campaigns in the press and mass media, sometimes controlled by Arab governments and always encouraged by them, accompanied this set of circumstances.

Coincident to the Arab invasion of the new State of Israel, mass arrests, interrogation and beatings took place in Iraq, Egypt and Syria. Riots broke out in Morocco, Algeria, Libya, Tunisia, Yemen and Aden. Civil rights were suspended.

During the UN debate in 1947, the head of the Egyptian delegation declared: “The lives of a million Jews in Muslim countries will be jeopardized by the establishment of the Jewish state.”

The chairman of the Palestinian Arab Higher Executive stated: “If a Jewish state were established in Palestine, the position of the Jews in the Arab countries would become very precarious. Governments have always been unable to prevent mob excitement and violence.”

As a result, more than 750,000 Jews were compelled to flee the lands where their communities had existed for centuries prior to the birth of Mohammed and the Muslim conquest, lands where they had formed a part of the indigenous populations.

Left behind were communal properties, schools, synagogues and most of their precious contents. Homes and businesses that had not been confiscated were abandoned. Mordechai Ben Porat, former deputy speaker of the Knesset, and now chairman of the World Organization for Jews from Arab Countries (WOJAC) – himself a refugee from Iraq – says that “the landholdings that Jews were forced to abandon in the Arab countries constituted three per cent of all of the Arab world’s vast territory. This is far more than the entire State of Israel and the administered territories.”

The Jewish population in Arab countries estimated in 1948 at some 856,000 dwindled to some 25,000.

Where did they go?

Israel was a natural refuge for the majority. Some were able to get there independently. Others were part of a massive rescue mission organized by local communities as well as Israeli authorities.

The populations of Yemen and Iraq were airlifted to Israel between 1948 and 1951. Some 586,000 Jews from Arab countries arrived in Israel between May 1948 and May 1972. The balance found their way to France, England, the United States, South America and Canada.

The Jews who arrived in Israel came to a country lacking in natural resources, poor, burdened with economic difficulties and under attack by neighbouring Arab countries.

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‘The absorption and resettlement of those refugees was not an unqualified success’

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The bulk of the Jews then living in Israel were of European Ashkenazi origin. All they had in common with the refugees from the Arab countries was their religion and the need to survive.

Israel did not turn to the United Nations or UNRWA. With the assistance of world Jewry, everything that was possible was done to give Jewish refugees equal opportunity, and to resettle and absorb them.

The problem was gigantic. No other country in history ever attempted such a monumental task, and with so little resources available.

Between 1948 and 1951, the number of immigrants was almost the same as the total population of the new state at its creation in 1948.

The process of trying to integrate the new immigrants led to great suffering. They were originally housed in *ma'abarot* (transit camps), where thousands clustered in a small space, sheltered by huts and tents, and even cardboard shacks. Hunger, disease and illness were common.

In his book *The Case of the Jews from Arab Countries: A Neglected Issue*, Roumani writes: “The great majority of them [immigrants from Arab countries] were housed in tents which were drenched from above and flooded from below during the heavy rains of the winter of 1949-50. The original plan called for a sojourn of a few weeks only in the immigrants’ camps, after which each immigrant was to be sent to a permanent place of settlement. Actually, however, in view of the large number of immigrants, the rate of evacuation from the camps lagged behind the rate at which the new immigrants were brought into Israel, and the period of sojourn in the camps was prolonged from three months to four months to six months to eight months…

“One of the main immigrants’ reception camps was that of Rosh Ha’ayin, in which, at the height of its occupancy in 1950, there were some 15,000 Yemenite Jewish immigrants. They were all lodged in tents, 15 of them in each tent. The few buildings in the camp were used to house the hospital and the clinics, the babies’ homes, the kitchen and dining room, and the school.

“When the immigrants arrived, many of them were very weak. Mortality was high, and as many as 20 deaths occurred daily. In this respect, a definite improvement was noticeable very soon – mortality decreased.”

Over a period of years, the camps were cleared, settlement towns were built and the refugees moved into existing cities, towns and settlements.

It must be admitted – 30 years later – that the absorption and resettlement of those refugees was not an unqualified success.

The slums and depressed areas of Israel today, the overcrowding and lack of housing, the social problems, indeed the need for Project Renewal to upgrade the quality of life in Israel, are all direct outgrowths of the exodus of the Jews from the Arab countries. They and their offspring now form approximately 41 per cent of the population of Israel. When taking into account the immigration from Middle Eastern countries which are non-Arab – such as Iran and Turkey – the present population of Jews from the Middle East and their descendants are the majority in the state today.

In the exchange of population between Jews and Arabs in the Middle East since 1948, the Jewish side has suffered the heavier damage. The wealth abandoned by Jews in the Arab lands surpasses many times the property left behind by Arabs in Israel. The social losses and the religious treasures and facilities that Jews were compelled to leave behind them also exceed that of the Palestinian Arabs.

Resolution 242 of the United Nations Security Council, which is the foundation for settlement of the Arab-Israel conflict, includes in Paragraph 2 the affirmation of “the necessity… for achieving a just settlement of the refugee problem.”

Note the expression “the refugee problem,” *not* “the Arab refugee problem.”

Article VIII of the Camp David peace treaty says, “The parties agree to establish a

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claims commission for the mutual settlement of all financial claims."

Thus, almost unobtrusively, the key documents relating to peace in the Middle East make provision for consideration and settlement of claims that might be made by Jewish refugees from Arab countries and not merely by Palestinian Arab refugees.

Why have the Jews from Arab countries not risen up as a group to demand their rights to compensation from those countries which they were forced to flee and where they left behind millions of dollars of personal possessions and property?

By and large, they are an extremely proud group of people. They do not want to be classed as refugees. They stress the fact that they became integrated into the population of Israel, that it was their own people who supported them and they have never looked for handouts.

Although WOJAC has endeavoured to enlist support for its campaign on behalf of Jews from Arab countries, there has been non-systematic or organized tabulation of claims of those Jews whose property was confiscated or left behind when they fled, nor a tabulation of compensation that could be claimed for imprisonment, harassment and torture, nor an inventory of still-existing Jewish assets of spiritual, cultural or religious significance that should be returned to their rightful owners.

Only lip service has been paid, from time to time, by Jewish organizations in the Diaspora to this problem. Mordechai Ben-Porat was a member of the Israel delegation to the United Nations in late 1977 and early 1978 at its 32nd General Assembly. He spoke to the assembly on the rights of Jews who fled from Arab countries. In the U.S.-Israel working paper on the Geneva Conference in 1977, a passage was devoted to this issue and stated that "in any discussion of reparations for the refugees, Israel will raise the question of reparation for Jewish refugees from Arab lands, and insist that all their claims be settled within the framework of the final peace agreement."

At a press conference on Oct. 27, 1977, U.S. president Jimmy Carter said: "Yes, the Palestinians have rights… it is evident that there are also Jewish refugees… who have the same rights as others do."

Notwithstanding these statements, very little has been done by world Jewish organizations with respect to the rightful claims on the part of Jews who were forced to leave the Arab countries or the pitiful plight of those who still remain as hostage communities in countries such as Syria where emigration is prohibited, beatings, arrests, rape and looting are virtually an every day occurrence and the Jewish population is threatened with annihilation.

> ***'Very little has been done by world Jewish organizations'***

World Jewish Congress seems to ignore this issue on each agenda, does not publicize it and has not seen fit to create any committee to deal with it.

Canadian Jewish Congress has for the past several years had a national committee for Jews from Arab countries. A handful of dedicated workers in this cause are responsible for its perpetuation. However, on the scale of Congress' priorities, it does not appear to loom very large and few reports have been asked for by the national officers or the national executive.

No Holocaust memorial program, no Holocaust studies course tells the story of death and pillage of the Jews of the Middle East.

Malka Shulewitz of Jerusalem, an avid spokesperson for the cause of Jewish refugees from Arab countries, stated at the May 1980 congress plenary assembly in Toronto that, with all the world clamour for Palestinian Arab "rights," it was time the world heard about valid, urgent Jewish rights. She, Ben-Porat, WOJAC and their constituents are determined this should come about.

But if the Jews are ignorant about this situation, how can the rest of the world be expected to know about it and to be sympathetic to it?

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The Jews of North Africa

By SARAH TAIEB CARLEN

The Jews have been mentioned as natives of North Africa ever since archeologists and historians started writing about that region of the world. "They are part of the flora and fauna," as some put it. While digging the foundations of the capital of their empress, Dido, in Carthage – today a suburb of the Tunisian capital Tunis – the Phoenicians uncovered graves from 813 BCE inscribed in Hebrew. As well, the oldest Hebrew inscription outside Israel was found in Volubilis, today Oualili, Morocco. Very little is known about those first Jewish settlements in North Africa, except that they always kept in close contact with Palestine, which they referred to as the Holy Land. From the Babylonian Talmud (Rosh Hashanah 26a), we learn that Rabbi Akiva often travelled to North Africa, where he heard words and sounds that enabled him to explain many expressions and terms of the Bible, and from the Jerusalem Talmud (16: 1), we learn that many famous rabbis – Abba, Hanan and Isaac – were born in Carthage.

In 146 BCE, the Romans conquered Carthage and, under the Pax Romana (146-430 BCE), Jewish communities flourished everywhere from India to the edges of Africa. This is why, when Christianity started spreading in North Africa, it encountered stiff resistance from the numerous, strong Berber Jewish communities that were scattered almost without interruption on either side of Carthage, to the east all the way to Cyrenaica and Egypt, and to the west all the way to the Atlantic Ocean. They were strengthened at some point by the 30,000 Jews that Titus deported to North Africa following the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 BCE.

The Romans were sometimes tolerant of the native Jews and Berbers, but at other times, especially after 325 BCE, when Constantine declared Christianity the state religion of his empire, they enforced a repressive and discriminating policy against them. With the Vandal conquest in 430, the Jews were again free and able to prosper until 533, when Justinian, the Byzantine Emperor, invaded the region. His first measure was to reinstate Christianity as the state religion and to order the transformation of all synagogues into churches. For the first time in history, the Jews were confined to areas reserved for them. These were the first Jewish ghettoes. And it was in the city of Borion, under Justinian, that the first forced conversion of Jews took place.

Later on, following severe persecutions in Visigothic Spain, a great number of Jews fled to North Africa, where they contributed significantly to the growth in numbers and observance of its Jewish communities, which became so numerous in some cities that they became the majority of the population. In 698, when the Arabs conquered North Africa (known as the Maghreb), the city of Bizerte in Tunisia, was administered by a Jew. The last episode of that conquest involved the compelling story of a Jewish Berber queen, the *kahena*, from the Aures Mountains in Algeria, who was known as the most extraordinary woman of all time.

Shortly thereafter, Jews became and remained, for the next 13 centuries, second-class citizens – *dhimmis* – politically, legally and juridically inferior and subordinate not only to the Muslim rulers, but to the Muslim masses as well. Their life was strictly regulated by the Covenant of Omar, the second caliph, who ruled from 717 to 720. Some rulers were kind and protective of their Jewish minorities. Others, such as the Almohads, were relentless in their persecutions of the Jews, which depleted the Maghrebi communities to the point where most of them ceased to exist because of forced conversions or massacres.

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Those who were able to flee went to Spain, Italy, Sicily or Egypt, but most went to Palestine, especially Jerusalem and Safed, often walking there. As a result, some Maghrebi family names were found in these two cities for centuries after the Almohad persecutions.

In the 13th century, the Maghrebi Jews slowly recovered despite the many restrictions and indignities of their daily life: heavy collective taxes, forced labour, demeaning jobs. However, there were those who assumed important places in commerce and who were sent to foreign countries as ambassadors. Others became treasurers or viziers to various kings up to the modern period.

The 14th century was a period of relative calm. But the Jews remained so vulnerable, especially in Morocco that in 1428, the ruler deemed it safer for them to be concentrated in their own district: the *mellah*, situated near the government administrative centre. Although this decision was well-intended, the Jews felt they were being exiled in their own country. They also thought the *mellah* made them even more vulnerable than when they were dispersed all over the city. They were proven right, as similar *mellahs* were founded all over Morocco that were designed to humiliate and isolate rather than to protect them. The Arab writer Abd al-Basit describes a totally defenceless community: "In that year [869 in the Muslim calendar corresponds to 1464], a report reached Tlemcen from Fez that a large crowd of Fezzis had attacked the Jews and killed all the men, women and children, killing as many of them as Allah wanted them to kill. This was a glorious day in Fez and a great slaughter… Thereafter, the people of the cities distant from Fez learned of these events. They rose against their Jews and did to them what the people of Fez had done to their Jews… As many as Allah – blessed be he – decreed were killed."

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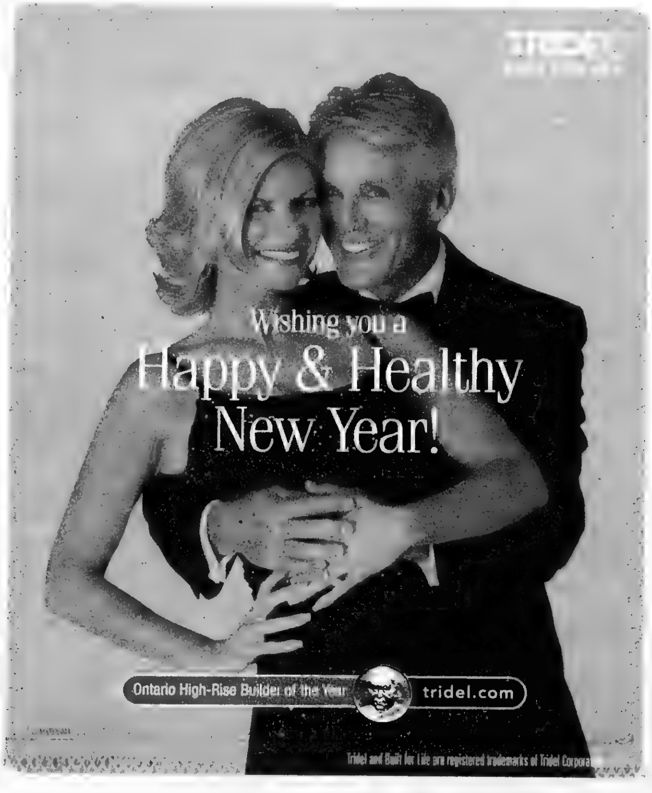

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However, almost 30 years later, these communities were partly reconstituted by a wave of refugees escaping from the Inquisition of 1492 in Spain, and 1497 in Portugal. In the 16th century, most of the Middle East and the Maghreb, except for Morocco, fell into Turkish hands. Given the length and breadth of the Ottoman Empire, it is remarkable that the Turks left no significant trace of their North African conquest on either the Jews or the Muslims.

Algeria

In Algeria, in 1512, Spain invaded Oran and Bougie and sold a great number of Jews into slavery. Partly thanks to the tireless efforts of the prominent Jewish families Ben Aaron, Cansino and Sasportas, the Spaniards began to soften their anti-Jewish policies in Algeria. However, in 1516, they attacked and persecuted the very old Jewish community on the Tunisian island of Jerba. Four years later, Algeria was conquered by the famous Turkish corsair Khayr al-Dyn (1473-1546), better known as Barbarossa (Red Beard) and his pirates. During this period, piracy had become the scourge of Christendom.

We only have a few details about the Algerian Jews and their way of life during the Algerian "golden age" (the 16th and 17th centuries). Those details come mostly from the writings of European officials, missionaries or travellers who fell prisoner to the Algerian corsairs. The priest Diego de Haedo, for example, wrote around 1580 that the Jews had a monopoly on metalwork and that every year they had to pay 600 gold coins – an enormous sum – to the ruler. In addition, whenever there were complaints about or from them, they were fined very heavily. They shared among themselves the burden of the yearly taxes and "gifts" they had to offer the ruler.

In the 18th century, many Jewish merchants expanded their trade to France, but their duties were rarely restricted to trade since many of these merchants acted as diplomats as well. Two prominent Algerian Jewish families, the Busnachs and the Bacris, conducted practically all of the Algerian trade with France while the Cohen family of Algiers controlled the Tunisian-Netherlands trade. The fact that some Jews were very prominent did not protect the community. In 1801, a *caid* (chief) granted some soldiers the right to pillage and massacre the Jews over a period of three days in return for the soldiers' help in overthrowing the *dey* (ruler) of Algiers. Similarly, in 1802, the *dey* placated a threatened revolt of the *Janissaries* (soldiers in the elite Turkish guard), by offering them Jewish lives and property. The *Janissaries* agreed and pillaged the Jewish quarter instead of carrying out their revolt, killing several thousand Jews in a few hours.

Suffered persecutions and pogroms

Prominent and highly respected Jews also suffered arbitrary executions. In 1805, Naphtali Busnach, a wealthy merchant, was killed in Algiers by a *Janissary*. The *dey* forgave the killer and a few days later, a band of *Janissaries*, encouraged by this leniency, randomly attacked the city's Jews. These attacks, in turn, triggered a series of pogroms and killings of well-known Jews all over the country. In 1811, David Duran, the *muqaddam* (treasurer) of the Jewish community was put to death without warning. Two years later, the *dey* of Algiers defeated the *dey* of Oran in a battle and then butchered his Jewish mistress and her five sons. In 1815, the *dey* similarly condemned to death Isaac Aboulker, the chief rabbi of Algiers, along with six Jewish officials.

Not surprisingly, these arbitrary killings and frequent pogroms caused the city's Jews to feel increasingly insecure. In 1828, shortly before the French invasion, Algiers' American consul sent a report in which he described the lives of Algerian Jews as "nothing but a fearful mixture of debasement, oppression, and outrage." Living under constant threats and in daily fear for their lives, the country's Jewish community welcomed, secretly, if not openly, the French army of Maréchal de Bourmont that entered Algiers on July 5, 1830.

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French officials became the protectors of the Jewish traders

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Tunisia

In Tunisia, the Jewish Turkish corsair, Sinan Pasha, defeated the Spanish army, crushed the Hafsid rulers, and made the country a Turkish *pashalik* (province) in 1574. Describing the effects of the Ottoman rule in Tunisia almost 100 years later, in 1665, d'Arvieux, the French consul in Algiers wrote: "It is difficult to imagine the contempt, humiliation, and cruelties to which the Jews are subject."

Some Jews who were quite active in international trade qualified for French protection under a special trade agreement between France and the Ottoman Empire that gave France the right to protect European ships and traders. French officials, therefore, came to regard themselves as the protectors of the Jewish traders and, by the early 19th century, 36 Jewish families enjoyed the official support of the French government. When France invaded Algeria in 1830, the Tunisian Jews were relieved. Aware of these feelings, the Tunisian governor liberalized certain restrictive measures against Jews and the precarious situation of the Tunisian Jews seemed to be improving.

But the Muslim masses, anticipating that they would have to make up for the taxes from which the Jews had just been exempted, looted the *harahs* (Jewish quarters) and killed thousands of Jews. In a famous case in 1857, Batto Sfez was accused – apparently unjustly – of insulting Islam. He was put to death despite the intercessions of the French and other foreign consuls in Tunis, the Tunisian princesses, and a very high ransom offer from the Jewish community. Similar results were seen 11 years later, when 18 Jews were killed in Tunis, but, despite the intervention of the European consuls, no one was arrested or punished for the crimes. But in 1877, a committee of the Alliance Israélite Universelle (AIU), a society founded in Paris in 1860 for the protection of Jews, was strengthened in order to give it the power to intervene in cases of the persecution of Jews.

There was other good news as well. In 1879, in an unprecedented and most generous gesture that touched the Jews enormously, Bey Mohamed as-Sadok granted the Jewish community of Tunis 1,000 square metres of land to build a synagogue. In May 1881, France signed the Treaty of Bardo, making Tunisia a French protectorate.

Morocco

A Spaniard named Marmol described the Jews' lives in Morocco in the early 17th century: "The Jews were utterly degraded. Muslims spat in their faces in the street… At the same time, they were so well educated and intelligent that the king and the aristocracy entrusted them with the management of their affairs."

Moulay Ismail was viciously cruel to Christians and rather indifferent to Jews. He turned a blind eye as they suffered pogrom after pogrom. The situation grew increasingly worse for the Jews despite the fact that some individuals from prominent families, such as Pliaji and de Paz, rose to the high official positions of consul, ambassador and vizier to the king.

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'In Algeria, Jews were killed, their cemeteries and synagogues were desecrated'

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Moulay Mohamed ben-Abdallah acceded to the Sherifian throne in 1757 and the strong economy he built, primarily with money collected from the Jews and Christians, led to a period of peace and trust. In the course of his rule, he hired Jewish diplomats and interpreters to communicate with the ambassador of the French king, Louis XV, and did the same to negotiate with other European countries.

But when his son Moulay Yazid succeeded him, he made a list of all the Jews who had been influential in his father's court and ordered them hanged by their feet at the gates of Meknes. Many of his Muslim subjects were infuriated by such a drastic change in policy and offered the Jews shelter and protection. Moulay Yazid responded to this challenge by adding "bad Muslims" to his black list, but died fighting near Marrakesh before his orders could be carried out.

During the 30-year rule of Moulay Suleiman, the Jewish minority was free from persecution, and during a typhus epidemic in 1799, he ordered the doctors to take as good care of the Jews as they did of the Muslims.

In 1822, Moulay Abd al-Rahman acceded to the Sherifian throne, which he kept until 1859. His rule was marked by the martyrdom of 16-year-old Sol ha-Tsadica in 1834, who chose to die rather than convert to Islam, but it was also marked by the rise of many Jews to become diplomats and great traders. The sultan sent Abraham Corcos, and the Abensour, Aflalo, Alturas and Benchimol brothers to represent him in various European countries, while Juda Benoliel was appointed Moroccan consul to British Gibraltar and Mayer Ouaknine was appointed ambassador to London.

In 1844, the French attacked Mogador and Tangiers, which triggered pogroms against the Jewish community and the flight of many Jews to Gibraltar. Pogroms, executions and the need to flee from city to city led many Jews to choose to emigrate to Palestine. To stop this exodus, the sultan imposed an exorbitant tax, a so-called exit tax that few in the Jewish community could afford to pay. Nevertheless, there was a wave – the first – of Moroccan immigrants to Hebron, Jerusalem, Safed and Tiberias. Those who were unable to fulfil their dream of settling in Palestine immigrated to Algeria, where they felt protected by the presence of the French colonizers.

In the 19th century, the Anglo-Jewish Association and the AIU tried to intercede on behalf of the Jews. France and Morocco signed a Treaty of Protection in 1863. But as more and more Jews came to enjoy the protection of the French government, in an attempt to stem the tide, King Hassan (1873-1894) promised to grant non-Muslim citizens impartial justice, equality and freedom to worship. When 14-year-old Abd al-Aziz succeeded King Hassan in 1894, his authoritarian and very strict vizier, Ba Ahmed, who was really in control of the kingdom, offered further respite to the Jews. But Ba Ahmed died in 1900, and the country disintegrated into anarchy that was worsened by an epidemic that killed thousands of people including 3,000 Jews in the *mellah* of Fez before spreading to other cities with a high concentration of Jews.

In the meantime, France was encouraged by its annexation of Algeria in 1830 and Tunisia in 1881, and was waiting for an appropriate time to invade Morocco. De Foucauld, a young French viscount and priest, travelled through Morocco in 1883 and 1884 disguised as a rabbi to give his government a firsthand report about the general situation of the Jews living there. He described a poverty-stricken community: "Every Jew… belongs body and soul to his seigneur, the sid… Nothing in the world protects the Jew against his seigneur: he is entirely at his mercy."

When the Muslims murdered a French doctor in Marrakesh and some European workers in Casablanca in 1907, France immediately sent its navy and occupied northwest Morocco. Five years later, the country was divided into three internationally recognized zones: the French zone, the Spanish zone containing the coastal cities of Ceuta and Melilla, and the international zone of Tangiers. A few days later, angered by the Jews' joyous welcome of the French, the Muslims attacked the *mellah* of Fez, killing more than 100 members of the Jewish community, raping women and setting the whole *mellah* on fire.

French colonization

The French colonization of Algeria (1830-1962), Tunisia (1881-1956) and Morocco (1912-1956) had drastic consequences for the Jewish communities in these countries: modernization was undertaken with a monist approach. The Jews were granted freedom and, in some cases, French citizenship, but at a price: they had to adopt all aspects of French culture, including a strong tendency toward secularism. This was the case in France where, during the revolution in 1789, synagogues and churches became *temples de la raison* (temples of reason) as well as, later on, in France's colonies.

In Algeria, in 1870, thanks to the efforts of the French minister of justice, Isaac Moise Cremieux, a Sephardi Jew, the Jews were granted French nationality. This marked the beginning of a new phenomenon: European Christian anti-Semitism. In France, there was a strong opposition to the Cremieux Decree. In the 1890s, the Dreyfus Affair was blown out of proportion in the French circles of Algeria which, subsequently, also fed on the violently anti-Semitic propaganda of Nazi Germany. Jews were killed, their cemeteries and synagogues were desecrated and burnt, and new discriminatory measures and press campaigns became increasingly frequent.

Despite this hostility, thousands of Algerian Jews joined the French army under Napoleon III in 1870. During World War I, they fought so well that 1,000 were mentioned in special dispatches, 113 were awarded military medals, 850 were decorated with the Croix de Guerre, 39 with the Croix de la Légion d'Honneur and 1,353 died in battle.

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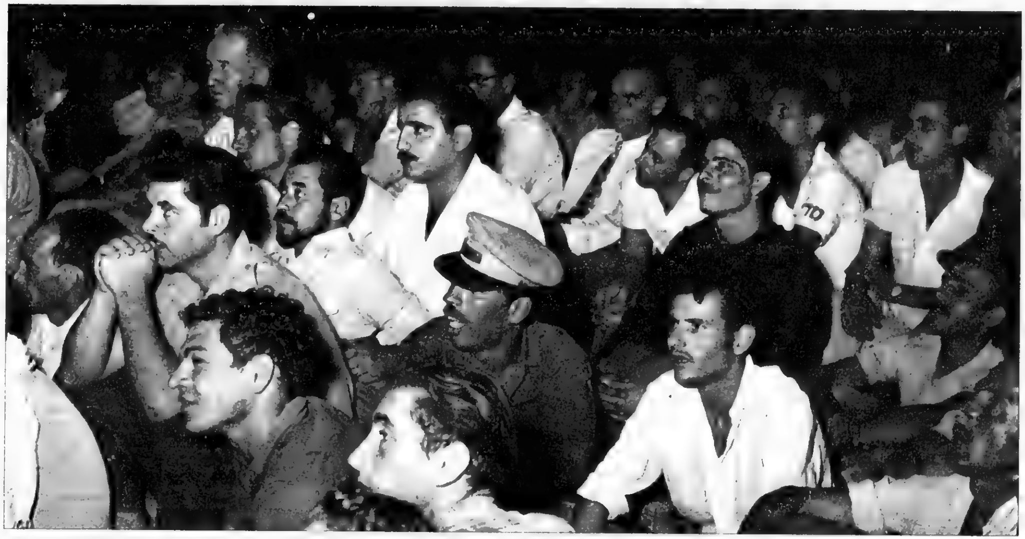

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'Many Algerian Jews joined the Resistance in France'

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During World War II, when France surrendered to Adolf Hitler and marshal Henri-Philippe Pétain took control of the Vichy government, one of his first decisions was to abrogate the Cremieux Decree. Jews were expelled from schools, restricted to a strict *numerus clausus* in colleges and universities, fired from certain jobs and, in general, made pariahs in their own country. Many Algerian Jews joined the Resistance in France and a small group, the Geo Gras, made up of about 400 fearless and daring young Jewish men, organized the Resistance in Algiers. These men actually made it possible for the Allies to land in the capital during a practically unknown heroic and dangerous operation.

In Tunisia, despite many requests, the Jews were not granted French citizenship by the French authorities. In contrast, between 1891 and 1910, the government granted citizenship to 97 Muslims. But, during World War I, close to 1,000 Jews fought beside the French, who saw in this spontaneous gesture proof of the Jews' loyalty to France and its ideals. Then, in 1917, the *harahs* of Bizerte, Tunis, Sousse, Sfax, Kairouan and Mahdia were attacked by Muslim mobs, who killed thousands of inhabitants and destroyed their property. These events pushed the French to pass a law in 1923, which granted French nationality to 6,639 Jews between 1926 and 1938.

When the Germans landed in Tunisia on Nov. 23, 1942, they immediately arrested all the leading personalities of the Jewish community, and Colonel Rauff demanded from the chief rabbi Isaac Bellaiche and the president of the community Moise Borgel that 5,000 Jews be sent to the Germans for forced labour. Neither the French nor the Tunisians intervened, and the Jews had to organize a recruiting committee, which had the task of sending thousands of young, strong Jewish men to the dozen labour camps set up all over Tunisia. Many died of hardship; others were killed by the Germans while at work or deported to European concentration camps. Not content to obey German orders, some French officials went beyond the call of duty in denouncing Jews, even co-operating fully with the Germans in the implementation of their Jewish policy.

> ***'Many died of hardship'***

In Morocco, during the Vichy regime, the rise of Arab-Muslim nationalism and German anti-Semitic propaganda caused some leaders to demand the reinstatement of the Covenant of Omar and the *dhimmi* status for the Jews. In Casablanca and Marrakesh, the Jews were forced back to their *mellahs*. They were excluded from their country's economy as the Muslims gradually reduced their business and commercial ties with them. The Moroccan king protected his Jews, but the Vichy restrictions nevertheless imposed severe limitations on their schooling and professions. They were excluded from public office, their land was expropriated and they were financially exploited. General Charles de Gaulle put an end to these discriminatory measures when he overthrew the Vichy regime in June 1943.

The French influence

The consequences of colonization, ironically, were fatal to the Jews' identity. Modernization and emancipation ended their economic indispensability: as secular and higher education opened all job opportunities to them, they no longer monopolized certain industries as they had done for centuries. The community structure was drastically changed in Algeria, though much less so in Tunisia and Morocco, where the Jews were still subjects of the Muslim ruler. Education was, no doubt, the domain in which the changes were most drastic and the consequences most significant. French secular education was instrumental in bringing the *Maghrebi* Jewish communities from the Middle Ages to the 20th century in a surprisingly short time. The AIU educated and emancipated Jewish children, but in its schools, French studies were treated as a priority. Most parents and educators believed, through the AIU, that mastery of the French language brought social status and prestige. As a result, in Algeria for example, out of a population of about 150,000 Jews in the late 1950s, there were close to 4,000 Jewish students in French universities, or 2.66 per cent of the population, while the French proportion was one per cent and the American, considered the highest in the world: 1.8 per cent.

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Synagogue was the pillar

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However, the goal of the AIU was mostly to modernize and westernize, and they often did so with a patronizing and sometimes contemptuous attitude toward local cultures. The teachers, many of whom were anti-Zionist, sometimes and in some countries totally neglected Hebrew and Jewish education. Theodor Herzl despised the AIU and its "hollow, pompous name," which, he felt, encouraged anti-Semites to believe that there was indeed an international Jewish conspiracy to dominate the world. He believed that, in the interest of Zionism and of Jews in general, it would be best if the AIU ceased to exist.

Before the French conquest, religion was a daily way of life for North African Jews. The synagogue was the pillar of the community, not only a religious and spiritual venue, but a social, cultural, commercial and intellectual one as well. Many people kept their books in the synagogue, which was always lit up so that those who wished to study could do so anytime. Following their emancipation, the Jews rushed out of their *mellahs* and *harahs* to live in the European quarters. They conformed as much as possible to their new environment, spoke French, dressed *à la française*, deserted the synagogue except for a few major holidays, and were obliged to go to school on Saturday.

Gradually, most of their institutions were abolished or weakened by the French administration until they became altogether unused. It seems as though, once the external barriers of segregation were removed, the internal ones, ill-equipped to withstand the shock, collapsed. These changes caused the Jews to become estranged from their native land, although they were not legally marginal any longer since France had decreed that all citizens of its overseas possessions were equal, without distinction of creed or colour. The Jews were caught between a fascinating attraction to the modern world of material and intellectual rationalism and a certain nostalgia for the deeply religious, spiritual and mystic world of traditional Judaism. But the vast majority, especially in Algeria, dropped the latter.

The exodus

During the seven years of the war of independence of Algeria, most Jews were neutral. There were, however, those who sided with the French and others with the Arabs, sometimes within the same family. This is how, in 1960 Algiers, William Levy was killed by the French *Organisation de l'Armée Secrete* and his son was killed by the Algerian *Fédération de Libération Nationale*.

In 1961, de Gaulle publicly admitted for the first time that French Algeria might not remain French for much longer, and the Muslims started harassing the Jews. They burned a synagogue in Algiers, desecrated a cemetery in Oran, and killed a few leading personalities. Realizing that they would be better off with the French than with the Arabs, and following the expression "*la valise ou le cercueil*" (the suitcase or the coffin), the Jews chose the suitcase. They left en masse, abandoning everything. A few went to Israel, Canada or the United States, but most chose France. There are no Jews living in Algeria today.

In Tunisia, one of the most remarkable personalities of the intellectual elite was Habib Bourguiba. He succeeded in convincing the French prime minister Pierre Mendes-France, a Sephardi Jew, to officially grant to Tunisia its right to internal autonomy. This was followed on March 20, 1956, by Tunisia's independence. Five days later, the country's Jews lived through a memorable experience: for the first time, they voted as full-fledged citizens for the representatives of the first Tunisian Constitutional Assembly.

A few weeks later, Habib Bourguiba was nominated president for life. Bourguiba, in turn, chose a Jew, André Barouch, who had fought by his side for the independence of their country, as minister of planning and reconstruction. The following year, Barouch was replaced by a Muslim and there have been no Jews in the Tunisian government ever since.

Contrary to what happened in Algeria and Morocco, the struggle for independence in Tunisia did not lead to much violence against the Jews. However, many were expelled and, in 1958, the *harah* of Tunis was torn down, including an ancient synagogue that was a historical landmark. The Jewish cemetery was made into a park, Jews' commercial licences were rarely renewed and life was generally made more difficult for the Jews. Most Jews left everything and went to Israel, while others chose France, Canada or the United States. Today, there are only a few thousand Jews still living in Tunisia, mostly in its capital, Tunis, and the island of Jerba.

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In 1957, restrictive emigration laws passed against Jews

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Another prominent Jewish minister was appointed in Morocco, after it gained its independence in 1956. King Mohamed chose a Dr. Benzaquen who had, in many ways contributed greatly to the independence of his country, as minister of posts. But prime minister Si Embarek Bekkai was considered far too moderate, and was soon replaced by leftist Abdallah Ibrahim, who gave Benzaquen's portfolio to a Muslim whose first decision was to sever postal relations with Israel.

In 1957, a law forbade the minister of the interior to grant passports to Jews, who could no longer leave the country legally. Those who were caught trying to leave were imprisoned and tortured. But instead of discouraging the Jews, this impelled them to try anything to leave. The collective hysteria culminated in January 1961 with the tragedy of the Pisces, a small fishing boat that sank with 43 Jews on board. Soon thereafter, Mohamed V died and his son Hassan II took power. One of Hassan's first decisions was to allow the Jews to leave, which they did en masse, most of them for Israel, and the others for France and North America.

In Spanish Morocco, the situation was different. Spanish colonization was mostly economic and hardly cultural. Therefore, it seems that, apart from the adoption of the Spanish language and the Hakitie dialect, Jews' lives were not significantly changed. There are a few thousand Jews left in Morocco.

Accomplishments

Throughout the centuries, these communities had a vibrant religious, intellectual and cultural life. In 669, Oqba ben Nafi founded the city of Kairouan in Tunisia, where he encouraged Jews and Copts to settle. Many Jews from the *Machrek* (Middle East), especially Iraq, heeded his call and formed the nucleus of a prosperous and intellectually vibrant community, which was in close contact with the academies of Sura and Pumbedita in Iraq and Jerusalem in Palestine. The Aghlabids made their capital in Kairouan, which became the third Holy City of Islam and from which all non-Muslims were expelled.

> ***'Throughout the centuries, a vibrant religious life'***

Kairouan was so well known that the famous traveller Eldad Hadani visited there. Mar Oqba, the Babylonian Exilarch (the leader of the Jewish community), settled there, and Isaac Israeli, a doctor at the Fatimid court, founded the first medical school of the Maghreb there. In the early 11th century, Emir Badis chose Rabbi Abraham ben Nathan ben Ata to be his own private doctor and subsequently his son's private doctor as well as the *nagid* (leader) of the Jewish community. Kairouan was the most important centre of talmudic studies, followed by Fez. It was destroyed in 1057 by the Bedouin tribe of the Banu Hillal and, three years later, by Berber tribes. That spelled the end of Jewish life in the city.

Al-Fassi, who was born in Algeria in 1013, had studied in Kairouan with Nissim ben Jacob and Hananel ben Hushiel. He transferred the intellectual and spiritual centre of Maghrebi Judaism from Kairouan to Fez, where the Rambam settled in 1159, and where Rabbi Youssef ben Aknin, born in Ceuta, wrote philosophical and theological works. Yehuda ibn Kourash of Tahert (Morocco), was the first philologist to elaborate a system of compared linguistics. Dounash ben Tamim, a student of Isaac Israeli, was a brilliant linguist and doctor. The famous linguist, Dounash ben Labrat, was the first to use the Arabic meter in Hebrew poetry, and Yehouda ben David Hayouj, one of his disciples, worked on the foundations of Hebrew grammar until his death in 1010.

Isaac ben Khalfoun, born in Morocco in 1020, was the first poet to make a living from his literary gifts. Rabbi Shlomo ben Yehouda of Fez was appointed gaon of the Jerusalem Academy and Nissim ben Jacob inaugurated a literary genre in which he excelled: popular tale around social topics.

In the 12th century, Yehuda ben Samuel ibn Abbas al-Maghribi wrote exquisite poems, some of them which are included in the liturgy of the High Holy Days. In the 14th century, the study of Kabbalah and Jewish philosophy was much advanced under the guidance of a number of prominent Jewish thinkers, including the famous philosopher Nissim ibn Malka and his son Judah ben Malka, whose philosophical treatises are studied to this day. In Algeria, Rabbi Ephraim Ankawa strengthened the Tlemcen community, and rabbis Isaac ben Chechet Barfat (Ribach), and Shimon ben Tsemach Duran (Rachbatz) made Algiers into a famous religious and intellectual centre.

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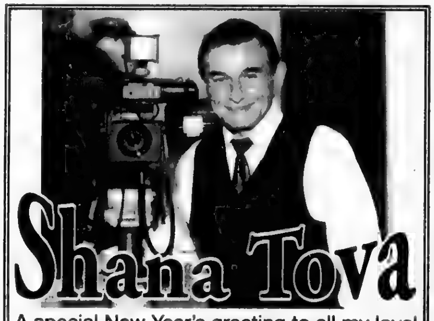

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The Jews of Syria

By JUDY FELD CARR

"And the ransomed of God shall return,
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Crowned with joy everlasting."

So begins the book on the secret rescue of the Syrian Jewish Community, *The Ransomed of God,* by University of Toronto historian Harold Troper.

Jewish tradition has held throughout its long and difficult history that it is a mitzvah, a holy act, to ransom captives held as hostages. This mitzvah is known as *pidyon shvuyim.*

In the latter part of the 20th century up until 2001, a few thousand members of the Jewish communities of Damascus, Aleppo and Qamishli were held for ransom individually. Most of the ransom money was donated by members of the Canadian Jewish community to the Dr. Ronald Feld Fund of the Beth Tzedec Congregation in Toronto.

There are now 38 Jews left in Syria.

Syrian Jews trace their ancestry back to the time of King David, long before the arrival of the Muslims. According to legend, the Great Synagogue of Aleppo was constructed by King David's general, Joab ben Seruya, after his conquest of the city. To this day, the remains of the synagogue, which was destroyed in 1947, are referred to as Joab's Synagogue.

In 1552, Rabbi Moses Bassala d'Ancona referred to the Jawbar Synagogue outside of Damascus as a "handsome synagogue, the like of which I have never seen. There is a beautiful cave above the synagogue in which, it is said, Elijah the prophet – may his memory be blessed – hid. It is indeed an awesome place." Syrian Jews used to bow upon entering one of their magnificent structures.

During the Spanish Inquisition in the 15th century, the Jewish refugees made their way to Damascus and Aleppo in large numbers. There they established their own synagogues, schools and cemeteries, and with the arrival of a small wave of Italian Sephardim, they worked primarily in trade, commerce, the making of jewelry and other crafts.

The communities were firmly ruled by the beit din, the religious court, supported by the committees of community leaders. Relations with the Muslims were sometimes amicable, but formal. As in the rest of the Arab world, Jews and Christians, as believers in one God, had the status of *dhimmi*, which was a misnomer because they weren't protected but treated as second-class citizens.

Because Jews would not accept Islam, they were subjected to humiliating measures. A special tax was imposed (*jizya*), restrictions were placed on the height of their synagogues, they were limited in the choice of animals they could ride, they were required to wear distinctive dress and to step aside for Muslim passersby, and they were prohibited from walking in the rain, lest it should splash from them onto a Muslim.

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Maghrebi Jews are home in Israel

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Toward the end of the 16th century, the Jewish community in Morocco became markedly more vibrant intellectually and more prone to an interest in mysticism than the Jews in Tunisia or Algeria. This was evident during the time of the false messiah Shabbetai Zvi, for whom they showed far more enthusiasm and fervour than the Tunisians or the Algerians. It took the moral and intellectual authority of famous rabbis such as Jacob Sasportas, Aaron Siboni and Daniel Toledano to reason with them. Other famous rabbis, writers and thinkers, all visibly influenced by the Rambam, were Abensur, Berdugo, Delonga, Toledano and Uziel. The study of the Zohar was very common in the rabbinical milieux of Marrakesh, Safi and Sale, with teachers such as Abraham Azoulay, Iossef Corcos, Moshe Elbaz, Iossef Gikatilla (author of *Guinat Egoz*) and Shimon Lavi from Tripoli. David ben Hassine (1727-1792), an outstanding poet, was born in Meknes.

This cultural and spiritual activity in Morocco was in stark contrast to the activity in Tunisia where, despite the inauguration in 1768 of a Hebrew printing press and the tireless efforts of Rabbi Abraham Taieb, the community had become so apathetic that Rabbi Haim Iossef David Azoulay (the HIDA) of the yeshiva of Hebron decided to go to Tunis to get the Jews re-interested in spiritual and religious matters.

In the 19th century, numerous rabbis such as rabbis Mas'oud Knafo, Abraham Coriat, Isaac Benwalid and Mordekhai Bengio in Morocco, and Ouziel Alhayk, Mordekhai Carvalho, Hai Taieb, Joshua Bessis and Salomon Dana in Tunisia, wrote poetry and rabbinic and kabbalistic treatises. As for Algeria, most Jews by then were living more in French than in any other language.

The exodus of the Jews from their age-old North African native land fortunately did not dry up their creativity. In France, they injected badly needed new blood to a practically moribund Jewish community and succeeded so well that French Jewry today is essentially Sephardi. (Today's community in France is the second largest Sephardi community after Israel.) They are in all spheres of French life: they built new Jewish schools and yeshivot; the chief rabbi of France, subsequently appointed rabbi of the European Union, is Joseph Sitruk, a native of Tunisia; they are mayors of cities, members of the French Assemblée Nationale; they dominate many sectors of the entertainment business; and they contribute greatly to the literary scene, through authors such as Ami Bouganim, Paula Darmon, Edmond El Maleh from Morocco, Albert Bensoussan, Jean Daniel and Maurice Partouche from Algeria, and Albert Memmi, Annie Goldmann and Guy Sitbon from Tunisia.

In Israel, after a difficult and painful early period, many North African Jews are now contributing to all domains of society and public life. Thanks to these men and women, the Maghrebi Jews seem to feel they have finally come home after close to 3,000 restless years of wandering.

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'Blood libel has again been revived in Damascus'

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Until the 19th century, there were no uprisings against, or massacres of, Jews in Aleppo, but in 1840 in Damascus, the first serious blood libel erupted in the Arab world. The affair began with the disappearance of an Italian Capuchin friar and his servant. The local Christians and the French consul accused the Jews of having murdered the men to obtain their blood to bake matzot for the Passover holiday. A Jewish barber was arrested and confessed under torture, implicating members of the community. Two of those people died under torture. One saved himself by converting to Islam. Two "confessed." Sixty-three Jewish children were taken hostage to force their parents to reveal where the "martyrs'" blood was hidden.

> *'Conditions worsened after 1964'*

Sir Moses Montifiore led a delegation of French Jews to Syria to intercede on behalf of the accused. After several weeks of incarceration, the prisoners were freed. But the incident was not forgotten. In 1964, Prof. Abd al-Karim Gharayiba of the University of Damascus warned mothers against letting their children out at night "lest the Jews… come and take their blood to bake matzot at Passover."

Today, the blood libel has again been revived in Damascus in what has become a best-selling book in the Arab world. *The Matzah of Zion*, written by Syria's defence minister G. Mustafa Tlass in 1983, used the fallacy of ritual murder to stir up anti-Semitism by charging that the Jewish religion is characterized by the "destructive evils" of its beliefs and by its "hatred to all humanity and all religions."

Tlass continues to defend the theory. He has recently been quoted on Lebanese television as saying, "We live in a tradition of martyrdom. When I see a Jew before me, I kill him. If every Arab did this all over the world, it would be the end of the Jews."

The Syrian Jewish community, which numbered 40,000 in the early 1900s, had dwindled to 15,000 by 1948. At that time, Syrian Jews faced terrible dangers. As soon as the United Nations declared the partition of Palestine, Arabs attacked several synagogues, stores and Jewish homes. The rampage continued into 1949 when 12 Jews were killed by a bomb thrown into a synagogue in Damascus, followed by an arson attack on the Jewish school in Aleppo. Aleppo's Great Synagogue was also torched.

Another casualty of the rampage was the famous *Aleppo Codex*, called in Hebrew Keter Aram Zobah (*keter* means crown). The earliest-known manuscript of the full text of the Jewish Bible, or the Tanach – composed of the Pentateuch, the Prophets and the Writings – had been made famous by Maimonides and became accepted universally as the order of the Bible. The codex, which had been moved from Israel to Egypt and then to Syria at the end of the 14th century, had been kept in a vault for more than 600 years. Only about two-thirds of this authoritative text was rescued from the fire and smuggled out of the country to Israel and the Ben Tzvi Institute. Scraps of the pages, blowing in the wind from the fire, were seized upon by members of the community and many men wore a piece in a locket around their necks, as a talisman.

Security officials frequently arrested Jews on dubious charges and imprisoned them in the notorious El-Maze prison. A new branch of the secret police (the notorious Mukhabarat), under the instruction of the escaped Nazi Alois Brunner (also known as George Fischer), the second in command to Adolf Eichmann, was instructed to watch the movements of every Jew. A new law was initiated to end their communications abroad.

Conditions worsened after the Ba'ath party seized control in 1964. Internal travel was restricted to three miles from the homes. Jews could not be employed in any government office. There were strict curfews, lasting for several weeks at a time. Jewish businessmen were required to take Muslim partners. Emigration was prohibited. The few privileged Jews allowed out of the country for medical treatment or business were obliged to leave family members behind, as sureties for their return to the country, together with large sums of money. Neither private nor public property could be sold (and to this day remain expropriated without compensation by the Syrian government). Mail and telephone calls were censored or monitored. Jewish schools were placed under the directorship of Muslim principals and Arab students were obliged to enrol. There was a strict Jewish quota for institutions of higher learning. Palestinian "refugees" were billeted in the Jewish ghettoes in houses next to members of the Jewish community. The word *Mousawi* (Jew) was written across all Jewish identity cards (and for the lucky ones, on passports), first in red and later in black ink.

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In 1972, a lifeline to Syria's Jews was started in Toronto

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Somewhat of a turning point came in March 1974. That month, four teenage girls – the Sebbagh sisters and their cousin Eva Saad – were raped and murdered trying to escape across the border into Lebanon. For the first time in their history, several hundred Damascus Jews held a protest march. The police dispersed the crowd with water cannons.

In December 1983, a pregnant Jewish woman, Lillian Abadi, and her two children were hacked to pieces with an axe in their own home. No person was ever arrested or charged with the murders, but then no person in Syria has ever been charged with the crime of murdering a Jew.

> ***More than 3,000 Jews were rescued***

Jews who were caught trying to escape and their families were imprisoned, either in solitary confinement or in foul communal cells, without charges and without a trial. They were kept incommunicado and tortured.

The regime of Hafez al-Assad was among the most brutal on earth. Even Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch issued reports accusing Assad of a litany of horrors, including the imprisonment of Jews.

Deprivation of sleep, withholding of food, psychological pressure, cigarette burns, kicking, whipping, beatings on every part of the body, especially the feet and genitals, electric shock, extraction of finger and toenails, special torture machines – Amnesty International has listed some 38 forms of torture practised by the Mukhabarat. Human Rights Watch stated in 1900 that "no other community in Syria faces such heavy surveillance and none is made to feel so powerless in the face of the authorities [as the Jews]."

Here was a community crying out for liberation.

In 1972, a lifeline was started in Toronto. Thousands of dollars worth of religious books and articles were sent to rabbis in Damascus, Aleppo and Qamishli at their request, as well as funds for the poor and the families of those imprisoned.

But what began as a relief initiative quickly became a dangerous, covert activity of rescue – the present practice of the ancient mitzvah of *pidyon shvuyim*. People had to be paid to smuggle goods and officials needed to be bribed for desperately needed exit permits. Just one leak anywhere would have closed every door.

During a period of about 30 years, more than 3,000 members of the beleaguered Jewish community of Damascus were removed, person by person, by a series of clandestine activities. Today, only those who are elderly and who have chosen to stay remain.

However, one treasure of the community – indeed, of the Jewish world – remained: yet another codex, or *keter*, the existence of which had been speculated upon in the West and in Israel and was thought to have remained in Syria. This exquisite manuscript of the Tanach, the Damascus *Keter*, was, in fact, located and quietly removed – fully intact – from its 500 year-old resting place in the basement of a synagogue in Syria. It was spirited to Canada and, after being hidden in Toronto, was given to the former chief rabbi of Syria to take with him when he made aliyah.

Written on almost translucent vellum, as clear today as when the scribe penned it in the 12th century, this book found its way from Castille to Constantinople during the Spanish Inquisition and then to Damascus. There, it was read publicly once a year on Shavuot, and then returned to its protected glass case, revered by all who knew of its existence. Having been presented to the president of the State of Israel for all the Jewish people, it now lies in a protected, controlled environment in the National Jewish Library of the Hebrew University, there to be studied and interpreted by scholars.

The Damascus Keter remains a remnant of what was a golden saga in Jewish history that has otherwise dissolved into mere memory.

Judy Feld Carr is a musicologist. For years, she led the struggle for freedom for Syrian Jewry.

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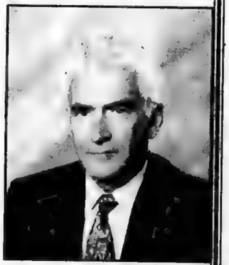
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L'exode des Juifs d'Irak

NAÏM KATTAN

Personal Testimonies: *Iraq*

J'ai quitté Bagdad en 1947 grâce à une bourse du gouvernement français et j'ai poursuivi mes études à la Sorbonne, à Paris. Autour de moi, nombreux étaient ceux qui cherchaient, par tous les moyens, de partir. Car, depuis le *farhoud*, le pogrom qui, en 1941, a frappé les juifs irakiens à la suite de la chute du gouvernement pro-nazi de Rachid Ali al Gaylani, ceux-ci ne se sentaient plus en sécurité d'autant plus que les gouvernements irakiens successifs rendaient leur vie de plus en plus difficile. Cette vie devint intenable après la naissance de l'Etat d'Israël en 1948 et la défaite des armées arabes, dont celle de l'Irak, qui l'ont combattu.

La communauté juive d'Irak a pour origine les prisonniers de Nabuchodonosor à Babylone. Pendant vingt-cinq siècles, elle a survécu au passage de divers empires et royaumes. Mes ancêtres furent là avant les chrétiens et les musulmans. Notre communauté fut fortement intégrée à la vie de l'Irak depuis l'indépendance du pays en 1922. Les juifs participaient fortement à la vie politique, culturelle et économique du pays. Aussi le farhoud fut plus qu'un signal d'alarme. Dès ce moment, les Juifs s'étaient sentis sans défense, abandonnés aux hordes d'assassins et de pilleurs. Ils ne s'étaient jamais guéris de ce traumatisme d'autant plus que les autorités ne cessaient de les harceler, leur rappelant constamment qu'ils étaient suspects et, par conséquent, indésirables.

Un jour, en 1949, à Paris, rentrant chez moi, un étudiant irakien musulman que je connaissais m'exprima ses regrets à ce qui était arrivé à mon frère à Bagdad. Un ami m'envoyait régulièrement les journaux irakiens qui faisaient état des multiples procès qui frappaient les juifs sous l'accusation de sionisme-communisme. Il évita de me faire parvenir celui qui faisait mention de la condamnation de mon frère, sous la même accusation, à deux ans de prison. D'autres juifs étaient accusés d'espionnage et de subversion. Aux commerçants on n'accordait plus de permis d'importation ou d'exportation. Certains payaient des musulmans pour qu'ils leur servent de prêtes noms. On admettait parcimonieusement des étudiants juifs dans les universités et les autorités leur auraient interdit l'entrée aux écoles si la communauté juive ne disposait pas de son propre réseau scolaire.

> ***Pendant vingt-cinq siècles, la communauté juive d'Irak a survécu au passage de divers empires et royaumes***

En 1950, le gouvernement irakien effectua un véritable tournant politique. Au lieu de garder les juifs en leur faisant subir le sort de criminels en puissance, il leur a donné le choix de partir, de quitter le pays en laissant derrière eux tous leurs biens et toutes leurs propriétés. L'immense majorité à pris le chemin du *taskit*, c'est-à-dire l'annulation de leur nationalité irakienne. Par entente tacite avec le jeune Etat d'Israël, des avions les transportaient à Chypre d'où d'autres avions les emmenaient en Israël. Ceux qui sont restés ont subi discriminations et persécutions et ont fini par prendre le chemin de départ.

Près de cent cinquante mille juifs irakiens, logés à leur

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Quand Saddam Hussein prit le pouvoir, les juifs étaient peu nombreux

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arrivée en Israël dans des camps, des *maabarot*, ont mis des années à se refaire une vie. Il leur fallait apprendre la langue hébraïque même quand ils avaient appris à prier en hébreu et devaient se recycler dans de nouveaux métiers. Le plus difficile pour eux, sans doute, était de retrouver leur dignité et leur confiance. Pour la plupart, la perte fut immense et une génération fut sacrifiée.

Quand Saddam Hussein prit le pouvoir, les juifs qui restaient en Irak étaient peu nombreux et ils ne le préoccupaient point. Aujourd'hui, quand j'aperçois en Israël et ailleurs les enfants de ceux dont les existences furent gâchés je me dis, qu'en dépit des souffrances subies, le départ des juifs d'Irak était ce qui pouvait leur arriver de mieux. Je les vois à Montréal, à Londres, à New York et, bien sûr, en Israël et je répète qu'il faudrait rendre grâce à Dieu qui leur a épargné le sort des autres Irakiens, musulmans ou chrétiens, terrorisés, soumis aux persécutions d'un dictateur sanguinaire dont il n'y eut pas d'exemple dans l'histoire du pays. Quatre millions d'Irakiens, musulmans ou chrétiens, ont choisi l'exil. Ils ont quitté une terre débordant de richesses pour chercher à survivre dans divers pays d'Europe et d'Amérique.

> ***Près de cent cinquante mille juifs irakiens ont mis des années à se refaire une vie***

Après l'entrée des forces américaines en Irak, on a dénombré une trentaine de juifs qui restaient dont deux seulement savaient réciter les prières hébraïques, seuls témoins, seule subsistance d'une communauté qui a donné le Talmud au judaïsme et au monde.

Depuis la chute de Saddam on me demande souvent ce que je souhaiterais voir en Irak si l'occasion se présentait à moi pour la première fois après plus d'un demi-siècle d'absence de visiter mon pays natal. Ma première réaction est de dire que je voudrais pouvoir, à nouveau, traverser le Tigre à la nage en souvenir de mon enfance alors que mon frère aîné me réveillait à cinq heures du matin pour je l'accompagne à la baignade avant le lever du soleil. Nostalgie absurde, quasi-comique, car le Tigre qui était en ce temps là horriblement pollué le serait davantage aujourd'hui.

Sans doute irais-je me promener rue Abou Nouas, au bord du fleuve, dans le quartier Battawiyeen, construit et peuplé dans les années quarante par une classe moyenne juive. Je me promènerais rue Rachid, passerais par Kember Ali et Senak. J'imaginerais la ville grouillante de vie et des Juifs, fonctionnaires ou commerçants, avocats, journalistes ou épiciers, médecins ou joailliers, déambuler dans ces rues, enrichissant la ville de leurs talents et de leur travail.

Je sais que cette ville n'est plus là et il faudrait que je recherche un patrimoine plus ancien. J'irais d'abord à Ur en Chaldée, lieu de naissance d'Abraham, notre ancêtre et celui de tous les monothéistes. Je me rendrais ensuite à Keffel me recueillir devant le tombeau d'Ezechiel, je chercherais ensuite celui d'Ezra hasoffer et puis j'irais à Babylone où, adolescent, j'accompagnais mes camarades de classe de l'école de l'Alliance Israélite Universelle à l'excursion annuelle que nous y faisions. Le site sera là et je saluerais les traces d'une civilisation que mes ancêtres ont connue, ce qui ne les a pas empêchés de poursuivre la leur, fidèle au Livre qu'ils préservaient en le commentant.

Je formulerais alors un vœu. A l'instar de mes ancêtres, les prisonniers qui ont vaincu la servitude en étudiant le Livre, je souhaiterais que ceux, vingt-cinq siècles plus tard, qui furent chassés du pays, connaissent une nouvelle victoire qui serait une vie nouvelle, riche et fructueuse, en Israël, au Canada, en Angleterre et ailleurs.

Naïm Kattan est un écrivain illustre qui a été le récipiendaire de plusieurs prix littéraires. Il demeure à Montréal.

Award-winning Montreal author Naïm Kattan, who was born in Iraq, reflects on the exodus of Iraqi Jews, primarily to Israel, which began with a pogrom in 1941 and ended with the expulsion of some 150,000 Jews in the early 1950s.

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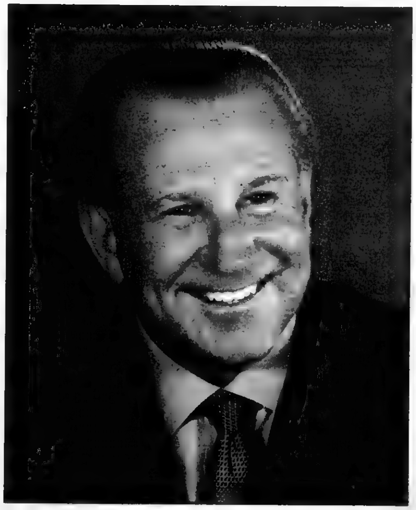

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Leaving Iraq on a wing and a prayer

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

Personal Testimonies: *Iraq*

Bertha Mayer will never forget the moment the sun set on Baghdad on Sunday, June 1, 1941.

A Nazi-backed revolt against the Jews, now known as the *farhud*, or the looting, erupted that day. One hundred and seventy-seven people were reportedly killed that night, and Jewish property was stolen and destroyed in the riot that lasted two days.

Mayer's father, Rabbi Yehoshua Mosha, was the *av beit din* (religious court judge) in Baghdad. "He was well- known in the city because he was also a mohel who performed Jewish and Muslim circumcisions," Mayer told *The CJN*.

"There was no way to hide our Jewish identity," Mayer said, recalling that first day of Shavuot when Muslim neighbours – friends of her brother – came over to their home, just as the looting began. She was only a child then, but described the event as if it happened yesterday.

"They hugged and covered us and walked us, one by one, to their home where we would be protected," Mayer said. "They even provided us with a dairy meal because they knew we were kosher."

In 1951, Mayer left Iraq – a Jewish community historians estimate as being more than 2,700 years old – on Israeli airlifts known as Operation Ezra and Nechamia, which brought more than 100,000 Iraqi Jews to Israel. She was 15 years old. Her father, Yehoshua, and mother, Tova, came soon after.

Sasson Mayer, Bertha's husband, will also never forget June 1, 1941. He was 14 years old at the time, and down by the river with a friend when he heard gunshots. He immediately ran home where he stayed with his family the rest of the night.

"We lived north of Baghdad and weren't as affected by the looting," Sasson said. A year or two later, Sasson joined the Zionist underground, and began taking direction from Yosef Basri, one of the two Jews hanged in Iraq in 1951 for spying.

Before the *farhud*, Sasson said, Jewish communal life was vibrant and included Jewish synagogues, day schools, hospitals and health-care centres. His father, Moise, was the headmaster of Shemesh, the only Jewish high school in Baghdad.

"The school had 13 classes of 30 students," Sasson said, noting that many Jewish students went to public schools, Muslim schools and American schools.

Jews were involved in every level of Iraqi society from 1920, when Iraq was placed under British Mandate, until 1932, when Iraq was granted independence by the British, he said.

"The first minister of finance, Yehezkel Sasson, was Jewish," he said.

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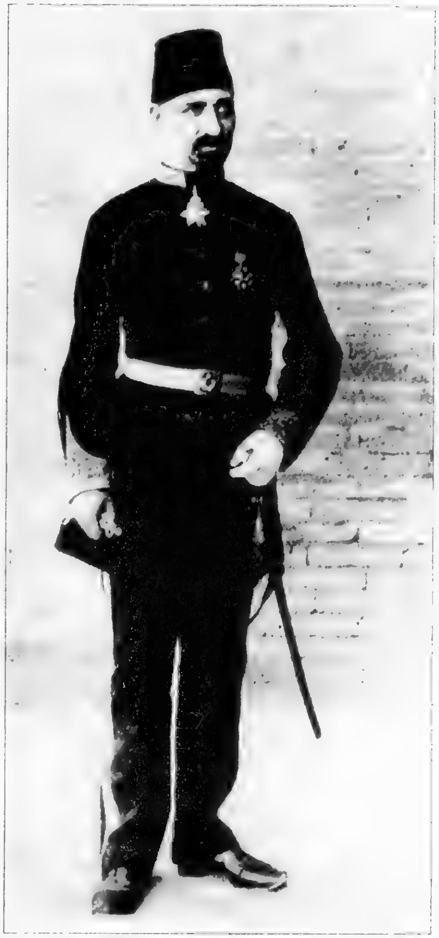

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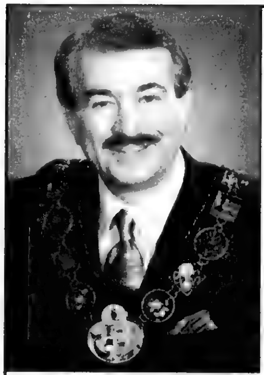

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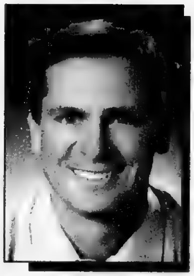

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‘Most Jews rarely assimilated into the Muslim community’

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But most Jews rarely assimilated into the Muslim community. Though occasionally a Jewish man took more than one wife, as many Muslims did, the Jewish community generally kept to itself, Sasson said.

Personal Testimonies: *Iraq*

In 1950, after the government of Iraq lifted the martial law that forbade travel, Sasson attempted to flee to Israel through Iran with Mordechai Ben Porat, who later became an Israeli cabinet minister and author of *To Baghdad and Back: The Miraculous 2,000 Year Homecoming of the Iraqi Jews*. In September 1950, Mayer was captured in Basra, with Ben Porat and Sasson’s younger brother, Dan.

Sasson sat in jail for 13 days with several other Jewish prisoners, who had already been incarcerated for more than six months. Finally, on the eve of Yom Kippur, a telegram arrived instructing the authorities to release him along with five other Jewish prisoners. Bail was set at 150 British pounds each.

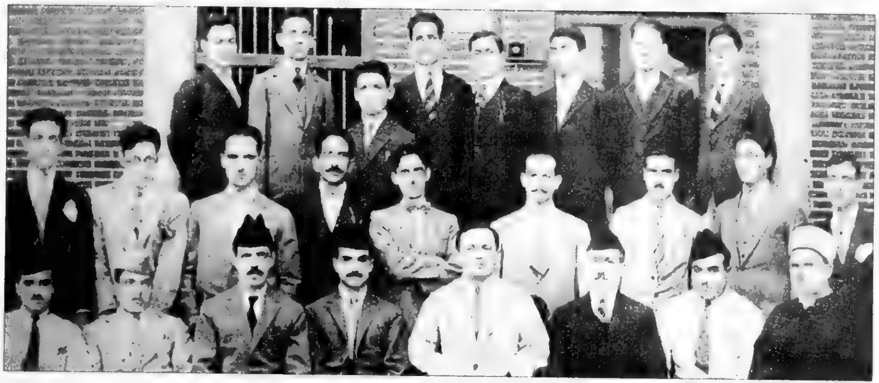
Earlier that year, the Iraqi government issued a new law allowing Jews to leave Iraq on the condition they renounce their nationality. Many Jews began selling their properties slowly at reduced rates, before giving up their citizenship. However, when a series of bombs directed at the Jewish community killed three people, Jews began making aliyah.

> ***In 1950, many Jews began making aliyah***

In May 1951, Sasson left Basra for Baghdad. From there, he flew to Cyprus, and then finally to Israel.

More than 6,000 Jews remained in Iraq, but most of them later made their way to Israel, Sasson said.

Bertha and Sasson met and married in Israel, but did not stay there. In 1968, they moved to Canada with their children, Igal, Sarit and Moshe Mark. The couple lives alone in Toronto.



Rachel Shachman high school in 1928 one year before it became Shemesh high school. Moise Sasson is seated fourth from left.

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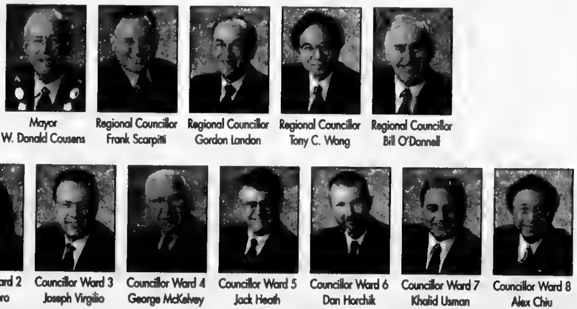

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Arrested and imprisoned in Egypt

Personal Testimonies: *Egypt*

On May 15, 1948, at 3 o'clock in the morning, barely a day after the United Nations proclaimed the new State of Israel, an Egyptian officer and two soldiers knocked on Tanya and Joseph Pardo's door in downtown Cairo.

"We knew they were coming," Tanya told *The CJN*. The police had just left her parents-in-law, looking for Joseph's brother, and Tanya's step-mother-in-law had called ahead to warn them.

"I was so scared," Tanya said. Not, she said, because her husband was a Zionist. Because she was.

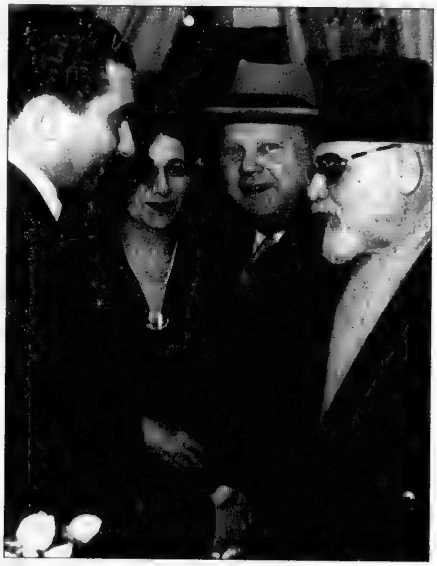
As she lay in bed, she remembered that brochures about Israeli kibbutzim were lying around the apartment. She quickly got up, shredded the pamphlets as best she could, shoved them under her mattress, turned off the lights and waited.

Moments later, the police arrived, began an elaborate search of the Pardo home and even though they never found the brochures, they took Joseph away.

Initially, he was taken to a Jewish community school where he was questioned with 800 other Jewish prisoners, including a few young women and several Communists.

"The conditions were terrible," Tanya said. "They slept on wooden slabs and shared one or two toilets."

After a few days, Joseph was taken to a camp in the desert, 30 kilometres outside of Cairo, where the conditions were somewhat better. They had iron beds and an outdoor cold shower.



Tanya's parents, Ella and Isaac Liscovitch, look on while the chief rabbi of Egypt, Haim Nahoum Effendi, shakes hands with Guido Levi. Guido was later interned at a detention camp in the desert with his brother, Joseph Pardo.

The commander of the camp was a Copt officer who as a Christian identified with being a minority and helped the Jewish prisoners, Tanya said.

She said Palestinians were being trained to fight against Israel in a camp nearby. One Friday, after coming out of the mosque, a mob began an attack against the Jews. Fortunately, the camp commander allowed the Jews to defend themselves and told the attackers that "they'll only get to the Jews over his dead body." Eventually, the commander got Egyptian troops to control the situation.

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After two months, Joseph got out of prison

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Letters were passed back and forth between the families and the prisoners through French and Italian consuls who were allowed into the camp.

Personal Testimonies:
Egypt

Other than that, the French consul and the embassy didn't help them at all, Tanya said. They helped secure the release of the non-Jewish prisoners. But not the Jewish ones, she said.

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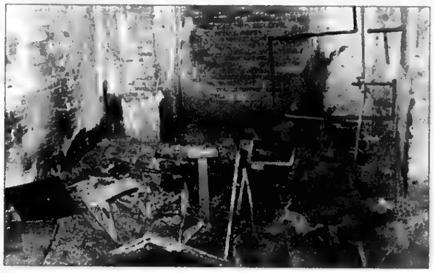
Born in Cairo in 1922, Tanya remembers the Jewish community as being made up of three parts: Ashkenazi; Sephardi and Oriental; and Caraite Jews who believed in the Torah, but not the Talmud.

Of the Jews who carried different nationalities – Austrian, French, British, Italian and Eygptian – those with Egyptian passports had the hardest time leaving when the situation got difficult, Tanya said. She herself carried a French passport, and was educated at the Lycée Française. During World War II, she became involved with the De Gaulle French Forces for Freedom, and brought parcels to the French consulate several times a week.

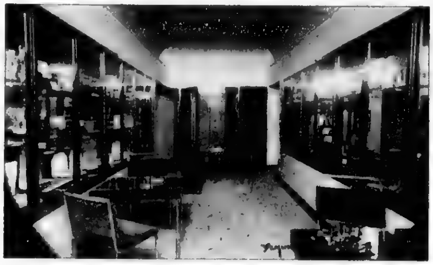
Before the war, Tanya said, relations between the Jews and Muslims were good.

"In the 1928 Olympics, Salvatore Cicurel, a Jew, very well-known in the community, represented Egypt in fencing. In 1938, Jews from Egypt as well as Egyptian Muslims represented Egypt in sports competitions in Greece and Turkey. Aslan Cattaoui Pacha, the president of the Sephardi Jewish community, was a senator, and the palace lawyer was Maître Mizrachi Pacha. Vidon, a Jewish family… made all the uniforms for the Egyptian army."



The Liscovitch Jewellery store the day after the looting.

But all that changed in 1945 with the creation of the Arab League in Cairo, Tanya said.



The Liscovitch Jewellery store before looting in January 1952.

The League, which proclaimed the legality of Palestine, passed a series of resolutions dealing with the boycotting of Zionist products, prohibiting the sale of land to all Zionists and restricting contact with supporters of Israel.

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After two months, using their political connections, Tanya and her family managed to get Joseph out of prison.

"Of course, we also had to pay off three or four people," she said.

Finally, at the end of July, Tanya remembers a truck pulling into the police station with her husband and 12 other prisoners.

Tanya said her husband's experience wasn't as bad as that of those who remained behind. "Some prisoners stayed for a year. And in 1956, many were imprisoned again, beaten and treated very badly," she said.

In August 1949, the Pardos left Egypt, one by one, as they secured exit visas. They made their way first to Switzerland, then to Israel, finally settling in Canada.

One of the first things Tanya did when she arrived in Canada was hire a lawyer to get rid of her French citizenship.

"It wasn't easy. In fact, it was a big, long story… but I didn't want it anymore," she said. —A.M.

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Robin Behar's Egypt

Personal Testimonies: *Egypt*

For many Jews around the world, the exodus from Egypt recalls biblical expressions of freedom and redemption from slavery.

But Robin Behar's departure from the land of the pyramids, which took place in 1956, introduced modern expressions such as confiscation, imprisonment and expulsion into his 10-year-old vocabulary.

Several events led to that departure.

In 1946, the Ashkenazi synagogue in Cairo was burned down and soon rebuilt by the Jewish community.

In 1947, with Israeli statehood on the horizon, the Egyptian government began enacting changes that affected the Jewish community, such as the Companies' Law, under which it became a requirement for 75 per cent of all employees in every company to be Egyptian.

Even though most Jews were born in Egypt and had lived there for generations, more than 80 per cent held foreign passports or were designated as stateless persons. As a result, many companies were forced to fire Jews.

After 1948, Egypt began arresting Jews for their involvement in what were considered to be Zionist activities. Behar's uncle, Joseph Pardo, was imprisoned for belonging to Maccabiah, a Jewish sports club. In August of that year, about 250 Jews were killed or wounded by a series of bombs that went off in Jewish neigbourhoods.

Robin Behar's bar mitzvah at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue in Cairo, June 1959.

In 1949, when travel restrictions eased, Jews slowly began to leave.

However, their emigration escalated after Black Saturday. On Jan. 26, 1952, anti-British rioters looted and destroyed major stores in Cairo, many of them Jewish-owned. Behar recalls driving with his parents through the burnt-out downtown streets, wondering why people would behave that way. Many of his close friends and their families packed up and left a country that had been their home for generations, often disappearing in the middle of the night.

Behar's ancestors arrived in Egypt after the Spanish Inquisition in 1492. At that time, he said, Egypt was considered to be a land of opportunity. Gradually, the Jewish community integrated into various aspects of Egyptian life. One of his great-grandfathers lived in a mansion in Alexandria and was the first to import electric water pumps into Egypt. Another grandfather owned a jewelry store in Cairo.

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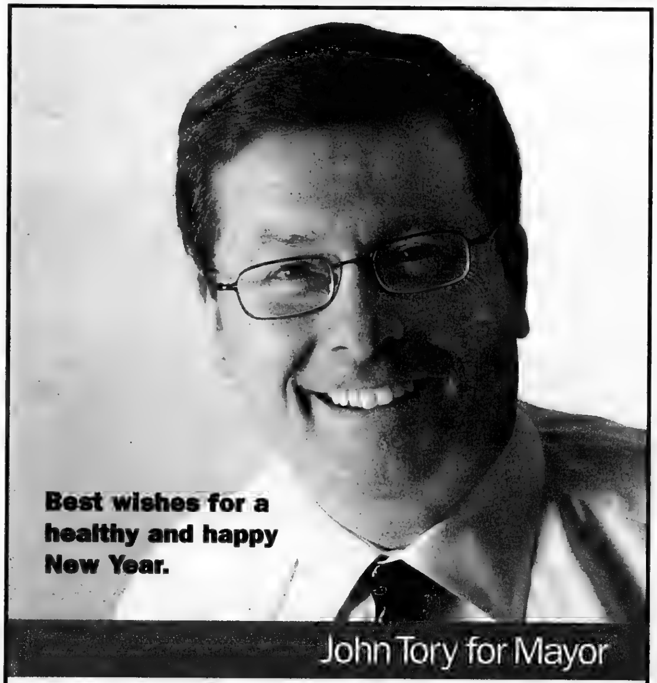

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‘It happened overnight’

Personal Testimonies: Egypt

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Behar describes his own father, Joseph, as “a dynamic, ambitious, self-made man involved in import-export businesses, real estate and manufacturing.”

The family was very wealthy and employed cooks, nannies and gardeners. They owned a villa on Zamalek, an exclusive island in Cairo, as well as an apartment by the sea in Alexandria, his and her cars, and a membership at the Gezira Sporting Club, which was built by the British and restricted to only a few well-connected Jews.

“The club had 35 tennis courts, seven swimming pools, squash courts, polo grounds, a hockey field, soccer grounds, a racetrack, a golf course, a clubhouse, health club, barber, hairdresser, reading rooms, restaurants, croquet, lawn bowling, card rooms [and] evening entertainment” in an environment where rules were strictly enforced, Behar said.

“Noise and raised voices were not tolerated.”

Behar’s parents both went to the Lycée Francais, while he went to a British private school, Gezira Preparatory School, where students sung Anglican hymns in the morning. The family felt it was important for their children to know English, Behar said.

In 1956, after the Suez Crisis, British instructors in Egypt were replaced by Arab teachers and the curriculum at Behar’s school began to include books that didn’t have Israel on any map and classes that preached against Israel, Jews and Europeans.

The divide between the Jews and Arabs grew, he said.

“We had a European culture and they were Middle Eastern… We spoke French and English. They spoke Arabic. Some Egyptian Arabs were well educated and Europeanized, but they were few,” Behar said.

The anti-Semitic incidents also increased. Behar remembers once being shot in the leg by Arab kids with a BB gun, and he recalls such taunts as “Show me a Jew and I will wring his neck” and “Arabs are real men. You’re only a gentleman.”

Most significantly, Behar remembers when the Egyptian government set aside his grandfather’s assets – land next to the pyramids – and then seized his family’s bank accounts, stocks, bonds and safety deposit boxes.

In February 1952, Behar’s father travelled abroad to establish contacts with relatives who had relocated to Montreal. Furniture containing hidden jewels was sent to Morgan’s Storage under a pseudonym. Slowly, arrangements were put in place that would bring the family to their new home in Canada.

Then one day, Behar’s father came home and told his son, “We’re leaving tomorrow,” and the family became part of the modern Jewish exodus from Egypt.

The transition wasn’t easy. Behar’s mother, Lilian, died one year after their arrival in Canada at the age of 41 from a cerebral hemorrhage.

“It happened overnight,” Behar said. He believes that emotional stress associated with the move contributed to her death.

“Several of her Egyptian-born friends who came to Canada also died in their early 40s,” he said.

Montreal wasn’t an easy place to live, Behar said.

“Mountains of snow covered the streets and sidewalks. Ugly British-style brick buildings. People bundled up like squirrels protecting themselves from the cold.”

Over time, the family adjusted. Behar finished high school and a bachelor’s degree from McGill University before getting an MBA and beginning a career in marketing. His father Joseph became a real estate and mergers and acquisitions broker, and now at 91, lives near Behar in Montreal so his son can look after him. Behar’s brother, Larry, is a lawyer and lives in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and his sister, Josian Argi, lives in Lausanne, Switzerland. —A.M.

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The Italian school in Tripoli. Young Walter is standing third from the left.

Escape from Libya

Personal Testimonies: Libya

On June 6, 1967, the first day of the Six Day War, Walter Arbib looked out at a crowd of angry men carrying knives approaching his home in downtown Tripoli, Libya.

"I saw people I knew who had become part of a mob walking down the main street toward my apartment," Arbib recalled. And then his building was set on fire by the enraged anti-Semitic gang.

Arbib, his mother and a visiting friend used a chair to climb to an attached building and save themselves. After that, Arbib and his mother began planning their escape.

Unfortunately, their first attempt was made on the same day that Egyptian president Gamal Abdal Nasser denounced America and Britain for helping Israel. Arbib and his mother arrived at the airport and handed over their United Kingdom passports to be stamped at the same time the radio announced that the police had spotted Jews carrying British passports.

"A crowd surrounded and began to spit on us. We were saved when the Al Italia manager took us into his office and closed the door," Arbib recalled.

The chief of police, who was a friend of the family, helped them get back into town. After a few days, they tried again and this time successfully left Libya, one of the oldest Jewish communities in the Arab world, for Italy.

Arbib, who is currently CEO of Skylink Aviation Inc., was 26 years old then. He remembers his youth as being relatively calm.

"We had some restrictions. For example, Jews couldn't buy properties or travel together with their families. But nevertheless, life at the time was pretty good because the economy was good," Arbib said, adding that reality really hit him when the mob attacked his home.

> *'After World War II, there were three pogroms directed against Jews in Libya'*

After World War II, there were three pogroms directed against Jews in Libya, said Raffaello Fellah, co-chair of the World Association of Jews from Arab Countries.

In a phone interview from Rome, Fellah said 166 Jews were killed and 2,000 more injured during anti-Semitic riots that occurred within the first week of November 1945.

Raffaello's father was one of the Jews murdered during those attacks.

Property belonging to Jews was looted and nine synagogues burned. At that time, the British military administration was controlling the country.

"Part of the first Jewish Brigade of the 8th Army was in Tripoli. However, they were ordered to stay in their closed barracks," Raffaello said.

The second pogrom occurred on the June 17, 1948, immediately after the declaration of the State of Israel.

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Walter Arbib's Libya

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"This time the Jews were better prepared and only 13 were killed. The British Military Authority immediately stopped the riots."

Personal Testimonies: Libya

The third pogrom was the one that took place during the Six Day War. On that day, 15 Jews were killed – 13 from the same family.

Fellah said Lilo Arbib, a Jewish community leader who died last month, realized the danger and sent a telegram to Libya's King Idris telling him that his sons were being killed and asking him to let the Jews leave.

Arbib told the king that the departure would be temporary and that the Jews would return when things settled down, Fellah said.

Meanwhile, Arbib who had arrived in Italy, spent days and nights as part of a team helping other Libyan Jews find their way into refugee camps and then to Israel. From Italy, Arbib himself also went to Israel, and then to Canada.

This past August, Arbib attended the opening of the Museum for Libyan Jews in Or Yehuda, Israel where he dedicated a poem for his father.

"My father was buried in the Jewish cemetery in Tripoli. The government built a road on top of his grave," Arbib said.

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Walter's father, Umberto Nissim Aribib

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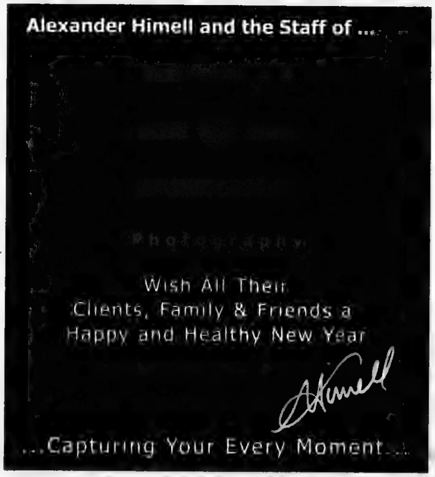

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The day Aleppo burned

Personal Testimonies: Syria

In the autumn of 1947, just as the United Nations was calling for the partition of Palestine, synagogues and Jewish homes were being set afire and looted in Aleppo, Syria.

Albert Esses remembers hiding in the home of his father's friend – he can't recall his name – a Muslim who protected the Esses family and watched over their apartment.

One of the synagogues in the old Jewish quarter destroyed that night dated back to the time of King David, Esses said. The synagogue was eventually reconstructed in the 1970s.

Legend has it that Aleppo's Jewish community began when Joab ben Zeruiah, the commander-in-chief of King David's army, built a tower and fortress that became the foundation of the ancient fortifications still in existence in the city.

In 1947, when anti-Jewish riots broke out, "it took hours before any firefighters even bothered to come and contain the blaze," Esses said. "The mayor only intervened when the fire began spreading to the Muslim homes."

Esses was 12 years old at the time. His father worked for the French government. As it became clear that Jews would have a hard time finding work, his family applied for a *laissez passer* to leave.

"We had to sign a document giving up our property to the government. We didn't have much, so we left as soon as we could," Esses told *The CJN*.

The same Muslim friend who had hidden them in his home drove the family to the border.

"He told everyone that my father, Shlomo, was his brother," Esses recalled.

Before 1947, many Syrians moved to Israel. But after the 1948 War of Independence, Syrian Jews began leaving for Beirut, Italy and Brazil, Esses said. Later, it became very difficult to leave Syria and the Jews had to be smuggled out.

In 1947, the Esses family chose to move to Beirut, where Shlomo started to work in the currency exchange. Esses' mother, Rachel, stayed at home to raise their children.

Esses studied at the Alliance Israélite Universelle, where he learned Arabic, French, English and Hebrew. He spent two years at the American University and then became a customs broker with two Jewish partners.

"We had an excellent, good life in Beirut – education, work, socially… At that time, Beirut was the Switzerland of the Middle East," Esses said.

After 1957, Jews slowly began leaving Lebanon as well. By 1967/68, most of the Jews left.

Today, with only a handful of Jews left, the government has announced plans to restore the old synagogue, Magen Avraham, and make it into a Jewish museum, Esses said.

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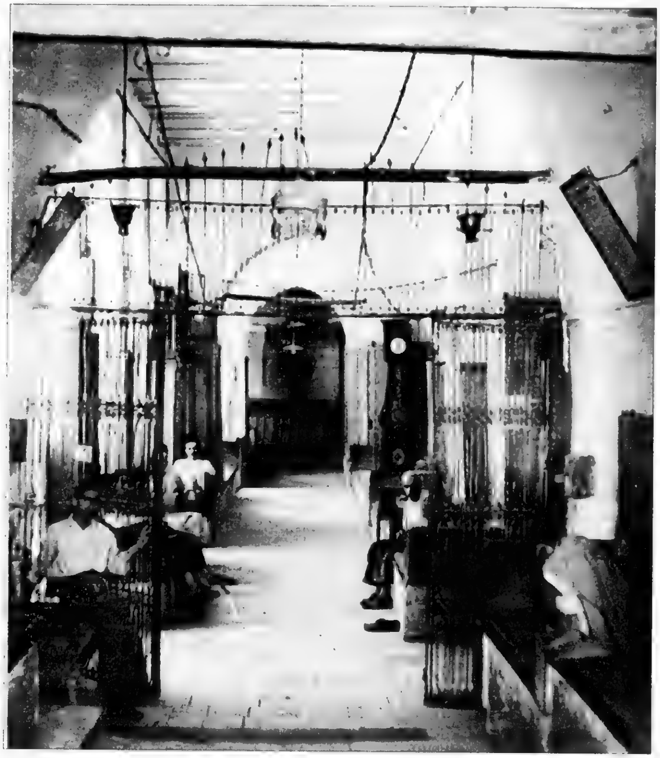

Studying Torah in the Beit Midrash. The "Sealed Ark" is visible at the end of the room.

From Aleppo to Toronto

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In 1960, Esses left Lebanon for Israel. On the way, he stopped in Turkey to visit his uncle who was the CEO of Imperial Chemical Industries. There, he met Rachel, who would become his wife.

She is also Esses' first cousin. Up until recently, it was common for first cousins to marry in the Syrian Jewish community, Esses said.

In August 1973, Esses and his family moved to Toronto. At the time, he thought he was coming for only a few years. But he and his children, Shlomo, Dalia and Daphna, have now lived in Toronto for 26 years and own four kosher restaurants – Café Sheli, Miami Grill, Oasis and Dairy Treats.

Personal Testimonies: Syria

As for memories of Aleppo, Esses said he remembers when two guys used to beat him up every day on his way to school.

"Sometimes they would take my hat and sometimes just my lunch."

Was it because he was Jewish?

"You know," he said.

"It wasn't because they wanted my hat."

—A.M.

The Aleppo Citadel

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Leaving Iran

Esther (Moradian) Reuveni was an overprotected seven-year-old Persian girl who walked with a limp when she arrived in Israel with her family in 1951.

Born in Golfhaigon, a small town in the mountainous region of Iran, Reuveni, 59, grew up with one shorter leg as a result of an untreated congenital dislocation of her hips. Growing up for her meant overcoming several battles – physical, social and emotional.

Personal Testimonies: *Iran*

"I didn't have an easy childhood for many reasons… My parents became overprotective and that made me even more of an invalid," Reuveni said.

Over the years, she integrated into Israeli life, overcoming her own personal struggle to prove she was just the same as everyone else. She got married and worked six days a week in a bank, ending each day cooking, cleaning and raising her three children.

Speaking in Hebrew from her home in Israel, Reuveni told *The CJN* that her early years were difficult, but as a child growing up in Beit Shemesh, she learned to appreciate and value simple things. Playing with a doll, blowing a whistle or eating a lemon popsicle became treasured experiences.

Before that, Reuveni recalled, life in the small village of Golfhaigan "happened at the banks of the stream that ran through the town. Most of the women would gather there to wash dishes, do laundry, bathe the children…

"Some days, families would get together and simply throw down a rug, grill meat and cool their watermelons in the river."

Reuveni's grandmother, Sultanat Menasheri, ran a home sewing shop, a successful business that provided stability for her family.

"She had 10 sewing machines and all the women in the village knew her because they would all come to learn to sew before they got married," Reuveni said.

As payment for helping the young girls make their sheets, clothes and household supplies, the families would bring crates of flour, nuts and sugar to her grandmother's home, she said. The children would then take little packets, prepared from the surplus, to those in need.

"We would leave packages outside the door so that no one was embarrassed."

The men in the village were usually travelling, Reuveni said. Since families tended to live communally, the women would bake, knit, embroider and talk together in a central courtyard.

Those were good years for the family. If you had sugar, flour, tea, a cow for milk and chicken for eggs, you were "on top of the roof," she said.

Reuveni's brother, Meir More, was born after the family moved to Israel. More, whose first name means "light" – he was born the day electricity arrived in Beit Shemesh – currently lives in Toronto with his family, but is planning to move back to Israel next year.

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From riverbanks in Iran to corrugated shacks in Beit Shemesh

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Personal Testimonies: *Iran*

More, 47, said his mother, Sarah, was promised to his father, Chananyah, the day she was born. At nine years old, Sarah was engaged. She was married around the the age of 14 and by the time she was 16, she had already given birth to their first child, Mishael.

"Family legend has it that Sarah had a difficult labour with that baby," More said. Since births took place outdoors, the entire town gathered to help.

"The village policeman came by to shoot his gun off in the air to frighten Sarah in the hopes that she would then give the final necessary push.

"It worked," he said.

More also recalled family stories that portrayed the villagers as being generally happy.

"The Shah was apparently good to the Jews and there was almost no anti-Semitism," he said.

"But my father was a religious Zionist and when he heard about the creation of the State of Israel, he felt compelled to live there."

In 1951, about 15 families made their way to Israel with the Moradians. They travelled by horse and buggy until Turkey and then by trains to a port where the families boarded a ship that took them to Israel, More said.

"In Israel, the families were sent to Beit Shemesh, where they lived in corrugated shacks with no windows in hot, humid conditions," he recalled.

"My father first worked planting trees for Keren Kayemet [Jewish National Fund], then paving roads for the government. Later, he found employment as a laborer in cement and PVC [polyvinyl chloride] factories."

Eventually, the family moved with six other families to an abandoned Arab house in Bat Yam.

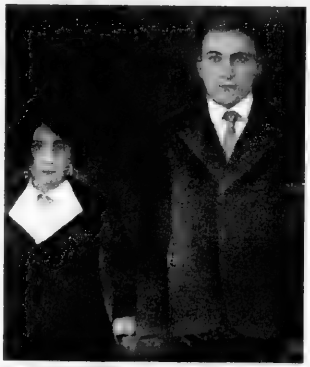
Meanwhile, as things became difficult for Iranian Jews under Ayatoullah Khoumeini's rule between 1979 and 1989, the rest of the extended family slowly left.

The last one to come was an uncle, who simply found it too difficult to adapt to what he felt were immodest Israeli western ways. He couldn't bear the sight of miniskirts and halter tops, More said. And while he sent all his children, he only came to Israel about 10 years ago when it became too dangerous to remain in Iran.

On the other hand, More doesn't remember his father ever complaining about the social, cultural or economic hardships he faced in Israel.

"He was simply happy to be in the holy land," More said. For him, "it was a profoundly religious time."

—A.M.



Sarah, 9, and Chananyah, 18 the day they were engaged.

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Yemen: the link between Judeo-Arabic traditions

Personal Testimonies: *Yemen*

The link between Judeo and Arabic culture lies within the Yemeni tradition, says Harvard University professor Ephraim Isaac.

Yemeni Jewish life was grounded in the history of ancient Judaism as we know it from the Second Temple period, and thrived in small remote villages, the president of the Yemenite Jewish Federation of America (YJFA) said in a phone interview from New York.

Since Yemen was so isolated from the rest of the world, the Jewish community developed strong ties to the Arab peoples around them, said Isaac, who is also the director of the Institute of Semitic Studies at Princeton University, a professor of Afro-American studies at Harvard University and founder of the Ethiopian Movement for Literacy, a program that has educated more than two million people in Ethiopia.

Isaac, who says with a chuckle that he will be 100 in 35 years, has been a visiting scholar in ancient Semitic studies at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and is considered to be one of the founders of African American studies programs in the United States.

He said Jews from Arab countries should be used as ambassadors in Middle East peace negotiations because they truly understand and respect the culture and language of the Arab people.

Isaac pointed to a recent Carnegie Endowment for International Peace conference held in the United States, where the grandson of the Imam Yehye of Yemen sat next to the grandson of Rabbi Shalom Gamliel of Yemen, who advised Imam Yehye in the 1930s, as an example of possible dialogue.

The heart of the Judeo-Arab world begins in Yemen and continues in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt and, to a lesser extent, North Africa, Isaac said.

"The Jews of Morocco have been exposed to French and western influences," Isaac said.

Born in the province of Walaca in Ethiopia, Isaac was raised by an Ethiopian mother and a Yemeni father, who, like many Yemeni Jews, was an artisan and a rabbi. Trained as a shochet, Isaac's father initially came to Ethiopia from across the Red Sea in Yemen to assist in the kosher meat preparation for the High Holy Days.

Isaac's father, who died at the age of 93 in Israel, used to tell a story about a Jewish Yemeni villager who was arrested on his way to work early one Saturday morning. When the merchant asked the Muslim officer to explain his offence, he was told that a Jewish man belongs in synagogue on Shabbat.

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Living link to Jewish past

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"My father used to tell me this story to illustrate the deep respect the Muslims in Yemen had for the Jews because both communities were so deeply religious," Isaac said.

As to whether the Jews in Yemen considered themselves second-class citizens, Isaac acknowledges that the *dhimmi* tax and "prejudices limited personal and social freedom and officially deprived the Jews of equality.

"However, there were some Jews who were also very well off. There were those who were goldsmiths and minted the national currency," he said.

"The truth probably lies somewhere in between these two narratives, because there were times when the Jews and Arabs interacted and had good relationships. It really depended on the particular leader of the time," he said.

Within the community, the women were by and large limited to the domestic domain, Isaac said. Yet some became learned in text and others served as *shochetim*.

The men, on the other hand, were "the most literate of all Jewish communities when it comes to Bible and prayers. They could recite the entire Torah off by heart. From an early age, the children would gather around the *mori* and learn to read ancient texts from all directions."

In fact, Isaac recalls stories about Israeli students going to the bathroom during exams to obtain answers to Jewish literature tests from the Yemeni "scholar-janitors."

And a YJFA brochure Isaac pointed out said that when the late Prof. S. Lieberman of the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) was a student living in Jerusalem, he discovered that the Yemeni caretaker in his apartment building could recite whole chapters of Maimonides' Mishnah Torah by heart. Isaac said he still chants the Book of Jonah to himself sometimes when he's driving near his home in New Jersey.

At the JTS library in New York, 30 per cent of Jewish manuscripts are of Yemenite origin, as are 10 per cent of the biblical texts, biblical commentaries and philological works, 40 per cent of Prophets and 45 per cent of Midrash and Midrashic works in the British Library in London, England.

Isaac said outside the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Cairo Genisa, Yemeni manuscripts provide scholars with the most significant source of ancient Jewish literature.

Yemeni Jews, who in 1950 were the first Jewish community in the world to make aliyah to Israel as one group, have also been the greatest contributors to modern Israeli culture, Isaac said.

"The first Israeli singers, Bracha Safira and Shoshana Damari were Yemenite. The first Israeli dance troupe, Inbal, was Yemeni."

Isaac believes it is imperative today to rejuvenate Yemeni Jewish heritage because it "is the only living link to Palestinian and Babylonian Jewish cultures."

He quoted the late prof. S.D. Goitein of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University, who once wrote, "Yemenite [Jews]… have always taken their full share in the development of the Jewish religion, so full a share indeed that some believe the Yemenites to be the most Jewish of all Jews." —A.M.

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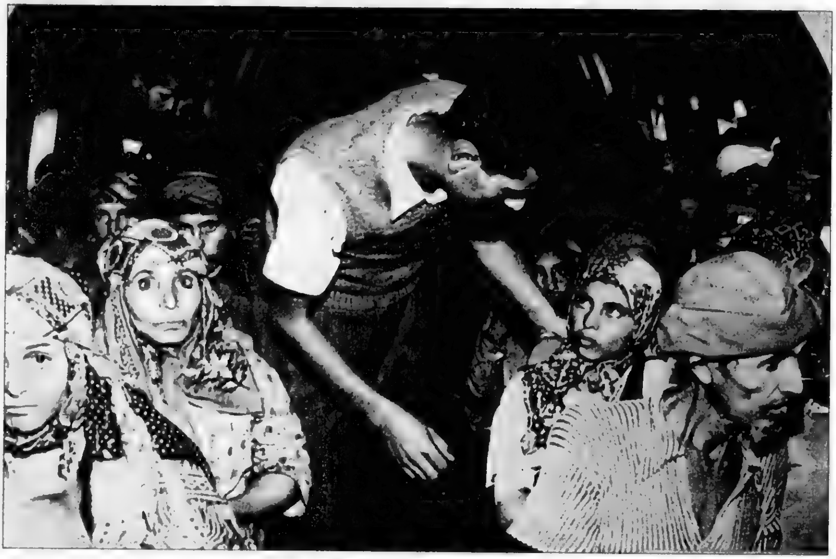

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JEWISH REFUGEES FROM ARAB COUNTRIES:

THE CASE FOR RIGHTS AND REDRESS

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Justice for Jews from Arab Countries

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INTRODUCTION

Historically, Jews and Jewish communities have existed in the Middle East, North Africa and the Gulf region for more than 2,500 years.

Jews in substantial numbers resided in what are today Arab countries over 1,000 years before the advent of Islam. Following the Muslim conquest of the region, for centuries, while relegated to second-class status, Jews were nonetheless permitted limited religious, educational, professional and business opportunities.

COUNTRY/REGION	DATE OF JEWISH COMMUNITY
Iraq	6th century BCE
Lebanon	1st century BCE
Libya	3rd century BCE
Syria	1st century CE
Yemen	3rd century BCE
Morocco	1st century CE
Algeria	1st – 2nd century CE
Tunisia	200 CE

The status of Jews in Arab countries changed dramatically immediately before and after the Arab world attacked the new State of Israel in 1948. By way of example, in Syria, as a result of anti-Jewish pogroms that erupted in Aleppo in 1947, 7,000 of the town's 10,000 Jews fled in terror. In Iraq, "Zionism" became a capital crime. Bombs in the Jewish Quarter of Cairo killed more than 70 Jews. After the French left Algeria, the authorities issued a variety of anti-Jewish decrees prompting nearly all of the 160,000 Jews to flee the country. After the UN General Assembly resolution on the Partition Plan, Muslim rioters engaged in a bloody pogrom in Aden and Yemen, which killed 82 Jews. Varying numbers of Jews fled from 10 Arab countries, becoming refugees in a region overwhelmingly hostile to Jews.

Little is heard about these Jewish refugees because they did not remain refugees for long. Of the hundreds of thousands of Jewish refugees between 1948 and 1972, some two-thirds were resettled in Israel at great expense – others emigrated elsewhere – all without any compensation provided by the Arab governments that confiscated their possessions.

Securing rights and redress for Jews displaced from Arab countries is an issue that has not yet been adequately addressed by the international community. In fact, there were more former Jewish refugees uprooted from Arab countries (over 850,000) than there were Palestinians who became refugees as a result of the 1948 war when six Arab nations attacked the fledgling State of Israel. (UN estimate: 726,000)

There is a moral and legal imperative to ensure that justice for Jews from Arab countries assumes its rightful place on the international political and juridical agenda and that their rights be secured as a matter of law and equity.

This Report is based on three fundamental principles: Truth, Justice and Reconciliation.

- The history and truth about the plight of former Jewish refugees from Arab countries must be returned to the narrative of the Middle East from which it has been expunged;

- Compelling evidence supports the call for justice to redress the victimization of Jews who lived in Arab countries and the mass violations of human rights that they were victims of; and

- In the absence of truth and justice, there can be no reconciliation, without which there can be no just, lasting peace between and among all peoples of the region.

THE HISTORICAL NARRATIVE AND THE MASS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Since biblical times, the land of Israel has been a major arena for conflict and wars. Its importance over thousands of years of history traverses many fields, underscored by the fact that the Middle East is:

- Geographically (and militarily) strategic, as a land-link "crossroads" from north to south and east to west (Europe to India; Africa to Asia); and provides a sea lane from the Mediterranean to the Red Sea;

- The birthplace of the world's three great monotheistic religions (Christianity, Islam and Judaism); and

- The cradle of civilization, with a rich heritage in numerous fields; from architecture to music to mathematics to philosophy.

There has been an uninterrupted presence of large Jewish communities in the Middle East from time immemorial. The ancient Jewish communities of the Middle East and North Africa existed some 1,000 years before the Arab Muslim conquests of the these regions – including the Land of Israel – and about 2,500 years before the birth of the modern Arab states.

Over the centuries, through a process of Arabization and Islamicization, these regions have become known as the "Arab world." Yet, non-Arab and non-Muslim minorities, the original indigenous inhabitants, remained as minorities in their own lands.

It is within the last 55 years that the world has witnessed the mass displacement of over 850,000 Jews from the totalitarian regimes, the brutal dictatorships and monarchies of Syria, Trans-Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon, Yemen, Iran, Iraq, Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco.

The displacement of Jews from Arab countries did not happen in a vacuum. It was the result of the repressive responses of Arab regimes and their peoples to the rise of a Jewish nationalist movement (Zionism) and the establishment of a Jewish homeland in the Land of Israel. Beginning in 1947, two populations of refugees – Palestinian Arabs as well as Jews from Arab countries – emerged as a result of the Arab states' refusal to accept the UN Partition Plan.

Then, as now, the international community's response to the plight of these refugees focused primarily on Palestinian Arabs. Virtually ignored in the discussion of Middle Eastern refugees was the plight of hundreds of thousands of Jewish refugees displaced from some 10 Arab countries in North Africa, the Middle East and the Gulf states.

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In virtually all cases, as Jews left their country, individual and communal properties were confiscated without compensation provided to rightful owners. There were a variety of lost properties and assets:

i) **Personal** (e.g. homes, businesses, land, pensions, benefits); and

ii) **Assets belonging to the community or collective** (e.g. schools, synagogues, hospitals and cemeteries).

Figures as to total losses vary. The World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries' (WOJAC) estimate it is well over $100 billion.

Pattern of Mass Displacement of Jews from Arab Countries

Upon the declaration of the State of Israel in 1948, the status of Jews in Arab countries changed dramatically, as virtually all Arab countries declared war, or backed the war against Israel. This rejection by the Arab world of a Jewish state in their ancient homeland was the event that triggered a dramatic surge in a longstanding pattern of abuse and state-legislated discrimination initiated by Arab regimes and their peoples to make life for Jews in Arab countries simply untenable. Jews were either uprooted from their countries of residence or became subjugated, political hostages of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

In numerous countries, Jews were expelled or had their citizenship revoked. In other states, the reasons that many Jews felt compelled to leave or flee varied by country, individual, community and family. Some of the reasons included: discrimination/anti-Jewish legislation; fear of violence/rioting; Arab collusion with Fascist/Nazi persecution of Jews in North Africa; and the rising tension of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

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Jewish Population in Arab Countries 1948-2001

	1948	1958	1968	1976	2001
Aden	8,000	800	0	0	0
Algeria	140,000	130,000	1,500	1,000	0
Egypt	75,000	40,000	1,000	400	100
Iraq	135,000	6,000	2,500	350	100
Lebanon	5,000	6,000	3,000	400	100
Libya	38,000	3,750	100	40	0
Morocco	265,000	200,000	50,000	18,000	5,700
Syria	30,000	5,000	4,000	4,500	100
Tunisia	105,000	80,000	10,000	7,000	1,500
Yemen	55,000	3,500	500	500	200
TOTAL	856,000	475,050	72,600	32,190	7,800
	(Roumani 83)	(AJY 58)	(AJY 69; Yemen: AJY 70)	(AJY 78)	(AJY 01; Leb.: AJY 88)

Immigrants from Yemen leaving the train in Atlit on their way to the Jewish Agency reception camp in 1943.
[GPO/Zoltan Kluger photo]

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The statistics of this mass displacement are revealing and alarming:

After 1948, since virtually all Arab countries were at war with Israel, many Arab countries began to treat their own Jewish citizens as "enemy nationals." Many governments began to enact officially legislated discriminatory laws against Jews, denying them most basic human and civil rights, including: expropriating their property; removing them from civil service and other forms of employment; subjecting them to countless arrests, physical attacks, torture, and even public executions. All of these sinister acts appear to be part of a discernible pan-Arab pattern to force a mass Jewish displacement from Arab countries.

In a word, state-sanctioned repressive measures, coupled often with violence and repression, precipitated a mass displacement of Jews and caused the Jewish refugee problem in the Middle East. The uprooting of ancient Jewish communities from these 10 Muslim countries did not occur by happenstance. There is evidence that points to a shared pattern of conduct amongst a number of Arab regimes, that appear intended to coerce Jews to leave and go elsewhere, or to retain them as virtual political hostages. These are evidenced from: (a) statements made by delegates of Arab countries at the United Nations during the debate on the partition resolution representing a pattern of ominously similar threats made against Jews in Arab countries; (b) reports on multilateral meetings of the Arab League from which emerged indications of a co-ordinated strategy of repressive measures against Jews; (c) newspaper reports from that period; and (d) strikingly similar legislation and discriminatory decrees, enacted by numerous Arab governments, that violated the fundamental rights and freedoms of Jews resident in Arab countries.

From the sheer volume of such state-sanctioned discriminatory measures, replicated in so many Arab countries and instituted in such a parallel fashion, one is drawn to the conclusion that such evidence suggests a common pattern of repressive measures, if not collusion, against Jews by Arab governments.

By way of example, the following official statements represent a pattern of ominously similar threats made against Jews in Arab countries:

- During the Palestine Partition debate at the United Nations, the Palestinian delegate to the UN, Jamal al-Hussayni, (representing the Arab Higher Committee of Palestine to the UN General Assembly), made the following threat:

"It must be remembered that there are as many Jews in the Arab world as there are in Palestine whose positions… will become very precarious. Governments in general have always been unable to prevent mob excitement and violence."

- In a key address before the Political Committee of the UN General Assembly on Nov. 14, 1947, just 15 days before that body voted on the partition plan for Palestine, Heykal Pasha, an Egyptian delegate, made the following statement:

"The United Nations… should not lose sight of the fact that the proposed solution might endanger a million Jews living in the Muslim countries [emphasis added]. Partition of Palestine might create in those countries an anti-Semitism even more difficult to root out than the anti-Semitism which the Allies were trying to eradicate in Germany… If the United Nations decides to partition Palestine, it might be responsible for the massacre of a large number of Jews.

"A million Jews live in peace in Egypt [and other Muslim countries] and enjoy all rights of citizenship. They have no desire to emigrate to Palestine. However, if a Jewish State were established, nobody could prevent disorders. Riots would break out in Palestine, would spread through all the Arab states [emphasis added] and might lead to a war between two races."

Although Heykal Pasha spoke in his capacity as Egypt's representative to the UN, his references to Jews "in other Muslim countries" and "all the Arab states," was reasonably

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understood by Jews in Arab countries not as a genuine expression of concern for Jewish well-being but rather as a not-very-veiled pan-Arab threat as to what the future might hold for the one million Jews in Arab countries.

- Shortly thereafter, ominously similar projections appeared once again in a statement by Iraq's Foreign Minister Fadil Jamali delivered at that same United Nations meeting:

"*The masses in the Arab world* [emphasis added] cannot be restrained. The Arab-Jewish relationship in the Arab world will greatly deteriorate… Harmony prevails among Muslims, Christians and Jews [in Iraq]. But any injustice imposed upon the Arabs of Palestine will disturb the harmony among Jews and non-Jews in Iraq; it will breed inter-religious prejudice and hatred."

The assault on human rights was initiated by his own government, which soon took a series of steps, including discriminatory legislation, against its Jewish population.

Subsequently, there were a number of seminal multilateral meetings among Arab leaders and officials from which emerged additional indications of a co-ordinated strategy of repressive measures to be taken against Jews in Arab countries. Some representative examples include:

- Just two days after the State of Israel was proclaimed, a *New York Times* headline on May 16, 1948, declared "Jews in Grave Danger in All Muslim Lands. Nine hundred thousand in Africa and Asia face wrath of their foes." An article written by Mallory Browne reported on a series of discriminatory measures taken by the Arab League against the Jewish residents of Arab League member states (including, at that time, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Yemen). The *Times* article reported on a:

"…text of a law drafted by the Political Committee of the Arab League which was intended to govern the legal status of Jewish residents of Arab League countries. It provides that beginning on an unspecified date, all Jews except citizens of non-Arab states, would be considered 'members of the Jewish minority state of Palestine.' Their bank accounts would be frozen and used to finance resistance to 'Zionist ambitions in Palestine.' Jews believed to be active Zionists would be interned and their assets confiscated."

- Another indication that Arab countries were deliberating upon the coerced displacement of Jews from their territories comes from reports of a Beirut meeting of senior diplomats from all the Arab states in late March 1949. By this time, the Arab states had already lost the first Arab-Israeli war. As reported in a Syrian newspaper, participants at this meeting concluded that: "If Israel should oppose the return of the Arab refugees to their homes, the Arab governments will expel the Jews living in their countries." In fact, expulsions did take place in some countries.

The third trend that lends credence to the proposition that many Arab countries engaged in a co-ordinated pattern of shared practices to coerce Jews to leave was the plethora of legislation, decrees and other measures that were enacted by Arab regimes, violating the rights of its Jewish citizens. From the sheer volume of such state-sanctioned discriminatory actions, replicated in so many Arab countries and instituted in such a parallel fashion, one is drawn to the conclusion that such actions were premeditated among the governments involved. Moreover, these state-sanctioned measures, coupled often with violence and repression, made remaining in the land of their birth an untenable option for Jews.

By way of example, the following three Country Reports – on Egypt, Iraq and Libya – describe these unmistakable trends in some detail. Similar repressive legislative enactments and other discriminatory measures were also enacted in other Arab countries including Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco, Yemen, Aden, Syria and Lebanon.

EGYPT

History

Jews have lived in Egypt since biblical times. Israelite tribes first moved to the Land of Goshen (the northeastern edge of the Nile Delta) during the reign of the Egyptian pharaoh Amenhotep IV (1375-1358 BCE).

Over the years, Jews have sought shelter and dwelled in Egypt. By 1897, there were more than 25,000 Jews in Egypt, concentrated in Cairo and Alexandria. In 1937, the population reached 63,500.

In the 1940s, with the rise of Egyptian nationalism and the Zionist movement's efforts to create a Jewish homeland in adjoining Israel, anti-Jewish activities began in earnest. In 1945, riots erupted – 10 Jews were killed; 350 injured, and a synagogue, a Jewish hospital, and an old age home were burned down. After the success of the Zionist movement in establishing the State of Israel, between June and November of 1948, violence and repressive measures by the government and Egyptians began in earnest. Bombs were set off in the Jewish Quarter, killing more than 70 Jews and wounding nearly 200. Rioting over the next few months resulted in many more Jewish deaths. 2,000 Jews were arrested and many had their property confiscated.

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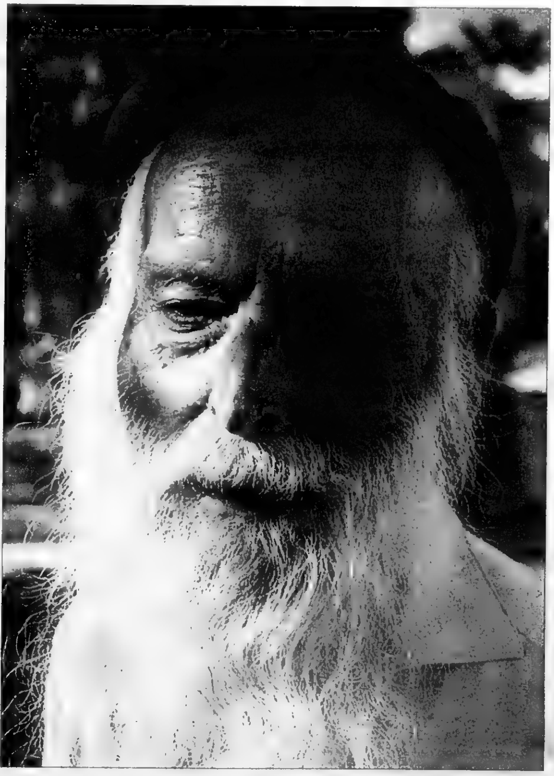

Elderly immigrant from Morocco in development town of Maalot.
[Mike Goldberg photo]

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In 1956, the Egyptian government used the Sinai Campaign as a pretext to order almost 25,000 Egyptian Jews to leave the country and confiscated their property. They were allowed to take only one suitcase and a small sum of cash, and forced to sign declarations "donating" their property to the Egyptian government. Approximately 1,000 more Jews were sent to prisons and detention camps. On Nov. 23, 1956, a proclamation signed by the Minister of Religious Affairs, and read aloud in mosques throughout Egypt, declared that "all Jews are Zionists and enemies of the state," and promised that they would be soon expelled (AP, Nov. 26 and 29, 1956; *New York World Telegram*).

By 1957, the Jewish population of Egypt had fallen to 15,000. In 1967, after the Six Day War, there was a renewed wave of persecution, and the community dropped to 2,500. By the 1970s, after the remaining Jews were given permission to leave the country, the community dwindled to a few families.

Jewish rights were finally restored in 1979 after President Anwar Sadat signed the Camp David Accords with Israel. Only then was the community allowed to establish ties with Israel and with world Jewry. Nearly all the estimated 200 Jews left in Egypt (from the original 75,000) are elderly and the once proud and flourishing Jewish community is on the verge of extinction.

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The first Nationality Code was promulgated by Egypt on May 26, 1926. Entitled to Egyptian nationality were only those who "belonged racially to the majority of the population of a country whose language is Arabic or whose religion is Islam." This provision served as the official pretext for expelling many Jews from Egypt.

On July 29, 1947, an amendment was introduced to the Egyptian Companies Law that made it mandatory for at least 75 per cent of the administrative employees of a company to be Egyptian nationals and 90 per cent of employees in general. This resulted in the dismissal and loss of livelihood for many Jews since only 15 per cent of them had been granted Egyptian citizenship.

A mass departure of Jews was sparked when Egypt passed an amendment in 1956 to the original Egyptian Nationality Law of 1926. Article 1 of the Law of Nov. 22, 1956, stipulated that "Zionists" were barred from being Egyptian nationals. Article 18 of the 1956 law asserted that "Egyptian nationality may be declared forfeited by order of the Ministry of Interior in the case of persons classified as Zionists." Moreover, the label of "Zionist" was never defined, leaving Egyptian authorities free to interpret this term as broadly as they pleased.

Provision both in the 1956 and 1958 laws permitted the government to take away citizenship of any Egyptian Jew absent from United Arab Republic territory for more than six consecutive months. That this provision is aimed exclusively at Jews is shown by the fact that the lists of denaturalized persons published time and again by the Official Journal contain Jewish names only, despite the fact that there were many non-Jewish Egyptians who stayed abroad for over six months.

Ten-year-old Tikva Cohen from Iraq picking peanuts.

[GPO photo]

Economic Discrimination and Strangulation

(Intended as a sampling and not an exhaustive compilation)

Law No. 26 of 1952 obligated all corporations to employ certain prescribed percentages of "Egyptians." A great number of Jewish salaried employees lost their jobs, and could not obtain similar ones, because they did not belong to the category of Jews with Egyptian nationality.

Between Nov. 1 and 20, 1956, official records reveal that by a series of sequestration orders issued under Military Proclamation No. 4, the property of many hundreds of Jews in Egypt was taken from their owners and turned over to Egyptian administrators. Proclamation No. 4 was carried into effect almost exclusively against Jews; and though a number of Copts and Muslims were also interned, their assets were never sequestered.

Of the published lists of 486 persons and firms whose properties were seized under Military Proclamation No. 4, at least 95 per cent of them are Jews. The names of persons and firms affected by this measure represented the bulk of the economic substance of Egyptian Jewry, the largest and most important enterprises and the main sustenance, through voluntary contributions, of Jewish religious, educational, social and welfare institutions in Egypt.

In addition to the vast sequestration of property and other discriminatory treatment, Directive No. 189 issued under the authority of Military Proclamation No. 4, authorized the Director General of the Sequestering Agency to deduct from the assets belonging to interned persons, 10 per cent of the value of the sequestered property, presumably to cover the costs of administration. Hence, without regard to the question of whether a property was legally sequestered, the Jews of Egypt were being taxed to pay for the machinery of improper sequestration and withholding.

The Jews leaving Egypt were subjected to additional deprivations and inconveniences. A regulation was established which limited Jews leaving Egypt to take with them only travellers checks or other international exchange documents up to a value of 100 pounds sterling per capita. The Bank of Egypt provided Jews leaving the country with instruments specifically drawn on Egyptian accounts in Britain and France, when Egyptian authorities knew full well that those accounts were blocked in reciprocation for the Egyptian blocking of British and French assets in Egypt and were not freely negotiable abroad.

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IRAQ

History

Iraq is the modern designation for the country carved out of ancient Babylonia, Assyria, and the southern part of Turkey after World War I.

It is also the place of the oldest Jewish Diaspora and the one with the longest continuous history, from 721 BCE to 1949 CE, a time span of 2,670 years.

By the third century, Babylonia became the centre of Jewish scholarship, as is attested to by the community's most influential contribution to Jewish scholarship, the Babylonian Talmud. Jews had prospered in what was then Babylonia for 1,200 years before the Muslim conquest in 634 CE. Under Muslim rule, the situation of the Jewish community fluctuated. Some Jews held high positions in government or prospered in commerce and trade. At the same time, Jews were subjected to special taxes, and restrictions on their professional activity. Under British rule, which began in 1917, Jews fared well economically, but all of this progress ended when Iraq gained independence in 1932.

In June 1941, the Mufti-inspired, pro-Nazi coup of Rashid Ali sparked rioting and a pogrom in Baghdad. Armed Iraqi mobs murdered 180 Jews and wounded almost 1,000.

Additional outbreaks of anti-Jewish rioting occurred between 1946 and 1949. After the establishment of Israel in 1948, Zionism became a capital crime.

In 1950, Iraqi Jews were permitted to leave the country within a year provided they forfeited their citizenship. A year later, however, the property of Jews who emigrated was frozen and economic restrictions were placed on Jews who chose to remain in the country. From 1949 to 1951, 104,000 Jews were evacuated from Iraq to Israel in Operations Ezra and Nehemiah; another 20,000 were smuggled out through Iran. Thus a community that had reached a peak of some 150,000 in 1947 dwindled to a mere 6,000 after 1951.

In 1952, Iraq's government barred Jews from emigrating. With the rise of competing Ba'ath factions in 1963, additional restrictions were placed on the remaining Iraqi Jews. The sale of property was forbidden and all Jews were forced to carry yellow identity cards. Persecutions continued, especially after the Six Day War in 1967, when many of the remaining 3,000 Jews were arrested and dismissed from their jobs. Around that period, more repressive measures were imposed: Jewish property was expropriated; Jewish bank accounts were frozen; Jews were dismissed from public posts; businesses were shut; trading permits were cancelled; telephones were disconnected. Many Jews were placed under house arrest for long periods of time or restricted to the cities.

Persecution was at its worst at the end of 1968. Scores were jailed upon the allegation of an alleged local "spy ring" composed of Jewish businessmen. Fourteen men – 11 of them Jews – were sentenced to death in staged trials. On Jan. 27, 1969, all were hanged in the public squares of Baghdad. (Judith Miller and Laurie Mylroie, "Saddam Hussein and the Crisis in the Gulf," p. 34).

In response to international pressure, the Baghdad government quietly allowed most of the remaining Jews to emigrate in the early 1970s, even while leaving other restrictions in force. In 1973, most of Iraq's remaining Jews were too old to leave and they were pressured by the government to turn over title, without compensation, to more than $200 million worth of Jewish community property (*New York Times*, Feb. 18, 1973).

The *New York Times* (July 28, 2003) reported that there are only 28 Jews left in Baghdad. A once-flourishing Iraqi Jewish community of 135,000 has thus been virtually extinguished (*Associated Press*, March 28, 1998).

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- The first piece of legislation enacted that violated the rights of Jews was the 1948 amendment to the 1938 supplement to the Penal Code of Baghdad. The Baghdad Penal Code set out the provision regarding communism, anarchy and immorality in section 89A(1). The section generally prohibits the publication of anything that incites the spread of hatred, abuse of the government or the integrity of the people. This amendment, enacted in 1948, added "Zionism" to communism, anarchism and immorality, the propagation of which constituted an offence punishable by seven years imprisonment and/or a fine.

In an article that appeared in the *New York Times* on May 16, 1948, it was reported that: "In Iraq no Jew is permitted to leave the country unless he deposits £5,000 ($20,000) with the government to guarantee his return. No foreign Jew is allowed to enter Iraq, even in transit."

- Law No. 1 of 1950, entitled "Supplement to Ordinance Cancelling Iraqi Nationality," in fact deprived Jews of their Iraqi nationality. Section 1 stipulated that "the Council of Ministers may cancel the Iraqi nationality of the Iraqi Jew who willingly desires to leave Iraq…" (Official Iraqi English translation).

- Law No. 5 of 1951, entitled "A law for the Supervision and Administration of the Property of Jews who have Forfeited Iraqi Nationality" also deprived them of their property. Section 2(a) "freezes" Jewish property.

- There were a series of laws that subsequently expanded on the confiscation of assets and property of Jews who "forfeited Iraqi nationality." These included Law No. 12 of 1951; Law No. 64 of 1967 relating to ownership of shares in commercial companies; and Law No. 10 of 1968 relating to banking restrictions.

LIBYA

History

The Jewish community of Libya traces its origin back some 2,500 years to the third century BCE.

Around the time of the Italian occupation of Libya in 1911, there were about 21,000 Jews in the country, the majority in Tripoli.

In the late 1930s, anti-Jewish laws were gradually enforced, and Jews were subject to terrible repression. Still, by 1941, the Jews accounted for a quarter of the population of Tripoli and maintained 44 synagogues. In 1942, the Germans occupied the Jewish quarter and times were extremely difficult for Jews in Libya although conditions did not greatly improve following the liberation. During the British occupation, rising Arab nationalism and anti-Jewish fervour were the reasons behind a series of pogroms, the worst of which, in November of 1945, resulted in the massacre of more than 140 Jews in Tripoli and elsewhere and the destruction of five synagogues (Howard Sachar, *A History of Israel*).

The establishment of the State of Israel led many Jews to leave the country. In June 1948, protesting the founding of the Jewish state, rioters murdered 12 Jews and destroyed 280 Jewish homes. Although emigration was illegal, more than 3,000 Jews managed to escape and fled to Israel. When the British legalized emigration in 1949, and in the years immediately preceding Libyan independence in 1951, hostile demonstrations and riots against Jews brought about the departure of some 30,000 Jews who fled the country up to, and after the point when Libya was granted independence and membership in the Arab League in 1951 (Norman Stillman, *The Jews of Arab Lands in Modern Times*).

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- Article 1 of Law No. 62 of March 1957, provided, inter-alia, that persons or corporations were prohibited from entering directly or indirectly into contracts of any nature whatsoever with organizations or persons domiciled in Israel, with Israel citizens or their representatives. Provision of this article also enabled the Council of Ministers to register residents in Libya who were relatives of persons resident in Israel.

- Law of Dec. 31, 1958, was a decree that was issued by the President of the Executive Council of Tripolitania. It ordered the dissolution of the Jewish Community Council and the appointment of a Muslim commissioner nominated by the government.

- On May 24, 1961, a law was promulgated which provided that only Libyan citizens could own and transfer real property. Conclusive proof of the possession of Libyan citizenship was required to be evidenced by a special permit that is reliably reported to have been issued to only six Jews in all.

- Royal Decree of Aug. 8, 1962 provided, inter-alia, that a Libyan national forfeited his nationality if he had had any contact with "Zionism." Forfeiture of Libyan nationality under this provision extending to any person who had visited Israel after the proclamation of Libyan independence, and any person deemed to have acted morally or materially in favour of Israeli interests. The retroactive effect of this provision enabled the authorities to deprive many Jews of Libyan nationality at will.

- With the first law No. 14 of Feb. 7, 1970, the Libyan government established that all property belonging to "Israelis" who had left Libyan territory "in order to establish themselves definitely abroad" would pass to the General Custodian. In spite of the precise wording of the law ("Israelis who had left Libyan territory in order to establish themselves abroad definitely"), the Libyan government started to take possession of property belonging to "Jews" without bothering about the fact that these Jews could not be considered as "Israelis" and had not "established themselves definitely abroad."

- The government decreed the law of July 21, 1970, wherein it states that it wanted to control "the restitution of certain assets to the State." The "Law relative to the restitution of certain assets to the State" asserted that the General Custodian would administer liquid funds of the property of Jews as well as the companies and the company shares belonging to Jews.

Arab Decrees and the Nuremberg Laws on Citizenship and Race

The mass displacement of the Jews from the Arab countries, as described above, has been a flagrant breach of international law. The 1945 Nuremberg Charter made wartime mass deportation a crime against humanity, and the 1949 Geneva Convention Relative to the Treatment of Civilians in Time of War also prohibits deportations and forcible transfers, whether mass or individual.

Decrees and practices discriminating against Jews in Arab countries – particularly denationalization – are eerily similar to the Nazi Nuremberg Laws on Citizenship and Race. And the victims, the Jews, are the same.

The Reich Citizenship Law of Sept. 15, 1935, provided that "A citizen of the Reich may be only one who is of German or kindred blood."

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Only citizens of the Reich could enjoy full political rights. The First Supplementary Decree to this citizenship law, of Nov. 14, 1935, provided that only citizens of the Reich could exercise the right to vote and the right to hold public office. The law stated explicitly: "A Jew cannot be a citizen of the Reich. He cannot exercise the right to vote; he cannot hold public office." Jewish officials were retired as of Dec. 31, 1935.

The Nuremberg laws defined a person as Jewish both by ancestry and by affiliation. One of the ways in which a person was considered Jewish was if the person was descended from two full Jewish grandparents and if the person was a member of the Jewish religious community when the law was issued or joined the community later.

The Nuremberg laws violated basic human rights; the right to a nationality; the right to vote; the right to equality. They were damaging in themselves and a signal of the disasters to come. They depersonalized Jews, by saying that they were not legal persons in the eyes of the state.

These laws were unconscionable at the time. After the Holocaust, similar laws with the same target victims are unspeakable.

Today, instead of or in addition to affiliation with the Jewish religious community, denationalization in Arab countries comes from affiliation with Zionism. "Zionist" is often just a code word for "Jewish." Insofar as it has any separate meaning, the meaning is that Jews must denounce and reject some human rights in order to keep others. Jews must denounce and reject the right to self-determination of the Jewish people in order to keep their right to nationality.

Before World War II, Jews in Europe were denationalized because of their ties with the Jewish religion; after World War II Jews in the Middle East have been denationalized because of their ties with the Jewish people. The violation of human rights is as basic, as repugnant, as wrong.

THE RESPONSE OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO THE PLIGHT OF REFUGEES, ARISING OUT OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT

Overview

From 1947 onward, the response of the international community to assist Palestinian refugees arising out of the Arab-Israeli conflict was immediate and aggressive. During that same period, there was no concomitant United Nations' response, nor any comparable international action, to alleviate the plight of hundreds of thousands of Jewish refugees from Arab countries.

The sole comparison that can be made between Palestinian and Jewish refugees is that both were determined to be bona fide refugees under international law, albeit each according to different internationally accepted definitions and statutes – Palestinian refugees covered by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA) and Jewish refugees under the statute of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

As far as the response of the United Nations to the two populations of refugees is concerned, the similarity ends there. The contrasts, however, are stark:

a) Since 1947, there have been over 681 UN General Assembly resolutions dealing with virtually every aspect of the Middle East and the Arab Israeli conflict;

b) Fully 101 of these UN resolutions refer directly and specifically to the 'plight' of Palestinian refugees.

c) In none of these 681 UN resolutions on the Middle East is there a specific reference to, nor any expression of concern for, the 856,000 Jews living in Arab countries

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for a happy, healthy & peaceful
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to our relatives and friends
and the people of Israel

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wish their relatives and friends
a happy and healthy New Year.

Wishing all our family and friends
a happy and healthy New Year.

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Freda & Leo Kon
and Family
wish their relatives and friends
a happy and healthy New Year.

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grandchildren, friends & relatives
for a happy, healthy and peaceful
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Wish all their relatives & friends
a very happy and peaceful New Year.

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a happy and healthy New Year.

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a peaceful, happy and healthy New Year.

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for a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year.

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Best wishes to our children,
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Merilyn & Marvin Lean
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Wish their relatives, friends & neighbours
a happy and healthy New Year

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SAMANTHA & BRADLEY
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wish their relatives, friends and neighbours
a peaceful, happy and healthy New Year.

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Sheryl, Sheldon, Lindsay
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wish their relatives and friends
a happy and healthy New Year.

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Wish all their relatives and friends
a peaceful, happy and healthy New Year.

I wish my family and friends
a happy and healthy New Year.

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a happy and healthy New Year.

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Wish all their relatives and friends
a peaceful, happy and healthy
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Shelly & Marilyn Little
Adam, Jeremy & Sari

Wish their relatives, friends & neighbours
a happy and healthy New Year.

Wishing all our family and friends
a happy and healthy New Year.

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Mel and Danna, Syd and Nathalie
and Families
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d) Numerous UN agencies and organizations were involved in a variety of efforts, or others were specifically created, to provide protection, relief, and assistance to Palestinian refugees. No such attention and assistance was forthcoming from these UN agencies for Jewish refugees from Arab countries.

e) Since 1947, billions of dollars have been spent by the international community – by the UN, its affiliated entities and member states – to provide relief and assistance to Palestinian refugees. During that same period, no such international financial support was ever provided to ameliorate the plight of Jewish refugees.

Representations to the UN General Assembly Calling for an International Response to the Plight of Jewish Refugees

It is widely believed that over the last 55 years, the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council have spent more time on the Arab-Israeli conflict than on any other issue.

When the issue of "refugees" is raised within the context of the Middle East, people invariably refer to Palestinian refugees; rarely, if ever, is there a reference to legitimate rights of Jews displaced from Arab countries.

The fact that there is not one recorded UN resolution on Jewish refugees is not due to a lack of trying.

On numerous occasions, the Israeli government, the World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries (WOJAC) and other governmental and non-governmental officials alerted the United Nations, its leadership and affiliated agencies to the problem of Jewish refugees and sought its intervention to ameliorate the plight of Jews fleeing from Arab countries. By way of example:

On Nov. 27 and 30, 1956, then-Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs Golda Meir wrote two letters to the UN Secretary General "regarding the action taken by the Egyptian government against the Jewish Community in Egypt."

On Dec. 21, 1956, Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., the U.S. Representative to the UN, stated that he shares "concern about reports of the plight of Jews in Egypt." The U.S. made a statement expressing its concern from the rostrum of the UN General Assembly in order to put the U.S. on record as "abhorring such practices as have been alleged."

On Jan. 11, 1957, Philip Klutznick, on behalf of the Co-ordinating Board of Jewish Organizations, wrote to Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld, urging him to use his "good offices to induce the government of Egypt to desist from the prosecution of a policy… to bring total ruin to the old-established Jewish community of Egypt."

On Dec. 2, 1968, The International League for the Rights of Man, a non-Jewish organization, wrote to Secretary General U Thant calling attention to "situations in Egypt, Syria and Iraq, representing continuing and serious infringements of human rights."

On Oct. 10, 1977, then-Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs Moshe Dayan addressed the 32nd Session of the UN General Assembly and spoke forcefully on the discriminatory treatment of Jews in Arab countries.

On Dec. 3, 1979, then-Israeli Ambassador Yehuda Blum delivered a speech to the UN during which he described the "dramatic worsening in the attitude of (and treatment by) Syrian authorities towards its Jewish community."

On Nov. 24, 1987, then-Israeli Ambassador to the UN Johanan Bein addressed the 42nd Session of the UN General Assembly and spoke of "the war of aggression unleashed by Arab countries against Israel in 1948" which "brought about an exodus of Jews from Arab lands."

Notwithstanding these and other formal representations, there was not one UN resolution expressing concern about the plight and fate of up to 1,000,000 Jews displaced from Arab countries, nor any ameliorative action undertaken on their behalf by the international community.

Relevant UN Resolutions and Action

The following are the most seminal UN resolutions on the Middle East that could pertain to the issue of Jewish refugees and the concomitant response (or lack of it) by the international community.

UN Resolution 181 (II) (A+B): The General Assembly, on Nov. 29, 1947, in adopting Resolution 181 (II), approved "The Partition Plan" that provided for the termination of the Mandate, the progressive withdrawal of British armed forces and the delineation of boundaries for two states and for the city of Jerusalem. It called for the creation of the Arab and Jewish states not later than October 1st, 1948. By Resolution 181 (II), the Assembly also set up the United Nations Palestine Commission (UNPC) to carry out its recommendations. The adoption of Resolution 181 (II) was followed by outbreaks of violence during which time the displacement of significant numbers of both Palestinians from Israel and Jews from Arab countries began.

UN Resolution 194 (III): On December 11th, 1948, the General Assembly adopted Resolution 194 (III) that was destined to be one of the cornerstones of the Middle East peace process. It was the "road map" of its era and provided a detailed plan for the region. It consists of 15 paragraphs, one of which (paragraph 11) deals with the subject of refugees. In part, it states that refugees wishing to return to their homes and live at peace with their neighbours should be permitted to do so at the earliest practicable date, and that those choosing not to return should be compensated for their property. Unlike Security Council resolutions, this General Assembly resolution was non-binding but Arab government representatives at the United Nations still voted against it.

UN Resolution 237 (1967): After hostilities broke out between Israel and Egypt, Jordan and Syria, and a subsequent ceasefire was secured, the UN Security Council adopted Resolution 237 on June 14, 1967. It called upon Israel to ensure the safety, welfare and security of the inhabitants of the areas where military operations had taken place and to facilitate the return of the displaced persons. The governments concerned were asked to "respect scrupulously the humanitarian principles governing the protection of civilian persons in time of war" as enunciated in the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949.

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Family reunion at Lod Airport on arrival of plane from Egypt.

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After this latest Middle East conflict, it was clear that the predominant concern of the UN was for the safety of Palestinian refugees. However, this resolution can appropriately be cited as the first official UN recognition that alludes to the plight and potential claims of former Jewish refugees. Then-Secretary-General U Thant sent Nils-Goran Gussing, his special representative to the region, and he stated expressly that the provisions of Resolution 237:

"might properly be interpreted as having application to the treatment, at the time of the recent war and as a result of that war, of both Arab and Jewish persons in the States which are directly concerned because of their participation in that war."

No mention of Jewish refugees but a reference to "Jewish persons," civilians who may require protection in time of war.

In an important precedent, Mr. Gussing, who went to the Middle East primarily to determine Israel's compliance with Security Council Resolution 237, also addressed the plight of Jews in Arab countries.

On Aug. 17, 1967, Mr. Gussing sent letters to the governments of Syria and Egypt, requesting a written report on "the treatment and protection of Jewish persons" in those countries. He stressed that it would be "particularly helpful" to know "how the personal and property rights of such persons had been affected by the recent (1967) war, how many of them might have been and continued to be confined and for what reason, and whether they were free to leave the country in which they are resident." He sent a similar letter to Israel about the status of Arabs in occupied areas.

On Sept. 15, 1967, Mr. Gussing submitted his report to the UN that included a section on "The Question of the Treatment of Minorities." Mr. Gussing reported to the UN General Assembly on his Aug, 29, 1967, visit to Damascus where he discussed the problem of Syrian Jewry with government officials "at some length." He was told that the Syrian government "welcomed the chance to assure the Special Representative that the Jewish minority in Syria were treated in exactly the same way as other citizens." With respect to Egypt, Mr. Gussing reported that he had been rebuffed by government officials in his efforts to determine the condition of Jews in Egypt since the six day June war. He further reported that the Egyptian government "expressed the firm opinion that the Security Council resolution [237] did not apply to the Jewish minority" in Egypt. Nonetheless, Mr. Gussing reported on "persistent allegations that 500-600 Jews had been kept in detention since the beginning of the war…" In his remarks to the General Assembly, Mr. Gussing also referred to reports that "the property of the Jews in Cairo had been confiscated."

Therefore, it cannot be said that the United Nations was unaware of the violations of the rights of Jews from Egypt and Syria. However, whatever concern for Jewish refugees that might have been evidenced as a result of Resolution 237 was short-lived.

One year later, the UN passed Resolution 259, which refers back specifically to Resolution 237, albeit with a significant change in language. Now the UN was only concerned with:

"The safety, welfare and security of the inhabitants of the Arab territories under military occupation by Israel."

No mention of "Jewish persons." The concern for Jews had dissipated. The UN reverted back to form.

The second UN resolution that a number of governments (including Israel and the U.S.) contend applies to Jewish refugees is, of course:

UN Resolution 242 (1967): Later that year, on Nov. 22, 1967, the Security Council unanimously adopted Resolution 242, laying down the principles for a peaceful settlement in the Middle East: "withdrawal of Israel armed forces from territories occupied in the recent conflict" and "termination of all claims or states of belligerency and respect for and acknowledgement of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of every State in the area and their right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries free from threats or acts of force."

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Mrs. J. Mendlewitz
Shirley & Jamie Hanet

wish their relatives & friends
a happy and healthy New Year.

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Itzik Ravuna, Lisa Mendlowicz,
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Wish their relatives and friends
a happy and healthy New Year.

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for a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year.

Edie and Jackie Marcus
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Wish their relatives, friends & neighbours
a happy and healthy New Year

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grandchildren, friends and relatives
for a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year.

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a peaceful, happy and healthy New Year.

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family and friends a Happy, Healthy
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Mr. & Mrs. Max Moneta

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a happy and healthy New Year.

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AND FAMILY
wish their relatives and friends
a happy and healthy New Year.

Rebecca Moscoe
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Stuart Moscoe and Nancy Phillips
Elaine Moscoe and Perry Stupp

Wish their relatives, friends and neighbours
a happy and healthy New Year.

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wish their relatives and friends
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and peaceful New Year.

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grandchildren, relatives and friends
for a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year.

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wish their relatives and friends
a happy and healthy New Year.

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Mark & Barbara Obar
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wish their relatives and friends
a happy and healthy New Year.

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a peaceful, happy and healthy New Year.

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for a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year.

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Isaac & Sylvia Peck
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a happy and healthy New Year.

Wishing all our family and friends
a happy and healthy New Year.

Isaac and Minny Peters

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Resolution 242, still considered the primary vehicle for resolving the Arab-Israel conflict, stipulates that a comprehensive peace settlement should necessarily include "a just settlement of the refugee problem." An unsuccessful effort was made by the Soviet Union's UN delegation to restrict this "just settlement" only to Palestinian refugees. (S/8236, discussed by the Security Council at its 1382nd meeting of Nov. 22, 1967, notably at paragraph 117, in the words of Ambassador Kouznetsov of the Soviet Union). Justice Arthur Goldberg, the American delegate who was instrumental in drafting the unanimously adopted resolution, has pointed out that:

"A notable omission in 242 is any reference to Palestinians, a Palestinian state on the West Bank or the PLO. The resolution addresses the objective of 'achieving a just settlement of the refugee problem.' This language presumably refers both to Arab and Jewish refugees, for about an equal number of each abandoned their homes as a result of the several wars…"

Jewish claims concern not only private property but also significant community assets

The United Nations has also discussed, at great length, the issue of "refugee properties;" however, a plethora of UN resolutions have only addressed properties of Palestinian refugees. Beginning in 1948, the issue was addressed at virtually every annual meeting of the General Assembly, progressively expanding the focus on "refugee properties" of Palestinians.

However, with reference to Jewish "refugee properties," the UN, by resolution or otherwise, never affirmed as it did for Palestinians, that "compensation should be paid… by the governments or authorities responsible" (Resolution 194); never called for "assessment and payment of compensation" for Jewish property losses (as it does for Palestinian refugees in Resolution 394); did not call for an "identification and evaluation of… refugees' immovable properties" in Arab countries (as it does for Palestinian refugees in Resolution 1725); did not ask "the Secretary-General to take all appropriate steps… for the protection and administration of...property, assets and property rights" (as it does for Palestinian refugees in Resolution 36/146); nor reaffirm that Jewish refugees "be entitled to their property and to the income derived therefrom, in conformity with the principles of justice and equity" (as it does in resolution 51/129).

Moreover, unlike the Palestinians, Jewish claims concern not only private property but also significant community assets that were expropriated in many countries – synagogues, schools, community centres, cemeteries, ritual baths, etc.

In addition to the value of individual and communal properties left behind by the Jews of Arab countries, the State of Israel has spent hundreds of millions of dollars in the transport and absorption of these former refugees, most of who arrived destitute or with almost no wealth. Such amounts have to be taken into consideration in the overall evaluation of the compensation issue.

The Response of UN Agencies

Since 1947, only one UN entity – the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) – has responded to the needs of Jewish refugees from Arab countries. By contrast, numerous existing UN agencies addressed the wide-ranging needs of Palestinian refugees, including:

United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine (UNCCP): Established in December 1948 (General Assembly Resolution 194) the UNCCP was given the mandate to assist the governments and authorities concerned to achieve a final settlement of the Palestine question, and to provide protection and promote a durable solution for Palestine refugees.

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United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA): Immediately after the Arab-Israeli hostilities of 1948, emergency assistance to Palestine refugees was provided by international organizations such as the International Committee of the Red Cross, League of Red Cross Societies and the American Friends Service Committee. On Dec. 8, 1949, the UN General Assembly adopted Resolution 302 (IV) creating UNRWA specifically for the provision of assistance to Palestinian refugees.

Today, UNRWA provides basic relief, health, education and social services to some 3.8 million people – the original refugees (UN estimate – 725,000) and their descendents. UNRWA administers 59 refugee camps in its five areas of operation – West Bank, Gaza Strip, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria – and employs more than 100 foreign nationals and 20,000 Palestinians. UNRWA operations are financed almost entirely by voluntary contributions from governments and the European Union, with United Nations bodies covering staffing costs. Its 2002 budget was $292 million (US) with another $55 million (US) for projects and an additional emergency 'relief' fund of $86 million (US).

Several other additional UN entities have subsequently been mandated to deal with the Palestinian issue, including the issue of Palestinian refugees.

- In 1974, the UN established the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (General Assembly Resolution 3376), mandated to recommend to the General Assembly a program of implementation designed to enable the Palestinian people to exercise their inalienable rights to self-determination, to national independence and sovereignty; and to return to their homes and property from which they have been displaced and uprooted.

- In 1977, the UN established the Division for Palestine Rights (General Assembly Resolution 32/40). The Division assists in planning and organizing international meetings, preparing studies and publications relating to the issue of Palestinian and Palestinian refugees and organizing the annual commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People on Nov. 29.

- In 1994, the UN established the Office of the United Nations Special Co-ordinator for the Occupied Territories (UNSCO) to provide guidance and facilitate co-ordination among UN programs and to assist the Palestinian Authority and donors in co-ordinating international assistance. UNSCO was not established specifically to address the Palestinian refugee issue, but relates to Palestinian refugees in the West Bank and Gaza Strip as residents of the occupied territories through its mandate.

A host of other UN affiliated programs provide some level of services to Palestinian refugees. These include: the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) dealt with Palestinians who did not fall under the mandate of UNRWA; the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and the World Health Organization (WHO).

As noted earlier, the sole UN body that has dealt with the needs of a segment of those Jews fleeing from Arab countries was the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Beginning in 1957 and continuing through to the early 1970s, the UNHCR undertook significant initiatives, trying to expedite the transfer of assets after Jews had resettled in new countries of residence. However, notwithstanding good intentions, the protection and rehabilitation provided to Jewish refugees by the UNHCR did not even represent a miniscule fraction of the overwhelming support provided by the international community to Palestinian Arab refugees.

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to our relatives and friends
and the people of Israel.

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and their children

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Wish their family and friends a
Happy and Healthy New Year

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New Year, and thank you for all your love
and support during the past year.

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JEWISH REFUGEES FROM ARAB COUNTRIES: THE CASE FOR RIGHTS AND REDRESS

Jews from Arab Countries and the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process

It would be an injustice to ignore, in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, the rights of Jews from Arab countries. It would be a distortion of history, and would constitute a fundamental inequity, to recognize a right in Palestinian refugees to redress without recognizing a right to redress for Jewish refugees displaced from Arab countries. The case of displaced Jews to redress is as strong as, if not stronger than, the case of Palestinian refugees.

Yet, that is exactly what appears to be happening. Occasionally, the two sets of claims have been put on equal footing. A United Nations Security Council resolution adopted in 1967 calls for "a just settlement of the refugee problem" without distinction between Palestinian and Jewish refugees. The Camp David Framework for Peace in the Middle East of 1978 (the "Camp David Accords") includes, in paragraph A (1)(f), a commitment by Egypt and Israel to "work with each other and with other interested parties to establish agreed procedures for a prompt, just and permanent resolution of the implementation of the refugee problem" – again without distinction between Palestinian and Jewish claims. President Carter stated in a press conference in 1977 that "Palestinians have rights… obviously there are Jewish refugees… they have the same rights as others do."

But in practice that is not how things are working out. In 1991, the Madrid Peace Conference established a Multilateral Working Group on refugees. Its mandate was to "consider practical ways of improving the lot of people throughout the region who have been displaced from their homes." But as Kara Stein writes, those involved in the Working Group, "save perhaps the Israelis," view their efforts as relating to Palestinian refugees only.

Several aspects of the 1994 Israel-Jordan Peace Treaty are worth noting. The Article 8, paragraph 1, entitled "Refugees and Displaced Persons" recognizes "the massive human problems caused to both parties by the conflict in the Middle East." What is significant about this provision is that it is clearly not limited to Palestinian refugees.

While the parties commit themselves to alleviate problems on the bilateral level, they also affirm in paragraph 2, that problems "cannot be fully resolved on the bilateral level" and therefore commit themselves to seek solutions in accordance with international law "in negotiations, in a framework to be agreed, bilateral or otherwise, in conjunction with and at the same time as the permanent status negotiations…"

Reference to massive human problems in a broad manner, and the commitment of the parties to find ways to resolve these problems, suggests that the plight of all refugees of "the conflict in the Middle East," including Jewish refugees from Arab lands, was envisaged in this treaty.

To the extent that individual claims by Jewish refugees may exist against Jordan (in particular for property damaged or expropriated during the 1948-1967 period), Article 24 of the Israel-Jordan Peace Treaty notes that the parties agreed to establish a claims commission for the mutual settlement of all financial claims although this commission was never set up in practice.

The rights of Jews displaced from Arab lands were discussed at "Camp David II" in July 2000. On July 28, 2000, U.S. President Bill Clinton was interviewed on Israeli television and stated clearly:

"There will have to be some sort of international fund set up for the refugees. There is, I think, some interest, interestingly enough, on both sides, in also having a fund which compensates the Israelis who were made refugees by the war, which occurred after the birth of the State of Israel. Israel is full of people, Jewish people, who lived in predominantly Arab countries who came to Israel because they were made refugees in their own land."

This candour by President Clinton has not been replicated by others in leadership positions. If one thought of Israel, the West Bank and Gaza as on the moon rather than in the Middle East, this blinkered approach, looking only at Palestinian refugees in isolation from displaced Jews, might have a certain logic to it. Redress due to displaced Jews is not due from the Palestinian leadership. Jewish refugees did not, for the most part, flee the West Bank and Gaza.

However, if one looks at the peace process in context, if one places Israel in the Middle East, where it obviously is, if one accepts that peace in the Middle East means peace with Israel's Arab neighbours as much as with the Palestinians, then it is impossible to overlook the issue of displaced Jews. A settlement of outstanding disputes between Israel and its neighbours must resolve this dispute.

A comprehensive peace must be endurable and enduring. There can be no peace without truth or justice. Recognition of the past is essential to the integrity of the Middle East peace process. Rejection of memory is a rejection of peace. Justice in the Middle East includes justice for Jews from Iran and Arab countries. Unless the displacement of Jews from Arab lands and Iran is acknowledged within the Middle East peace process, unless Jews displaced from Arab lands and Iran are treated equitably in the Middle East peace process, there will be no true, just peace.

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Nissim Shemesh 14, and Rapheal Ezra 14, both from Iraq picking peanuts during the holidays. [GPO photo]

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The Injustice

Some 850,000 Jews were displaced from Arab countries after the creation of the State of Israel. About 600,000 of those settled in Israel. While somewhat different in context, there was victimization, and a right to redress also exists, for another 57,000 Jews displaced from Iran.

These people were not, for the most part, voluntary migrants seeking to leave their home countries for economic reasons or wanting to immigrate to Israel for religious or ethnic reasons. They were mainly refugees forced to flee to save themselves. Before they were displaced, they were threatened, harassed and persecuted. Before they were displaced, as part and parcel of the persecution they suffered, or after, their property was forfeited or confiscated. The Jews who were displaced from Arab countries and Iran are a victim population, people who suffered human rights violations at the hands of the governments and populations in the countries in which they lived.

The story of that victimization has been described many times. That victimization creates a right to redress.

Redress

In international law, any human rights violation gives rise to a right to redress. The right belongs both to the victim and the beneficiaries of the victim. The duty to make redress falls on the state responsible for the human rights violations.

Today, there are regimes, most notably in Iraq and Egypt that are not the regimes that were in place at the time the violations occurred. Even in those cases, it can be argued that successor regimes should provide reparation to the victims.

Reparations should be adequate, effective and prompt. They should be proportionate to the gravity of the violations and the harm suffered.

Reparations for the taking of property are also due to foreign nationals; that is, nationals of another country other than those of the regime that did the taking, whether victims of human rights violations or not. In this case, the state to which the foreign national belongs is entitled to assert the right of its national to reparations.

Arbitrary deprivation of property is itself a violation of a fundamental human right, forbidden by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. There does not have to be violation of another right accompanying the arbitrary deprivation in order for human rights to be violated.

Remedies

The High Commissioner and Mandate Refugees

The Statute of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees obligates the High Commissioner to provide for the protection of refugees falling under the competence of his office by, amongst other duties, "endeavouring to obtain permission for refugees to transfer their assets and especially those necessary for resettlement." This provision is noteworthy, not only because of the duty it imposes on the High Commissioner, but also because it covers all assets.

There need be no nexus between the human rights violations that had caused the flight and the assets left behind to trigger the duty owed by the High Commissioner. Indeed, the assets may remain under the ownership of the refugee. As long as there are any restrictions on the transfer of the assets out of the country fled, the Statute of the High Commissioner requires him to act. Although many of the Jews from Arab countries were displaced decades ago, many are still suffering financial and other resettlement difficulties that emanated from their displacement.

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In order for a refugee population to fall within the mandate of the High Commissioner, the High Commissioner or some other instance has to determine that the population has or had a well-founded fear of persecution. The High Commissioner has made such a determination for Jews from Arab countries.

In the first instance of this determination, in his first statement as newly elected High Commissioner, Mr. Auguste Lindt, at the Jan. 29, 1957, meeting of the United Nations Refugee Fund Executive Committee (UNREF) in Geneva, stated:

"Another emergency problem is now arising: that of refugees from Egypt. There is no doubt in my mind that those refugees from Egypt who are not able, or not willing to avail themselves of the protection of the government of their nationality fall under the mandate of my office."

In the second such instance, Dr. E. Jahn for the Office of the High Commissioner wrote to Daniel Lack, Legal Adviser to the American Joint Distribution Committee, on July 6, 1967:

"I refer to our recent discussion concerning Jews from Middle Eastern and North African countries in consequence of recent events. I am now able to inform you that such persons may be considered prima facie within the mandate of this Office."

The High Commissioner has gone about endeavouring to obtain permission from Arab governments for Jewish refugees to transfer their assets from the Arab countries they fled. Mostly, those efforts did not succeed. However, the efforts themselves are noteworthy. They remind us that the High Commissioner is available, still, to pursue the transfer of assets. As well, the determination by the High Commissioner that these refugees fall within his mandate is a determination by an international instance that these refugees have or had a well-founded fear of persecution.

Persecution is any serious violation of human rights. Such persecution was clearly documented in the first section of this paper. The UNHCR made an independent determination, and confirmed publicly on at least two occasions, that Jews from Arab countries were victims of serious human rights violations that caused their flight. That determination remains valid and has contemporary legal consequences, beyond the previous efforts of the High Commissioner to obtain permission from persecuting governments to transfer refugee assets.

The High Commissioner and Convention Refugees

The Refugee Convention also has a restitution provision requiring contracting states to give sympathetic consideration to the transfer of assets of refugees. An obligation to give sympathetic consideration is more than mere words. While an obligation to give sympathetic consideration does allow a contracting state to say no to a request to transfer assets, all treaties must be performed in good faith. Sham consideration, unsympathetic consideration would be a violation of the treaty.

Treaties do not have retroactive force. However, the obligation to transfer assets is not a retroactive obligation. It is a contemporary obligation, as a matter of Treaty interpretation. As long as the assets still exist, and the request to transfer is current, we are dealing with present facts and not past facts.

It would frustrate the purpose of resettlement of the Refugee Convention to interpret the Convention not to apply to assets in a contracting state belonging to refugees who fled before the contracting state acceded to the Convention. Where transfer of assets is necessary for resettlement, then allowing transfer means that there will be resettlement. Refusing transfer means that there will not be true resettlement. An interpretation of the treaty that would facilitate resettlement has to be favoured over an interpretation that would frustrate resettlement.

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An International Fund

The United Nations Compensation Commission and Fund provides a model for a remedy that could be negotiated as part of an Arab-Israeli comprehensive settlement. The United Nations Compensation Commission and Fund were established by Security Council resolution in May 1991, to compensate foreign nationals, companies and governments for injuries suffered as the result of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

This model could be used to arrange for compensation for Jewish refugees arising out of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Moneys could come from the governments of the countries from which the Jews were displaced. But the source of the funds could be broader. It need not be restricted to those governments.

The intended beneficiaries of the fund could also be broader, allowing all those displaced, both Jewish and Palestinian, to make claims against an international fund established specifically for that purpose whether or not the Jews are in Israel, whether or not the Palestinians are in refugee camps or in the West Bank and Gaza. Though the remedy here is patterned after the UN Compensation Fund, the remedy would not be a UN Fund, but rather a fund established as part of and the result of an Arab-Israeli comprehensive settlement.

> ***The likelihood of Jews obtaining justice in the courts of the countries from which they were displaced is small.***

It may seem strange to arrange for settlement of all Jewish claims from Arab states in the context of an Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement when many of those Jewish persons with claims are not Israeli citizens and when the claims are almost entirely not against Palestinians or their representatives. But one objective in the negotiations is to ensure that an Arab-Israeli settlement would constitute an end to all claims arising out of the conflict, including private claims. The private claims of Palestinian refugees would have to be limited to the avenues of relief expressly created in an Arab-Israeli settlement and extinguished otherwise.

It may unreasonable to expect that an Arab-Israeli settlement would limit within a fund established by the agreement and otherwise extinguish Palestinian claims but neither extinguish nor limit Jewish claims. Whatever differences may exist between Palestinian and Jewish claims, these may have to be addressed within an Arab-Israeli settlement and the mechanisms for compensation from the fund.

If it were otherwise, if Jewish claims were not satisfied within the Arab-Israeli settlement and extinguished outside that agreement, then Palestinians might also argue that their claims too are not extinguished by virtue of the settlement. A crucial dispute would remain unresolved.

Foreign Courts

The likelihood of Jews obtaining justice in the courts of the countries from which they were displaced is small. Indeed, part of the persecution they suffered was the perversion of justice, the absence of an effective remedy in their home countries. By way of example, the Camp David Framework for Peace in the Middle East of 1978 (the "Camp David Accords") includes, in paragraph A (1)(f), a commitment by Egypt and Israel to "work with each other and with other interested parties to establish agreed procedures for a prompt, just and permanent resolution of the implementation of the refugee problem." It could be argued that the unqualified reference to the "refugee problem" can be regarded as an indication that Egypt and Israel envisioned a broad resolution of the refugee problem that included both Palestinian and Jewish refugees.

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Lifting the veil of silence

By KEITH LANDY and
JOSEPH GABAY

In 1947, there were nearly one million Jews living in Arab countries. Today there are less than 8,000.

Some Arab states, such as Libya, are completely *judenrein*. Others have the disparate remnants of once-vibrant communities. During their concerted effort to force the Jews to flee, the Arab states uprooted and destroyed more than 2,000 years of Jewish life and history in the region. This is a tragic legacy whose consequences are still felt in Diaspora communities throughout the world – and a political reality whose current relevance should no longer be ignored.

In Montreal on Nov. 17, 2002, Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) took an important step in refocusing attention on this legacy. In collaboration with World Jewish Congress, CJC organized what was to become the second in a series of conferences around the globe on the "Forgotten Exodus" of the Jews from Arab lands. After years of international silence and sometimes disinterest, Congress, nationally and internationally, seized the important moment and brought the story back to light. There was a second Middle East refugee question to be examined, and the time was now. This effort, repeated in San Francisco and London, has awakened hope and rekindled determination that the tragic account of Jewish escape from Arab lands will be heard and the beginnings of a just resolution be put in motion.

Mothers and fathers who, out of fear and heartbreak, had never shared their traumatic experiences with their own children found the courage to share them with strangers and the media. Gabrielle, who didn't feel safe using her last name, shared her story with her daughters for the first time in preparation for the Montreal event. The abduction of her father, a leader in Lebanon's Jewish community, became the first of many such disappearances and spelled the end of Lebanon's Jewish community. In the presence of an audience of hundreds, she and two other witnesses opened their sealed vaults of memories and released a flood, revealing a forgotten heritage rich in its history and tragic in its conclusion. Their tragic stories could have been told by many of the hundreds of thousands of Jews who fled Arab lands. Their heritage was not intended to be forgotten.

As Israel continues to strive for peace, as the plight of the Palestinians continues to paint the front pages, there is another story that must be heard before a true peace can be reached. While some Jews from Arab lands lived as refugees for a short time, even several years, all of them today have integrated into their new adoptive countries. In Israel, former refugees from these countries have served as judges on the Supreme Court, members of Knesset, doctors, lawyers and active contributors to society. In other countries such as Canada, France and England, those former refugees have become proud and loyal citizens and have permeated all walks of life, contributing to the betterment and vitality of their new communities.

The leadership of Arab countries, unwilling to recognize the State of Israel, has intentionally and inhumanely refused to absorb the Arabs displaced in the War of Independence in 1948 in their own countries, thereby perpetuating the situation of the Palestinians. At a time when Israel was a fledgling state with almost no economic capacity for absorption, the Jewish refugees were integrated with open arms, providing them with shelter, medical attention and a new start.

> **The Arab countries have cynically exploited the Palestinians as political pawns to be used in the war against Israel**

Unlike their Israeli neighbours, the Arab countries, rich in oil, have cynically exploited the Palestinians as political pawns to be used in the war against Israel. There are 400,000 Palestinians in Lebanon who are not allowed to send their children to schools only a few blocks away, because they are left in camps and treated as refugees. Three generations later, Palestinians living in countries around the world continue to claim refugee status and a desire to "return" to towns to which many of them have never been. The history of the 20th century is full of instances of population transfers and resolved refugee crises. The more than 60 million refugees resulting from World War II were no longer refugees in their own generation.

While the world focuses on the story of the Palestinians, few know or hear about the plight of the Jewish refugees. In the 1940s, years after the collapse of the Ottoman Empire, more than 1,000 Jews were killed in anti-Jewish rioting and pogroms in Iraq, Libya, Egypt, Syria, and Yemen. This helped trigger the mass exodus of Jews from Arab countries.

In the 1950s, 104,000 Jews were rescued from Iraq in Operation Ezra and Nechemia. In Egypt, the message was just as clear: it would be better for Jews to abandon their property and to leave as soon as possible. Between November 1956 and June 1957, more than 22,200 Jews left Egypt, and more than 13,500 Egyptian Jews arrived in Israel by October 1957. Persecution of the Jews continued in Egypt, and today, only 200 out of a community of 75,000 are left. Similar scenarios played out in Lebanon, Libya, Yemen and Syria, where ransoms were often paid to secure releases.

Mount Royal Liberal MP Irwin Cotler reminded participants at the Montreal conference that while there were periods of relative peace for Jews in Arab lands, "the protected status of Jews under Islam must be de-mythologized. Jews were not equal. They were second-class citizens, at best. The fact that Sephardi Jews were treated better than many of their European counterparts in no way refutes or makes up for state-sanctioned persecution. It does not exculpate them. We should never be allowed to forget that we were treated as inferior human beings under them, and that we must see reconciliation and reparation as a precondition for peace."

As we begin a new year, let us not forget the plight of those who fled from persecution in Arab lands. Let us remember their proud history and heritage.

Canada is committed to dealing with refugee issues in the context of an Israeli-Palestinian peace process. CJC is planning another conference on the subject in Toronto this autumn. It is also calling on the Canadian government to focus attention – particularly in the final stages of negotiations – on our brothers and sisters who were stripped of their property and expelled from Arab countries in which they had lived for generations. We must now remove the veil of silence that surrounds the story of the Jewish refugees. We ask Canada to make the case on this compelling human rights issue, in the search for justice, peace and reconciliation.

Keith Landy is the national president of Canadian Jewish Congress and Joseph Gabay is the chair of its Quebec region.

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Moreover, Article 8 of the Treaty provides that the "parties agree to establish a claims commission for the mutual settlement of all financial claims." In practice, this commission has not been established and no lawsuits filed by former Jewish refugees from Egypt in Egyptian courts have ever been satisfactorily resolved.

This failure raises the question of the availability of foreign justice. The use of foreign courts raises two questions. One is whether the law of the foreign state allows a remedy. The other is whether international law allows a remedy.

There have been a number of developments in the international arena in recent years to suggest that the principle that a state may allow a litigant to seek reparations against a foreign state for violations of fundamental human rights has reached the status of customary international law. Customary international law is the practice of states that they view as legally binding upon them. Developments include the Statute of the International Criminal Court, the writings of the International Law Commission, the reasoning of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and legal opinions of states expressed in the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and General Assembly.

Justice for Jews from Arab Countries (JJAC) is a coalition of major Jewish organizations dedicated to securing rights and redress for former Jewish refugees. Founded in the United States, JJAC now operates under the auspices of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, the American Sephardi Federation and the World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries with the active participation of the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress and the Anti-Defamation League.

Honorary Chairs are Irwin Cotler (Canada), Shlomo Hillel (Israel), Richard Holbrooke (U.S.), Leon Levy (U.S.), Lord Weidenfeld (U.K.). Founder is S. Daniel Abraham.

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How to resolve Jewish Arab refugee claims stirs debate

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

The question of how to proceed with the claims of Jews from Arab countries has lingered, unresolved, for many years, with an ongoing debate on how to solve the problem.

Raffaello Fellah, co-chair of the World Association of Jews from Arab Countries (WOJAC), believes the claims of Jews from Arab countries must be linked to those made by Palestinian refugees and that both issues must be dealt with in the context of the Middle East peace process.

Founded in 1975, WOJAC was created intially to relieve the distress of Jews forced to leave Arab countries after the creation of the State of Israel, abandoning all they owned. It later began raising awareness of the issue through various educational projects and lobby efforts.

"Jewish organizations need to act jointly and launch a claim similar to the one brought against Germany by Holocaust victims," Fellah said in a phone interview from Rome.

"There are differences between the two cases," Fellah acknowledged. Germany wanted to repair the damages, Arab countries do not.

However, a lot can be gained by simply forcing both sides of the dispute – Jewish refugees and representatives of Arab governments – to meet at the negotiating table, he said.

WOJAC places the number of Arabs that left Palestinian territory at 590,000 and the Jews that left Arab countries at around one million. The number of Jews from Arab countries and the number of Palestinians each total approximately four million.

As for assets, Fellah said that a 1978 conference in Washington, D.C., estimated the value of property left behind by Jewish refugees at billions of dollars.

The WOJAC Web site says the immediate cause of the *en masse* exodus of the Jews from Arab states "was the considerable deterioration of their situation, … a process which occurred mainly between 1948 and the 1960s, as a result of a wave of Arab nationalism and the establishment of sovereign Arab states in the 20th century."

The Web site goes on to say that any Middle East peace accord must deal with *all* victims – Palestinian and Jewish – fairly and equitably within the framework of negotiations.

The new democratization of Iraq could mark a turning point, Fellah said.

Attention should also be paid to a boycott law, created in 1957 in Damascus by the Arab League, that allowed governments to confiscate all properties abandoned by Jews in Arab countries, Fellah said.

Issues need to be addressed first through diplomatic and political means, and then, if necessary, in front of the courts, he said.

"The most important thing is not to make individual cases," Fellah said. "We must be united on this subject. No organization should be the prima donna."

Mount Royal Liberal MP Irwin Cotler, an international human rights lawyer and activist, says Justice for Jews from Arab Countries, an organization formed this past June, has spent the past few months collecting testimonies and preparing a composite legal study to facilitate those who wish to pursue lawsuits.

In a phone interview, Cotler said that "refugees have become the looking glass by which contemporary conflicts are understood.

"For this reason, it's important to return the question of Jewish refugees to the narrative. Otherwise, it's Middle East revisionism," Cotler said.

"Jews from Arab countries were the victims of patterns of harrassment and discrimination: assets were seized and legislation was passed declaring the Jewish nation an enemy of the people," Cotler said.

"The forgotten exodus of these Jews deserves to be recorded and presented," he added.

This doesn't take away from the importance of Palestinian refugees, Cotler said. But the United Nations General Assembly has passed 101 resolutions on refugees from different countries, many of them dealing with Palestinians, and "not a single one deals with Jewish refugees," he said.

"If the United Nations wants to be a fair-minded arbiter, it should consider both… it needs to acknowledge that there is a joint victimization."

However, Yehouda Shenhav, a professor at Tel Aviv University and editor of *Theory Criticism*, an Israeli journal of critical theory and cultural studies, says it is unfair to both the Palestinians and Mizrahi Jews – Middle Eastern Jews – to compare the two groups.

In a recent article in *Ha'aretz*, Shenhav wrote that "the history of the Mizrahi aliyah [immigration to Israel] is complex, and cannot be subsumed within a facile explanation. Many of the newcomers lost considerable property, and there can be no question that they should be allowed to submit individual property claims against Arab states (up to the present day, the State of Israel and WOJAC have blocked the submission of [individual] claims on this basis)."

In addition, Shenhav wrote, WOJAC, "which intended to promote Zionist claims and assist Israel in its conflict with Palestinian nationalism, accomplished the opposite: it presented a confused Zionist position regarding the dispute with the Palestinians, and infuriated many Mizrahi Jews around the world by casting them as victims bereft of positive motivation to immigrate to Israel."

Shenhav quoted former Israeli government ministers Yisrael Yeshayahu, who was born in Yemen (he died in 1979), and Shlomo Hillel, who is from Iraq, as saying they weren't refugees. They came with messianic and Zionist aspirations.

But Cotler said the two terms, refugees and Zionists, shouldn't be considered mutually exclusive. Jews from Arab countries may have been Zionists, but their immigration to Israel increased because of discrimination.

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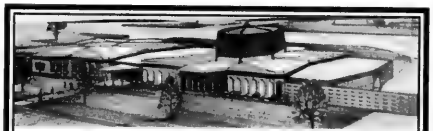

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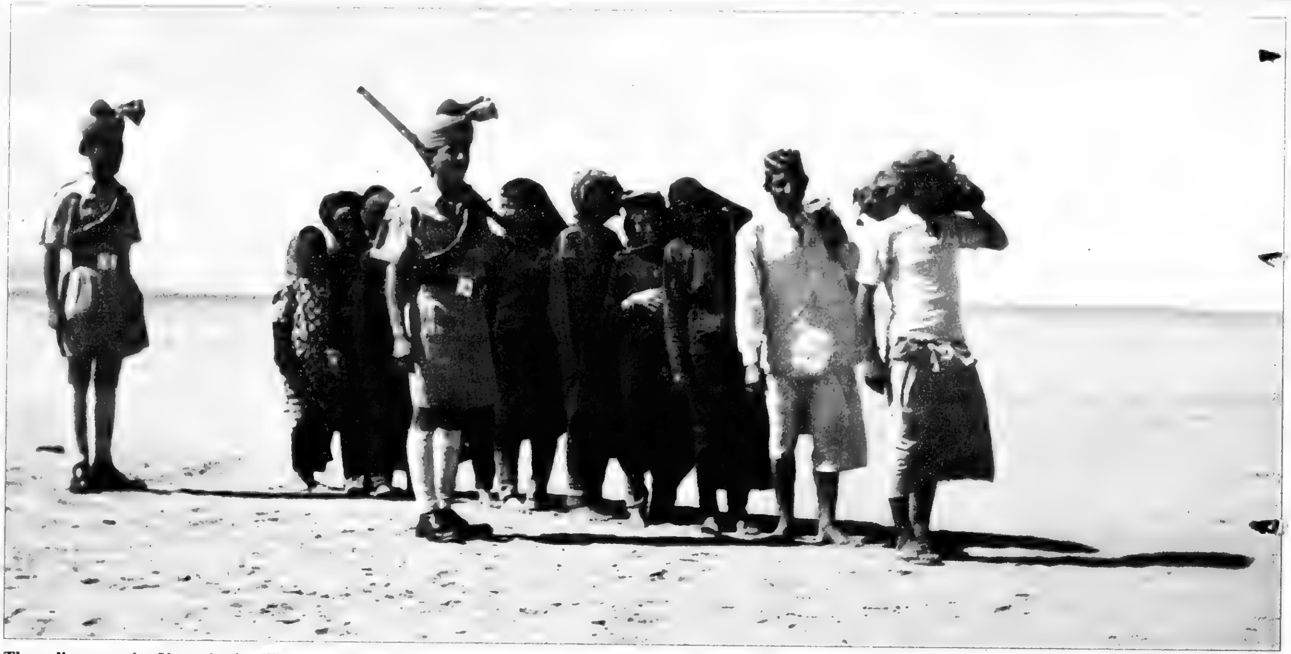

The police escorting Yemenite families to the "Joint's" reception camp near Aden.

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Ariel Sharon wins Israeli election

Tishrei

EVENTS

- Former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was prevented from speaking at Concordia University in Montreal by violent pro-Palestinian demonstrations. Subsequently, the school's administration imposed a three-month moratorium on all Mideast-related events.

- Due to fear that part of the Western Wall would collapse, Jerusalem mayor Ehud Olmert called on the government to stop the Waqf, the Muslim religious trust, from building around the Temple Mount. Jordanian engineers later repaired a section of the wall that had been damaged by poor water drainage.

- In a case involving Canadian Magen David Adom (CMDA), the Federal Court of Appeal rejected Canada's policy of disallowing tax deductible donations to charitable groups that operate outside Israel's pre-1967 borders. Canada Customs and Revenue Agency and CMDA later struck a deal allowing CMDA to retain its charitable status.

PEOPLE

- Mel Cappe became Canada's high commissioner to the United Kingdom, the first Jew so named.

Cheshvan

EVENTS

- Belgian Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt issued the country's first apology for its complicity in deporting thousands of Jews to Nazi death camps during World War II.

- Ignoring threats and entreaties from Israel, Lebanon inaugurated a pumping station to divert water from a Jordan River tributary.

- Three of eight Iranian Jews charged with "espionage for the Zionist regime" were freed from an Iranian prison.

- Representatives of German insurance companies and the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims signed a landmark agreement to trigger the release of $100 million (US) to pay claims against German companies and $175 million to be used for humanitarian purposes.

PEOPLE

- Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Congregation Machzikei Hadas in Ottawa conferred a blessing on Queen Elizabeth II in a multi-faith service during her jubilee visit to the nation's capital.

- Imre Kertesz, a Hungarian Jew who survived Auschwitz, won the Nobel Prize in literature.

Kislev

EVENTS

- Twelve Concordia University students were charged for their roles in the violent protests that prevented Benjamin Netanyahu from speaking Sept. 9.

- Despite international pressure to have it cancelled, Egypt aired a TV series, *Horseman without a Horse,* that is based on *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion,* an anti-Semitic forgery that accuses Jews of plotting world domination.

- The B.C. Supreme Court began an extradition hearing for former Nazi SS member Michael Seifert. Ottawa had already begun the process of stripping him of his citizenship and extraditing him to Italy, where he was convicted in absentia of rape, torture and murder. He was later ordered deported.

- Haifa mayor Amram Mitzna was elected leader of Israel's Labor Party. He resigned six months later, after Labor's worst-ever electoral showing, blaming party members for infighting and backstabbing.

- The Simon Wiesenthal Centre announced plans for a new $150 million (US) tolerance centre in Jerusalem.

- Terrorists bombed the Israeli-owned Paradise Hotel in Mombasa, Kenya, killing three Israelis and 10 Kenyans. Meanwhile, two surface-to-air missiles were fired at an Israeli charter plane leaving Mombasa's airport. None of its 261 passengers were hurt and the plane landed safely in Israel.

- Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon retained the leadership of the Likud party, defeating former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu by 15 per cent in party primaries.

Likud Party supporters celebrate

- Terrorists opened fire at a Likud leadership primary, killing six and wounding 43. The Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades claimed responsibility.

PEOPLE

- Abba Eban, the former Israeli foreign minister and a onetime ambassador to the UN and the United States, died at 87.

- Barry Sherman, CEO of pharmaceutical giant Apotex Inc., and his wife Honey, donated $50 million to the UJA Federation of Toronto's Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto. It's the largest donation the organization has ever received.

Tevet

EVENTS

- The Concordia Student Union (CSU) suspended Hillel's funding and its right to hold events on campus after Hillel distributed flyers about a program that recruits Jews from abroad to serve in the Israeli army. Later, 100 Hillel students walked out of a CSU meeting when they were asked to sign an agreement that they will stop recruiting for any military or paramilitary organization. Subsequently, Hillel sued the CSU for $100,000 for violating its constitutional rights.

- The federal government added both the social and political wings of the Lebanon-based Hezbollah to its list of terrorist groups. The decision made it illegal for anyone in Canada to work with or contribute money to Hezbollah and allows authorities to seize any assets linked to the organization. The European Union also later added Hamas' non-military wing to its list of banned terror groups.

- Former Assembly of First Nations leader David Ahenakew was quoted in the *Saskatoon StarPhoenix* as saying Hitler "fried" six million Jews because they "would have owned the god-damned world." He publicly apologized and resigned from his position as senate chairman of the Federation of Saskatchewan First Nations. He was later charged with promoting hatred and the Governor General's office considered stripping him of his Order of Canada.

PEOPLE

- *Jerusalem Post* columnist and former Montrealer Sam Orbaum died of cancer at 46.

Shvat

EVENTS

- Twenty-three people died in double suicide attacks in Tel Aviv. Islamic Jihad, Hamas and the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades took responsibility. Subsequently, Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, whose Fatah movement has been linked to the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, was prevented by Israel from attending a peace conference in London.

- Researchers from the Technion and Rambam Hospital in Haifa succeeded in creating heart tissue from fetal stem cells. They said the tissue could be used to check how certain medicines affect the heart.

- The Jewish Youth Library in Ottawa was set on fire. Police estimated the damage at $10,000.

- Controversial pro-Israel academic Daniel Pipes spoke at York University in Toronto after campus groups tried to stop him from speaking.

PEOPLE

- Canadians marked the first annual Raoul Wallenberg Day. The Swedish diplomat is credited with rescuing more than 100,000 Hungarian Jews from the Nazis.

Adar I

EVENTS

- The space shuttle Columbia disintegrated upon re-entering the Earth's atmosphere, killing all seven crew members. Aboard was Ilan Ramon, Israel's first astronaut.

- Belgium's Supreme Court ruled Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon can't be tried on charges brought by Palestinians for alleged war crimes in connection with the Sabra and Shatila massacres in the early 1980s as long as he is Israel's prime minister and enjoys diplomatic immunity. But it left open the possibility of a trial once he steps down under a Belgian "universal jurisdiction" law that lets the country's courts try war crimes committed outside Belgium. Belgian legislators later revised the law to make such prosecutions more difficult.

- Nazi sympathizer and Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel was deported from the United States to Canada after he overstayed his U.S. visa. The government began proceedings to deport him to his native Germany.

- Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Yisrael B'Aliyah leader Natan Sharansky signed a deal to merge their parties. As a result, Sharon's Likud party won 40 seats.

- Rabbi Michael Lerner, editor of the left-wing *Tikkun Magazine,* was barred from speaking at a San Francisco rally against war in Iraq that was organized by members of the anti-war group ANSWER because they would not allow a pro-Israel speaker to participate.

- The last five Jews imprisoned in Iran on charges of spying for Israel were released from jail.

- The Canadian government outlawed three more terror groups: the pro-Palestinian Abu Nidal group, the Al Qaeda-linked Abu Sayyaf group in the Philippines and the Peruvian group Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path).

- The Vatican opened secret archives from World War II that reportedly contained evidence of Pope Pius XI's complicity in the Nazi's persecution of the Jews. Documents also showed members of the clergy urged him to stop Hitler.

- At least 14 Palestinians were killed in clashes in the West Bank and in a six-hour Israeli military incursion into an area of Gaza City considered a Hamas hotbed. The incursion was in response to ongoing Gaza-based rocket attacks on the Negev town of Sderot and a Feb 15 attack on a tank in Gaza that killed four soldiers.

PEOPLE

- Some 1,400 people attended the funeral of 15-year-old Daniel Arato, one of seven Calgary teens killed by a massive avalanche in the Rogers Pass in British Columbia.

- Uri Lupoliansky became the first Haredi mayor of Jerusalem after Ehud Olmert resigned. He was later elected to the post.

- Isser Harel, the Israeli spy responsible for capturing Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann, died at 91.

Adar II

EVENTS

- London-based Muslim cleric Sheik Abdullah Faisal, accused of supporting Osama bin Laden, was found guilty of urging followers to kill Jews, Hindus and Americans.

- Argentina issued arrest warrants for four Iranians, including two former ministers, suspected of planning the 1994 AMIA bombing that killed 85 people and wounded more than a hundred.

- French police arrested Nizar Ben Mohammed Nawar in connection with an explosion at the Ghriba Synagogue in Djerba, Tunisia, April 2002 that killed 19 people.

- A pro-Palestinian student activist at Concordia University was arrested for uttering death threats to three Jewish students and one visitor at a Hillel information booth.

- The U.S. began its invasion of Iraq.

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The Columbia never landed

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PEOPLE

- Mahmoud Abbas was appointed prime minister of the Palestinian Authority.

- U.S. student activist Rachel Corrie was accidentally killed while protesting the destruction of Palestinian homes in Gaza.

Nisan

EVENTS

- Jewish students at Carleton University were denied the right to protest an anti-Israel display by a Palestinian group on campus.

- The Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades was added to Ottawa's list of terrorist organizations, bringing the number of banned terror groups to 26.

- Two movies with Jewish themes won Academy Awards: *The Pianist* for best actor, director and screenplay; and *Nowhere in Africa* for best foreign film.

- In an interview with *Ha'aretz*, Ariel Sharon said the creation of a Palestinian state is inevitable.

- The Jewish Agency and the Mossad sought to bring Iraq's remaining 34 Jews to Israel, but many of the Jews didn't want to leave.

- Israel Asper pledged $200 million for a human rights museum in Winnipeg. It will be the largest such museum in the world.

- U.S. President George W. Bush unveiled the new road map for Mideast peace, co-sponsored by the European Union, Russia and the United Nations.

- A British Muslim of Pakistani origin carried out a suicide bombing in Tel Aviv, killing three people. He was the first non-Palestinian to attack Israelis in the three years of renewed wide-scale violence.

- A spate of suicide attacks in Morocco were aimed at Jewish targets, but no Jews were among the 29 people killed.

PEOPLE

- Salim Joubran became the first Arab to be permanently appointed to Israel's Supreme Court.

- A man who withheld a get from his wife for 15 years was ordered by a Quebec judge to pay $47,500 in damages. The religious divorce was granted in 1995.

- Toronto-born Israeli soldier Daniel Mandel, 24, died in a raid on a building in Nablus where three Palestinian terrorists were suspected of hiding.

- American Cpl. Mark Evnin became the first Jewish soldier to die in the U.S-led invasion of Iraq.

Iyar

EVENTS

- A report from Tel Aviv University said there were more anti-Semitic acts worldwide in the last year than in the past decade. Some 311 incidents were reported, with France, Belgium and the Netherlands having the most.

- Israel's population grew 2.2 per cent since last year to 6.7 million.

- The 2001 Canadian census showed the number of people who listed Judaism as their religion is up by 3.7 per cent since 1991, to about 330,000. Meanwhile, the Jewish population in Quebec dropped eight per cent, to about 90,000. The census also found about 349,000 people listed Jewish as one of four possible ethnic origins. A UIA Federations Canada study later blended the figures and found 370,000 Jews in Canada.

Sivan

EVENTS

- U.S. President George W. Bush met with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas at a summit in Aqaba, Jordan, to kick off the road map peace plan.

- Toronto's second outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) touched the Jewish community after a patient died and several staff at a funeral home were in voluntary quarantine. Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care was touched by Toronto's second SARS outbreak when a man was transferred to its hospital for rehabilitation. At least two Jews also died in the city's first SARS outbreak.

- New Argentine President Nestor Kirchner said he will release secret evidence about the 1994 bombing of the AMIA Jewish community centre in Buenos Aires. Jewish leaders called it the most significant news in the case in nine years.

Crew of the spaceship *Columbia.* Ilan Ramon is third from the left.

- A limestone ossuary that was supposed to have carried the bones of Jesus' brother James was declared a fake by the Israel Antiquities Authority, which said the box's inscription was a forgery. The owner of the ossuary, which had been damaged earlier in the year in transit to Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum, disputed the findings. He said he bought the box in the mid-1970s, but police and antiquities inspectors started separate investigations into whether it was recently stolen.

- The Federal Court of Appeal ruled the missionary group Chosen People Ministries can't use a stylized menorah as its official mark.

- The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe hosted a conference on anti-Semitism, the first time the group's annual meeting was dedicated to the subject.

- Israel cut off ties with the British Broadcasting Company, citing anti-Israel bias in the network's coverage.

PEOPLE

- Rabbi Israel Silverman, rabbi emeritus of Beth Jacob Synagogue in Hamilton, died. He was 74.

Tammuz

EVENTS

- Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Fatah announced a ceasefire with Israel. The next day, a Bulgarian construction worker was killed near Jenin by the Fatah-linked Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades.

- U.S. National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice asked Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to reconsider the route of the security fence it is building to separate Israel and the West Bank.

- 12 Liberal MPs and senators formally asked the Canadian government to move its Mideast policy in a more pro-Israel direction.

- Tel Aviv's "White City" Bauhaus architecture and Prague's Jewish Quarter were designated UNESCO world heritage sites.

- Anti-Semitic remarks in a recently unearthed diary of former U.S. president Harry Truman sparked debate about the man who lent Israel key diplomatic recognition shortly after its founding in 1948.

- In separate trips, Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon visited Washington, D.C.

- Hundreds of North American immigrants arrived in Israel through funding from the U.S.-based Nefesh B'Nefesh organization.

PEOPLE

- Vancouver Jewish community leader and philanthropist Leon Kahn died of a heart attack at 78.

- *Exodus* author Leon Uris died in New York at age 78.

Av

EVENTS

- The Temple Mount was opened to visits by Jews and Christians for the first time since the upsurge in Palestinian violence began in September 2000 after a visit by Ariel Sharon, then Likud leader, to the site.

- The Knesset passed a controversial law preventing Palestinians who marry Israelis from receiving automatic citizenship.

- Two men were convicted of manslaughter in the death of Matti Baranovski. Israeli Daniel Weiz was acquitted.

- Hezbollah anti-aircraft shells killed a 16-year-old Israeli boy. Israel retaliated by flying into Lebanon and destroying Hezbollah positions.

- A suicide bombing on a Jerusalem bus killed 22 people. Hamas and Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility, effectively shattering the short-lived ceasefire among Palestinian extremist groups. Israel retaliated by killing Hamas leader Ismail Abu Shanab.

- Britain arrested an Iranian diplomat accused of involvement in the 1994 bombing of Argentina's AMIA Jewish community centre.

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PEOPLE

- Morris Fish became the first Jew to be named to the Supreme Court of Canada since Bora Laskin was appointed in 1970.

Elul

EVENTS

- The Christian missionary group Jews for Jesus launched a major campaign to attract converts on the streets of Toronto as part of a $22 million (US) drive to target Diaspora communities with 25,000 or more Jews. The counter-missionary group Jews for Judaism mounted a counter-campaign.

- The Israeli Justice Ministry launched a new probe into police behaviour in the killing of 12 Israeli Arabs and a Palestinian in October 2000 riots. The move came after the Orr Commission released a report that criticized police preparedness and relations with Israel's Arab minority. It also criticized then prime minister Ehud Barak for not being sufficiently aware of the potentially explosive situation among Israeli Arabs.

- Convicted spy Jonathan Pollard appeared in a U.S. court for a hearing requested by his lawyers to reduce his sentence and set him free. The former U.S. Navy analyst was convicted in 1987 of passing secret documents to Israel and sentenced to life in jail. His lawyers argued that Pollard received ineffective counsel from his original lawyer at his trial, when he pleaded guilty, and from another lawyer in his first appeal in the early 1990s.

- Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas resigned in a power struggle with PA President Yasser Arafat, who later appointed his ally, Ahmed Qureia, the speaker of the Palestinian parliament and the Number 3 man in his Fatah faction, to the post.

- Prime Minister Ariel Sharon made an offical visit to India, the first by an Israeli prime minister since Israel and India established full ties 11 years ago.

- Israel's security cabinet voted to "remove" Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat from the West Bank. The move came two days after 15 people were killed in two suicide attacks in Israel, one near the Tzrifin military base outside Rishon Lezion and one at a Jerusalem cafe.

The Year in Review was prepared by our summer interns, Elysse Zarek and Lauren Krugel, who are continuing their journalism studies at Ryerson and Carleton universities, respectively.

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Oraynu Congregation for Humanistic Judaism will celebrate Rosh Hashanah in the Burgundy Room at North York Memorial Hall, 5120 Yonge St. Babysitting and children's program are offered. Call 416-385-3910 to reserve tickets.

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Tuesday, Sept. 30

CHUG TANACH

Rabbi Yitzchak Witty will lead in a discussion of Chapter 2 of Kohelet. 8 p.m. at Beth David Synagogue. All welcome.

LET MY PEOPLE GO

Rabbi Benjamin Hollander will give a lecture titled "Let My People Go – From Egypt to the Promised land: Then and Now." 7:30 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation. For details, call 416-781-3511.

Wednesday, Oct. 1

CHILD SAFETY

The Associated Parent Teacher Council invites the community to join **Constable Ralph** of York Regional Police for a presentation on Internet and street safety for children. Get practical suggestions on how to make Web surfing safe and tips on street-proofing. 8 p.m. at the Hurwich Education Centre, 252 Finch Ave. W. For details, call **Daphna** 905-707-9412.

Other News

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VOLUNTEER IN ISRAEL

Toronto Israel Experience Centre is organizing a volunteer program for people 30-50something, Dec. 21-Jan. 4. $1,999 (plus taxes) includes flight, meals and accommodation. The volunteer program will be in the Eilat/Eilot region. Acceptance based on interview, medical report, and contribution to the 2004 UJA campaign. Only 25 spots. Call Lil 416-635-2883 ext. 111 or e-mail lnobel@ujafed.org.

JACS

Jewish Alcoholics, Drug Addicts and Families has many programs for people in need. Call the confidential phone line 416-410-JACS.

TEMPLE ISRAEL GALA

Temple Israel of London, Ontario is celebrating its 18th year with a Chai Havdalah Wine, Cheese and Desserts evening Saturday, Oct. 25, a Chai Tea Saturday, Nov. 1 and a Gala Chai Dinner Dance, Saturday, Nov. 1. Details at 519-858-4400.

JF & CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service Information/registration. **Shawna Sidney** 416-638-7800, ext. 215.

The Challenge of Anger For Women: A six-session group for women to learn how to express their anger in assertive, non- aggressive ways. Begins Wednesday Oct. 1, 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Lipa Green Bldg.

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Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. Sept. 25, Israeli movie, Oct. 2, movie; Oct. 9, an evening of discussion. **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 416-630-5771.

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Israel Update with **David Goldberg** of the Canada Israel Committee, Tuesday, Sept. 30, 10-11:30 a.m. in synagogue.

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MILES S. NADAL JCC

Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211 or www.milesnadaljcc.ca.

A reading of the 2001 Canadian Jewish Playwriting Contest winner *Sara's Cave* by **Don Molnar**, Thursday, Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. The play tells the story of a Polish woman who hides a Jewish family in her cellar while billeting two Nazi officers on Passover, in 1942. Discussion to follow reading. PWYC, $7 suggested.

Registration continues for fall programs including: Hebrew and Yiddish classes.

The Modern Jewish Short Story: A Survey Through Many Lands. Six-week program, starts Thursday, Oct. 30, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Music programs for adults, including: world beat percussion; learn, play and perform original songs combining jazz, latin and African music. Beginners welcome. Starts Thursday, Oct 16, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call **Ken Rabow** 416-633-4333 for more information.

Klezmer Players' Workshop with **Martin Van de Ven**. Tuesdays 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Good Age Club: Sept. 25, Rosh Hashanah Tea, 1 p.m.

BATHURST JCC

Bathurst Jewish Community Centre and Koffler Centre of the Arts, 4588 Bathurst St. 416-636-1880 or www.bjcc.ca.

The BJCC presents a preview evening of *The Producers* on Wednesday, Dec. 10. For tickets and information, call Marni at ext. 271.

Lines Painted in Early Spring, Oct. 9 to Nov. 30 at the Koffler Gallery: Works by **Gerald Ferguson, Ben Reeves, Carmen Ruschiensky** and **Francine Savard**. Curated by **Patrick Mahon** and circulated by the Southern Alberta Art Gallery, Lethbridge. Opening Reception: Thursday, Oct. 9, 6 to 8 p.m. Curator's Talk: 6 p.m.

Register for fall programs at the Koffler Centre. Classes for children and adults include ballet and jazz, as well as visual arts such as ceramics, painting, calligraphy, photography and drawing. Music classes include private piano, flute, violin, gui[illegible] and band, dance, drama and the Nashir Choir.

For a complete list of programs, pick up a program guide at the BJCC or visit www.bjcc.ca.

LANIADO LECTURE: John Loftus, author and former U.S. Justice Department prosecutor, spoke at the recent Canadian Friends of Laniado Hospital (CFLH) lecture. The lecture raise $50,000 [illegible] new Children's Medical Centre at Laniado. Pictured, from left, are CFLH executive director Noreen Azoulay, Loftus, Rev. Lloyd McDougall and Rev. Eliezer Yanson.

RABBI SCHEIM HONOURED: Dr. Abraham Shore She'arim Hebrew Day School and Sam Hennick Education Centre recently honoured Rabbi Philip Scheim at its annual gala dinner. Pictured from left are Rabbi Scheim, his wife Lori and Phil Feldberg, She'arim fundraising chair.

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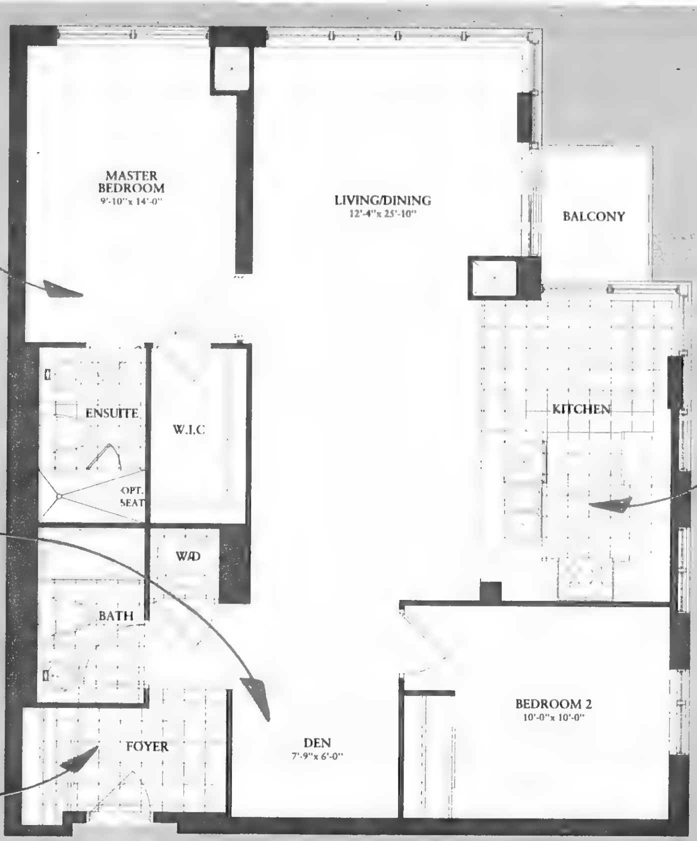
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War shattered peace of Yom Kippur 30 years ago

There was a moment during the Yom Kippur War when supporters of Israel feared for the very existence of the Jewish state. Rallies and vigils were held around the world on behalf of Israel. The archival photo at the right depicts one of those vigils in Toronto.

Below, then prime minister Golda Meir visits one of the thousands of soldiers who were wounded in the war. Meir and her government were criticized for the country's apparent lack of military preparedness to meet the attacks launched by Egypt and Syria on Yom Kippur 30 years ago on Oct. 6.

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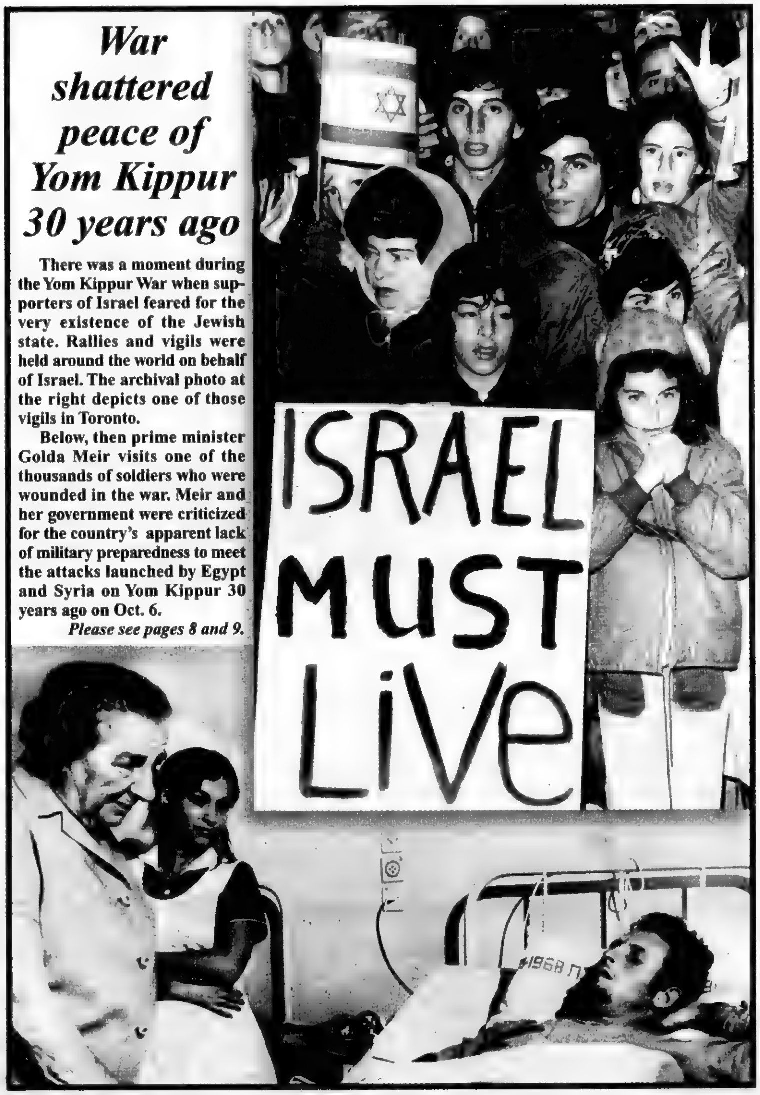

Canada's passport policy on Jerusalem questioned

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

The policy of the government of Canada is that Jerusalem must stand alone as a notation for place of birth in Canadian passports, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) says.

"Where an applicant was born in Jerusalem, the place of birth is to be shown as 'Jerusalem.' This policy was established as the status of Jerusalem has not been definitely determined," said DFAIT spokesperson Reynald Doiron.

"Due to the present political situation, Jerusalem must stand alone. It cannot be entered in conjunction with Israel or any other country name."

Doiron's reiteration of long-standing Canadian policy comes in the wake of a complaint by a Montreal woman who in recent letters to the editor to *The CJN* and other media outlets complained that her grand pdaughter's place of birth did not include the country, "Israel."

Ellen Tannenbaum wrote that her daughter, who resides in Israel, applied during the summer for a Canadian passport on behalf of her baby daughter. She was told the baby's place of birth in her passport would simply read, "Jerusalem," with no reference to Israel.

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CANADA

Accounts Frozen

OTTAWA — The federal government has ordered banks to report by Oct. 15 on whether they have found accounts connected to five Hamas-linked charities accused of providing funding to the outlawed group: the British-based Palestinian Relief and Development Fund, Interpal; the Al-Aqsa Foundation; the Comité de Bienfaisance et de Secours aux Palestiniens; the Association de Secours Palestinien; and the Sanabil Association for Relief and Development. Canada declared Hamas a terrorist group last fall and has ordered the accounts frozen.

ISRAEL

Simcha Dinitz Dies

JERUSALEM — Simcha Dinitz, Israel's former ambassador to the United States and chair of the Jewish Agency, died last week of a heart attack in Jerusalem. He was 74. He joined the Haganah in pre-state Palestine and served in the War of Independence. He spent 37 years in a variety of public posts, including the Knesset, the Foreign Ministry and the Jewish Agency, which he headed from 1987 to 1994.

Space Deal with India

JERUSALEM — Israel will send a $15 million (US) telescope into space on an Indian rocket in 2005 for scientific purposes, Israeli officials told the *Indian Express* newspaper. The news follows Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's recent trip to India, during which India and Israel signed six deals to broaden educational, medical, cultural and technology ties, as well as an environmental protection pact. The countries have been co-operating on space-related issues for 2½ years.

Open as Usual?

TEL AVIV — Beth Hatefutsoth, the Nahum Goldmann Museum of the Jewish Diaspora, says it is open as usual despite its ongoing financial difficulties. The announcement came after the Tel Aviv Labour Court ordered it to reinstate 65 employees given three months unpaid leave due to the museum's fiscal crisis, saying the unilateral action violated its labour contract. The museum had announced a temporary three-month closure.

WORLD

Suspects Arrested

CASABLANCA — Moroccan police have arrested two men suspected of murdering a Jewish man in Casablanca on Sept. 11. They are believed to be members of the Islamist movement Salafia Jihadia, which is suspected of being behind May bombings in Casablanca that killed more than 40 people, the Moroccan news agency MAP said. The report also said police believe robbery was the motive behind the fatal stabbing in Meknes of a second Jewish man Sept. 13.

Manischewitz Dies

NEW YORK — Kosher food giant Bernard Manischewitz died Sept. 20 in New Jersey at 89. He was the last of his family to run the kosher food firm B. Manischewitz Company before its sale to private investors in 1991. The company, which had been in the family for three generations, was founded in 1888 by Bernard's grandfather, Rabbi Dov Behr Manischewitz.

Agunah *Get* Day

NEW YORK — The U.S.-based advocacy group L'Maan B'Nos Yisrael International, with the support of the major North American Orthodox groups, is calling on recalcitrant husbands to do tshuvah and give their wives *gets* before Yom Kippur. The group has designated Oct. 2 as "Agunah *Get* Day," and it says batei din will be ready in locations worldwide to help and that it will pay the costs for *sofers*. For details, visit www.lbyi.org.

ADL Fetes Berlusconi

NEW YORK — Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi received the Anti-Defamation League's Distinguished Statesman Award less than two weeks after he defended fascist dictator Benito Mussolini as someone who "never killed anyone." ADL national director Abraham Foxman, who earlier called Berlusconi a "flawed friend," praised Italy for showing Israel more understanding and support than any other country in Europe.

Zundel Detention Case Drags On

The detention review of Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel continued last week, with him testifying he gave $10,000 to cover court costs of a German racist convicted of insulting the memory of the dead and insulting the state of Germany.

He told the Federal Court hearing that he helped Holocaust-denier Ewald Althans because he "did things for me," including sell Zundel's books and videos.

Zundel, 64, is being detained pending a review of a federal claim that he is a security risk. He faces deportation to his native Germany, where he could face charges for inciting hatred. Government lawyers contend he might be a flight risk if released and might resume links to white supremacists.

Zundel has been in detention since February after the United States deported him for immigration violations. The hearing has continued sporadically since May.

Also last week, the *National Post* reported that Toronto lawyer Peter Lindsay may be taking over Zundel's defence. Victoria lawyer Doug Christie told Judge Pierre Blais he may no longer be able to continue as Zundel's counsel because his wife has been diagnosed with cancer. Blais earlier rejected Christie's motion that the judge remove himself from the case due to bias against Zundel.

The court also heard testimony last week from Dr. Lorraine Day, a U.S doctor who practises alternative cancer treatments, that Zundel has a tumour in his chest and was at risk if he continued to be held in detention.

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Christian missionary likely a pawn in Syrian game

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

For 50 days in the heat of the summer, Bruce Balfour experienced what it's like to run afoul of the government of Syria.

Beginning in mid-July, he was incarcerated inside "colossally overcrowded" Lebanese prisons, "roughed up a bit," forced to sweat it out in a parked car in the Lebanese sun for hours on end, and in constant fear of being transferred to Syria, where he expected he would have disappeared without a trace.

All this on the trumped-up charge of collaborating with Israel.

Balfour believes his fate could have been much worse had the media not gotten hold of his story and Canadian authorities worked out a deal to gain his release early September.

Compared to his fellow prisoners in Lebanese prisons, some of whom have been languishing for years on minor charges, Balfour had it easy and was freed relatively quickly.

A Christian missionary who has lived in Israel at times, Balfour had only kind words for the efforts of Lebanon-based Canadian diplomats. He still speaks with a mixture of pride and awe of the arrival of Citizenship and Immigration Minister Denis Coderre at the Rouhmi prison in a limousine belonging to Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

That was a sight never before seen before in Lebanon, Balfour said.

Bruce Balfour

Soon after the visit, despite having to undergo two more sham trials, he was released. Though originally facing up to 15 years in jail, he was acquitted of the collaboration charge and convicted instead of inciting sectarian sentiments. A Lebanese tribunal ruled the seven weeks he had spent in detention was sufficient and ordered him deported.

Balfour, who had travelled to Lebanon to work on a plan to plant cedar trees as described in the Bible, suspects Canada had to pay some kind of price, provide some kind of quid pro quo, to effect his release.

That sort of deal-making is standard operating procedure in the Middle East, said Elias Youssef Bejjani, spokesman for the Canadian Lebanese Human Rights Foundation.

Lebanon is thoroughly under the control of the occupying Syrian army, with Lebanese ministries responsible to their Syrian counterparts, he said. Hariri, a multi-millionaire businessman with ties with Canadian authorities, likely never even knew of Balfour's arrest.

Speculating on the reasons for Balfour's detention, Bejjani said "the plan was to hold Balfour, forge the case and give it to Syrians and Iran to negotiate with."

In effect, he said, Balfour would be little more than a pawn in international wheeling and dealing related to other issues, perhaps the Zahra Kazemi case in Iran. Kazemi, a photojournalist with dual Canadian/Iranian citizenship, was killed while in Iranian custody.

Balfour said the charges he originally faced were completely fraudulent. For months prior to his incarceration, he had been negotiating with Lebanese officials to fulfill his

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Ambassador's holiday thoughts

From the editor's desk

A week and a day before Rosh Hashanah, I met with Haim Divon, Israel's ambassador to Canada. The ambassador was in a contemplative mood, although clearly agitated by the latest negative portrayal of Israel in the news, and wanted to share some pre-holiday thoughts with the readers of *The CJN*.

For a number of days, the media, like rapacious sharks, had been feeding on Israel for having suggested it might expel Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat from Ramallah. Many governments around the world seemed as agitated as the media. Criticism of Israel was unceasing. The most notorious of the international anti-Israel reflexes was now also twitching: the United Nations was mobilizing to enshrine its displeasure with Israel into an official document to add to the existing mountain-high pile of documents of official, UN anti-Israel obloquy.

"We are at a crossroads," the ambassador said, looking directly into my eyes. "A war of attrition has been inflicted upon us whose aim is to weaken us economically, physically and spiritually.

"But we will win this war. We have no alternative. We will win this war through endurance, perseverance and unity."

As the subject of Arafat was on the front page of most newspapers that day, it was not far from the ambassador's mind.

"We feel a great deal of frustration with the reaction of the international community [concerning Israel's decision to expel Arafat]. Everyone agrees that Arafat is an obstacle to peace. Even the Palestinians know he is an obstacle to peace. Many Arabs speak in harsh terms about him behind the scenes.

"Everyone knows about his destructive role [in sabotaging the peace process]. We have hard-core facts that prove it."

The ambassador's voice trailed off as he looked out the window at the clouds rolling through the western sky.

"We warned everyone about the *hudna* [ceasefire], that they would abuse it and take advantage of it.

"Do Canadians know, for example, that during the hudna, Hamas continued to launch Qassem missiles against Israel? Ashkelon was hit by missiles that were aimed at the power station there. Thank God the missiles missed the station, which by the way, provides one quarter of the country's electricity. No one was hurt.

"Is the road map just an empty phrase? Or is it to be something real?

"We are committed to the road map. We are committed to peace. That is why we say: Let's give the new Palestinian prime minister [Ahmed Queria] a chance. I am hopeful, though not optimistic. For peace to come there has to be a radical change within Palestinian society."

His personal frustration fully evident, Divon then added: "There must also be radical change within the international community which must decide to no longer tolerate terror against Israel, just as it is has decided to no longer tolerate terrorism in Afghanistan."

"Two months ago I sat with my daughter at the Cafe Hillel [in Jerusalem]. Two weeks ago another father and his daughter sat there too. But they did not return home.

"It is hard for Canadians to fathom a bus or a café full of people blowing up in front of their eyes. And I don't want Canadians to ever have to go through these experiences, but they must try to understand that Israel has a right to defend its citizens.

"We do not target civilians. But mistakes unfortunately do happen." To underscore the point, Divon repeated the statement. "We do not target civilians."

Then the ambassador's tone changed. Frustration gave way to resolve.

"These are very difficult times, yes, but we will face them as we must and as we always have. For more than 3,000 years, we have spoken the same language, worshipped the same God, kept the same traditions and always yearned for Jerusalem. As long as we remember who we are, who we represent and the responsibility we carry upon our shoulders, it is inconceivable that our spirits will break down."

Almost an hour had passed at this point, and it was time for the ambassador to take his leave. "Even though it sounds like a cliché, the love and affection of the Jewish community here towards Israel is very important to us.

"One of the most important things our Diaspora brethren can do for us is to visit. It strengthens us and it also strengthens the visitors who get a first hand sense of the accomplishments of our tiny country.

"Wars of attrition are usually long struggles. That is why we must display the stamina of a marathon runner.

"Eventually, a new PA leadership will emerge. And it is my firm belief that in the end, we will have peace."

"Shanah tovah to you and to all *The CJN* readers," the ambassador said to me as we shook hands.

"And to you," I answered, "and to all the people of Israel."

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This issue of the paper appears the same day as the Ontario election. We are disappointed that of the three leaders of the major parties, only Liberal leader Dalton McGuinty failed to respond to our request for an interview.

—***MBD***

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UN official briefed on anti-Semitism in Canada

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

The United Nations' top human rights watchdog was apprised of anti-Semitism in Canada in a series of recent meetings with domestic Jewish groups.

B'nai Brith Canada, Canadian Jewish Congress and Friends of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre joined forces late last month to brief the UN's Special Rapporteur on Racism, Doudou Diène, on what the groups called a rising and alarming tide of anti-Semitism in Canada.

Diène, whose full title is Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance of the UN Commission on Human Rights, was in Canada for 10 days of meetings with government officials, Aboriginal groups and leaders of ethno-cultural and religious organizations.

He will report his findings on racism, discrimination and anti-Semitism in Canada to the UN's Commission on Human Rights next March.

Its the same UN committee that in 1999 found Canada, specifically Ontario, had violated international covenants by funding Catholic and not other faith-based education, especially Jewish day schools. Following Ontario's refusal to fund all religious schools, Canadian officials were called in for chastisement by the UN's human rights rapporteur.

In three separate meetings with Diène, Canadian Jewish Congress expressed concern over a "resurgent" anti-Semitism in Canada.

In Ottawa, CJC's director of government relations, Eric Vernon, briefed Diène, and noted that Canada was not immune to the international upsurge of anti-Semitism in the wake of Palestinian violence against Israel.

"We told the rapporteur that if he wanted to gain insight into the contemporary domestic manifestations of anti-Semitism in Canada, he had to understand this phenomenon in its international and Middle Eastern context.

"We [also] pointed to the distressing breakdown of civil discourse in Canadian society that has created a permissive atmosphere in which legitimate vigorous expressions of political opinions have crossed the line to anti-Semitism," Vernon said.

In a meeting with CJC officials in Quebec a few days later, Diène was told that since the start of the second intifadah, Montreal Jews have seen "a dramatic rise in 'new anti-Semitism,' anti-Semitic hate attacks on Jewish individuals and institutions camouflaged under the guise of political discourse.

"We are witnessing a deterioration of civil dialogue and the creation of an atmosphere where the line between legitimate, even vigorous criticism is regularly crossed. This phenomenon has been seen most clearly on university campuses."

And in a meeting with Diène last Thursday, CJC's Ontario region noted an upsurge in anti-Semitic activity in the province following the 9/11 attacks, and listed several specific incidents on high school and university campuses, synagogues and communal institutions.

"It is no exaggeration to say that there is a miasma that hangs over our community," CJC stated. "Manifestations of anti-Semitism and intolerance, fuelled by events in other parts of the world, have caused many in our community to wonder if the world is girding itself for another eruption of hatred. Hatred of Jews now disguises itself as hatred of the Jewish state, when it bothers to disguise itself at all."

Congress also expressed concern that the provincial Equity in Education Tax Credit, which provides relief for parents of children in private and faith-based day schools, is in danger of being repealed should the Ontario Tories be defeated in this week's election.

Should the credit be eliminated, "once again, Ontario will have an official policy of state-sanctioned religious discrimination. We urge the rapporteur to engage the political leadership in this province in ensuring that it not bring Ontario back to a time where one religious community has more rights and is by extension more equal than any other citizen. It is, simply put, unjust and discriminatory."

B'nai Brith's 21-page brief outlined a litany of anti-Semitic incidents in Canada and described various legal remedies.

Quoting for its annual audit of anti-Semitism in Canada, B'nai Brith noted 459 incidents reported last year, an increase of 61 per cent over the previous year, and the highest amount ever reported in the audit's 20-year history. In the past five years alone, the number of incidents has more than doubled, B'nai Brith stated.

It also noted that studies show many Canadians still believe all Jews are wealthy, despite the fact poverty affects Jews at the same rate as Canadians generally.

Noting that the UN rapporteur had authored a study on the plight of Muslims and Arabs after 9/11, B'nai Brith suggested there is "enough cause for concern" to request he prepare a similar report on the situation of Jews around the world.

"Events in Canada reflect the very real deterioration in the condition of Jewish communities around the world, especially in Western Europe and provide a barometer of the level or racism in Canada in general," B'nai Brith said.

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Israel must maintain military superiority: Medzini

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

The lesson of the recent war in Iraq is that Israel must continue to maintain its qualitative military superiority over the Arabs, says the former director of the Israel Government Press Office.

In a wide-ranging lecture at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue recently, Meron Medzini said the rapid allied conquest of Iraq proved that a technically sophisticated military machine trumps an army of a million soldiers.

Medzini, a Hebrew University professor, said Israel's deterrent power is much more critical in the wake of that war, given Arab perceptions that Israel possesses the same conventional and non-conventional capabilities as the United States.

As a result of this factor, and Israel's alliance with the United States, adversaries such as Iran and Syria may think twice before becoming embroiled in a showdown with Israel.

With the removal of Saddam Hussein's Ba'athist regime, Israel's strategic position has vastly improved, he said. "There is no threat from the east."

Syria remains a theoretical threat to Israel, Medzini said, but he tempered that observation with the comment that Syria's armed forces have not been modernized since the 1980s.

According to Medzini, the war in Iraq and the Sept. 11 terror attacks have modified the United States' position on two pivotal subjects of great importance to Israel.

Washington now understands the need to dismantle the Palestinians' terrorist infrastructure in the West Bank and Gaza, and it better appreciates the imperative to launch what Medzini described as preventive wars, "which may be important for Israel in the future."

Medzini, who called Israel's relations with the United States "the key to its security," warned Israel might well deploy non-conventional weapons if "pushed to the wall" by its enemies.

And in a brief survey of U.S. policy in the Mideast, he talked about its basic contradictions.

On the one hand, Washington supports authoritarian regimes in Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Morocco.

On the other hand, it calls for, and tries to foster, democracy in the region.

It is by no means certain that the United States can impose democracy in Iraq, as it did in Japan after World War II. He claimed there is no basis for democracy in Islamic tradition.

Rising U.S. casualties in postwar Iraq may embolden Palestinian terrorists, but in the meantime, Israel has yet to find "an answer" to the low-grade guerrilla war launched by the Palestinians three years ago this week.

He also made the following points:

- For economic reasons, Israel can't afford to mobilize its large armed forces for lengthy periods, and is, therefore, examining the feasibility of downsizing its army.
- Demographic problems could endanger Israel one day; and
- Saudi Arabia, for the first time in its history, has started to fight terrorism on its soil.

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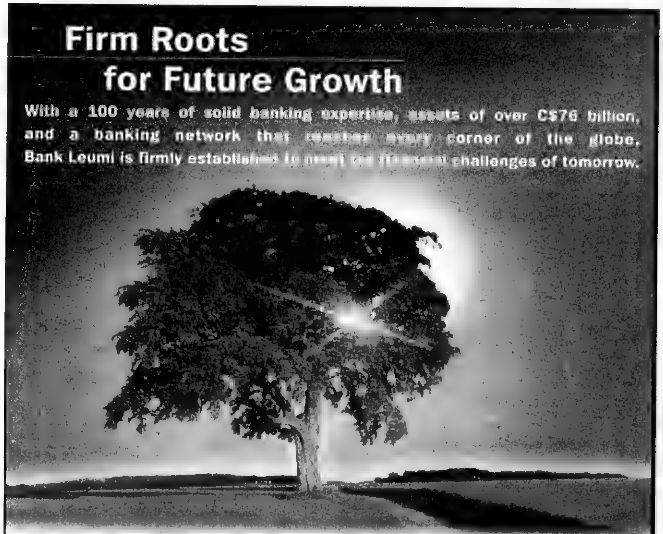
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Remarkable heroism

An entire generation has been born and has grown into adulthood since the sirens of war wailed their woeful warning in the cities and countryside of Israel 30 years ago next week. Soldiers were summoned from synagogue in the very midst of their prayers. Military codes calling reservists to arms were announced at regular intervals over the radio. Supply trucks rumbled through the streets, some heading north, some south.

At 2 p.m. on Shabbat Yom Kippur, Oct. 6, 1973, Israel was attacked by the armies of Egypt and Syria. The Jewish state absorbed painfully ferocious blows, counterattacked and eventually gained the upper hand. Hostilities stopped on Oct.22.

Some 2,600 Israeli soldiers were killed; thousands were wounded. A proportionally comparable figure in Canadian terms would be more than 12,500 soldiers killed. A comparable American figure would be more than 125,000 men and women killed.

The enormity of the loss was staggering, an immeasurable toll of suffering and grief that seared permanent sorrow into so many homes and into the nation's anguished soul.

After the war, a great deal of criticism was directed at various levels of Israel's political and military leadership for their failure to have been adequately prepared for the military onslaught across the Suez Canal and in the Golan Heights that Saturday morning, and for the delay in mobilizing the army's full reserves.

Overshadowed somewhat by the shock at the number of lives sacrificed in defence of the country was the singular and sustaining truth that, indeed, because of the sacrifice and countless individual acts of courage, the country had been saved.

In his book *The War of Atonement*, widely respected military analyst Maj.-Gen. (Res.) Chaim Herzog (who subsequently became the president of Israel) eloquently noted the following: "The inherent strength and resilience of the people of Israel was revealed in the stark grim and tragic days at the outset of the war, when, fighting back against overwhelming odds, they overcame the initial setbacks and achieved military success. I came away from this work imbued with a sense of deep humility in the face of those whose collective story I have tried to tell. No people in the world crave peace more than the people of Israel and yet none are more ready for self-sacrifice should the necessity arise."

The unidentified woman in the photo inset sits beside the grave of a soldier who fell in the Yom Kippur War, perhaps her son or her husband. We cannot know her thoughts, nor fill with our love the space hollowed out in her heart by the loss of someone so dear. We can only promise her and ourselves to remember the remarkable heroism of the soldiers who fought and died so that Israel might live.

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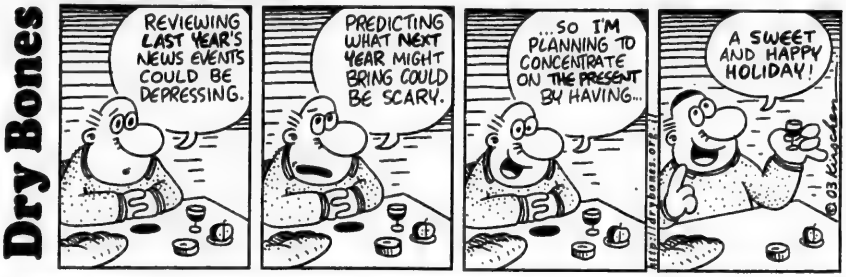
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Invitation to Netanya

I realized I've been remiss in not communicating with my old community all these years. I am very active in the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel (AACI) here in Netanya and I just recently read their constitution and realized our job is to tell others about our organization and Israel. AACI is involved in every aspect of daily life here in Netanya. Our community centre is a hive of activity and has a broad spectrum of programs that make Israel a home away from home for our members.

I invite the Toronto delegation of this year's General Assembly, which will be held in Israel this November, to put Netanya on its agenda. Pay a visit to our Mo'adon and get the feel of living here. We welcome each and every one. See you in November in Netanya by the sea.

Ruth Resnick
Netanya, Israel

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Arafat should be tried

Life is simple, but people make it complex.

If the Israelis captured Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, they could put him up for trial as a terrorist in The Hague (as former Serbian president Slobodan Milosevic is being tried for war crimes). The guilty verdict would be a major deterrent to other terrorist leaders.

Joanne Rosen
Thornhill

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In praise of Asper

Israel Asper's address at the Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue late this summer was both heartwarming and heartbreaking ("Asper belittles road map to peace; calls on Israel to withdraw from it," *CJN*, Aug. 7).

It was heartwarming because Asper is a man who has the wisdom and dedication of a David Ben-Gurion, Golda Meir and Menachem Begin.

In his eloquent address, he clearly described the true Palestinian strategy to annihilate the Jewish state and its people.

It was heartbreaking, because, as Asper said, Israel is always encouraged to act with restraint and to give more and more concessions while the Palestinians break every rule in the book. The Palestinians are consumed with hate. I still weep over the terrorist massacre of the 11 Israeli Olympic athletes in Munich in 1972.

Asper's recommendation to just walk away from the road map peace plan is sound advice. The Palestinians are never going to let Israel live in peace.

Rose Romberg
Toronto

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Zerker in denial

Prof. Sally Zerker simply cannot understand why the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin signed the Oslo accords, nor why Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has released Palestinian prisoners as part of the road map peace plan ("Israel's appeasement habits," *CJN*, Aug. 7). Seeking an answer, she talks with a rabbi, looks at the writings of Harold Innis and concludes that the Israelis are afflicted with the "spirit of shtetl yiddin," which leads them to "appease" the Palestinians.

Of course, another way to explain these events is to place them in a political context, which is where they belong. Israel has been negotiating with the Palestinians for a long time because the issues of the settlements, jurisdiction over Jerusalem, the right of return of Palestinian refugees and the boundaries and conditions of Palestinian statehood are a matter of dispute. Zerker may not like it, but public opinion, more so in Israel than in Canada, feels that there is some justice in the Palestinian cause despite the despicable suicide bombings and that the current conflict can only be settled through negotiations. Characterizing negotiations as "appeasement" and denigrating Israelis in terms of a ghetto mentality demonstrates not only a misunderstanding, but a complete denial of the political process.

Harvey Simmons
Toronto

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Sharon sounds like Hamas

Why is the Israeli government acting like Hamas? With its talk of revenge and punishment, its targeted assassinations, and its recent pronouncement on Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and company sound and behave like Hamas and its suicide killers. We all know that Hamas is determined to destroy any chance for peace, but why an Israeli government should behave in such a provocative, counterproductive fashion is incomprehensible.

Mel Shipman
Toronto

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Is Barbie a Jew?

Arab anti-Semitism has finally gone off the charts.

The Saudi government's hallucinatory view that Barbie dolls are Jewish tools (News in Brief, *CJN*, Sept. 18) designed to promote the lewd behaviour of a "perverted western world" leads one to wonder if their next form of insanity will be to examine Ken for circumcision.

Morley S. Wolfe
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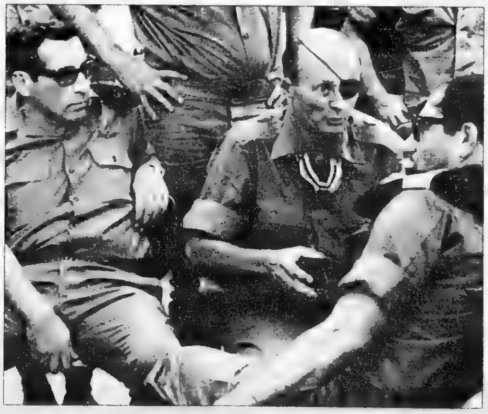
Scenes from the Yom Kippur War

The Yom Kippur War began 30 years ago this week, on Oct. 6, 1973. Clockwise from top middle, Egyptian forces cross Israel's Bar Lev defensive line along the Suez Canal after overwhelming undermanned Israeli forces on the first day of the war; an Israeli Skyhawk fighter supports ground soldiers attacking the Syrian army two days into the conflict; medics tend to wounded in an Israeli first-aid centre on the west side of the Suez Canal; Israeli chief of staff David Elazar, right, arrives in the Golan Heights with Yitzchak Rabin, former chief of staff and former ambassador to the United States; defence minister Moshe Dayan, centre, speaks with generals Rechavam Ze'evi and Shmuel Gonen in the Sinai on the second day of the war; Gen. Ariel Sharon, commander of the western forces in Sinai, talks to still-mobilized troops after the war in November 1973; Israeli forces on a bridge across the Suez used in a key offensive counter-thrust against Egypt; Israeli Gen. Aharon Yariv and Egyptian Gen. General Mohamed Abdel Ghani al-Gamasy during armistice talks in Sinai in December 1973.



The ups and downs of running in Jerusalem

It's tough running in Jerusalem. The city is built on hills that are hard on the legs and segments of its pavement are made of stone that can be slippery and uneven. And beware the Israeli driver, who is certainly not accommodating when it comes to sharing the road with runners – or pedestrians, for that matter.

Lawrence Hart
in Hamilton

But aside from the challenge of maintaining your balance and avoiding injury, running at dawn alongside the walls of the Old City and taking in the sunrise and the breathtaking views of the Hinnom and Kidron valleys is an experience that is as unique as it is exhilarating.

What is so terribly sad, however, is that the streets that are so deserted at break of day do not get much busier as the day wears on. I was in Israel in early September as part of a mission with Jewish National Fund, and though our guide told us that tourism had begun to improve since the declaration of the so-called *hudna*, there seemed to be very little evidence of the recovery that many Israelis had anticipated.

To make matters worse, we were there at the same time Mahmoud Abbas tendered his resignation as Palestinian prime minister and the devastating bombings occured in Rishon Lezion and Jerusalem's German colony. The country went on a state of high alert and a population that has for so long been traumatized by the cowardly insanity of suicide bombers had to deal with yet another terrorist onslaught.

My morning runs in Jerusalem took me into the heart of the shopping district, along Jaffa Road and up Ben Yehuda Street. This area has certainly had its share of terrorist-provoked horrors in the past few years, but so too have other parts of the city and country. The locations of many of these atrocities have become memorials to a war that is unlike any other Israel has ever had to fight.

Given current realities, it's hard to believe that the road map peace plan, or any other similar plan, will bring stability to the region anytime soon. Instead, it may well be that separation, by way of the much-debated security fence, is the only way to deter, if not prevent, further attacks.

As always, I am hoping to return to Jerusalem in the not-too-distant future. And I am looking forward to again running the byways of that ancient city – and happily contending with its hills and the idiosyncrasies of its hot-headed drivers. But I dread the prospect of passing new sites where more Israelis have by then become the latest victims of terrorist barbarity.

Fielding an impossible question

A few weeks ago, on the night of the horrific terrorist attack on Café Hillel in Jerusalem, my wife and I received a phone call from our friend Norma in Detroit. It was close to 1 a.m. She and her husband Michael and their four young children were set to leave the next day for a 10-day visit to Israel.

Robert Sarner
in Jerusalem

Norma was distraught. In addition to her sadness over this latest atrocity and her concern for our wellbeing, she and Michael were torn about what to do. After months of eagerly awaiting the trip, which was to include a friend's wedding in Rishon Lezion, they were now on the verge of cancelling it.

Even before this latest suicide bombing in Jerusalem and another earlier in the day near Rishon Lezion, many people had discouraged them from coming. Some told them outright they were crazy, if not irresponsible, to subject their children to such a perilous situation.

Since the Palestinians launched their terrorist war three years ago, many countries have issued travel advisories warning their citizens against visiting Israel. Hundreds of thousands of people have cancelled trips, decimating Israel's tourism industry.

"Robert, tell me honestly," Norma beseeched me. "You know how much we were looking forward to this trip. But with the situation seemingly getting even worse, do you think we should come?"

This was not the first time friends overseas have called or e-mailed me with such a question. In recent years, most Israelis with friends and relatives abroad have been asked the same thing.

"I can't really answer that," I told her. "If you want, we can talk statistics and I could tell you it's far more dangerous to drive on Israel's highways than to go to a local café or restaurant. I could say it's riskier going downtown in Detroit than walking around the centre of Jerusalem or Tel Aviv. But the issue of course is not numbers."

This didn't really help Norma resolve her dilemma, but I couldn't answer any other way.

"Of course, we would love to see you here," I said. "But we will never tell you that you should come. It's a personal matter. The situation here obviously is not good and not everyone can deal with such tensions and risks, especially if they're travelling with children."

I explained to Norma why her question, though perfectly understandable, was impossible to answer. "Imagine I should convince you and your family to come and something terrible happens. I'd never forgive myself for the rest of my life."

It's strange to think that I live in a place most people abroad are afraid to visit. Even more unsettling is how many Israelis won't come to Jerusalem for fear of terrorist attacks.

Norma said she and Michael were seriously considering calling the trip off. I told her I would respect their decision either way. The conversation ended with her trip still very much up in the air.

The next time we spoke, Norma, Michael and their children were in Tel Aviv and as happy as could be. A few days later, we welcomed them to our home for dinner, and they waxed near-euphoric about their time in Israel.

They explained how their respective parents, especially his, had strongly urged them not to come to Israel. They spoke of how almost no one in Detroit said to them before they left, "Have a nice time." Rather, most said, "Come back safely."

They spoke of how many Israelis had thanked them for coming at such a difficult time. They lamented that the tourist sites they visited were so deserted. They told us of their Israeli friends in Tel Aviv who refused to join them at our home for dinner because they were afraid to come to Jerusalem.

As I write this, Norma and her family are at Ben-Gurion Airport preparing to fly home. Earlier in the evening, when we called to say goodbye, Norma was extremely emotional. She said this had been the best, most rewarding trip she and Michael had ever taken and that they can't wait to come back again.

I wondered what would have happened had I advised her not to come when she called two weeks earlier.

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Begin and Camp David: a fresh look

Twenty-five years ago, the leaders of Israel, Egypt and the United States met in the seclusion of Camp David and emerged after 12 difficult days with the framework for the most important Middle East agreement to date.

Gerald Steinberg
in Jerusalem

Since then, the appreciation of this achievement has grown, particularly in contrast to the catastrophic failure of other peace efforts. Since 1973, Israel and Egypt have not fought any wars, and while Cairo's policy of "cold peace" has become a "cold war," it is still better than the violence of the pre-treaty period.

To celebrate this achievement, many of the surviving participants gathered at the Jimmy Carter Center in Georgia to sing the praises of the former U.S. president. Unfortunately, neither Menachem Begin nor Anwar Sadat are alive to share the spotlight. As a result, Carter's spin machine continues to churn out the version that transformed the American president into the main hero of the piece and the Camp David Accords as his major success. In histories based on American sources, Carter is given most of the credit, along with Sadat, while Begin is depicted as a stubborn and argumentative partner, at best.

However, as more details become known, Begin's central role stands out, while Carter's claims as a peacemaker have become increasingly questionable. Indeed, it would not be an exaggeration to say that the peace treaty was signed despite Carter's ignorance, his patronizing attitude, and, in particular, his strategy of attempting to divide Begin and Sadat. In contrast to the Israeli and Egyptian leaders, Carter faced few political risks or difficult decisions in this process.

Sadat's surprise visit to Jerusalem in November 1977 got the ball rolling, and for this, the murdered Egyptian's contribution to peace is unquestionable. But then he sat back, issuing demands and expecting that Begin would reciprocate by accepting the Egyptian positions. Begin, however, understood that a stable and lasting peace would require more than grand gestures and one-sided concessions.

In addition to a total Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai, Sadat, supported by Carter, demanded an end to the Israeli presence in the West Bank regions of Judea and Samaria and Jerusalem's Old City. For Begin, this was unacceptable.

It fell to Begin to decide how to maintain the momentum generated by Sadat's visit while preserving his own ideological commitments.

For the Israeli critics on the left, there was no dilemma – peace would simply come with Israel's withdrawal to the 1949 armistice lines and the creation of a Palestinian state. For the Israeli right, including Begin's closest political supporters in Herut and Likud, maintaining full Israeli control in Judea and Samaria was far more important than any unreliable peace offer. Begin realized that a balance between both objectives was needed, and he successfully navigated this difficult path.

But the Americans, and Carter in particular, were blind to the difficult decisions Begin faced. The pragmatic president was incapable of understanding Begin's deep commitment to Jewish history and the Zionist renaissance. (Despite clear indications of a likely Begin victory in the 1977 election, Washington was taken by surprise at the outcome, and in relying on Labor Party opponents and their American contacts for analysis, this gap in American understanding was never filled.)

Whenever Begin tried to guide Carter through these issues, the Americans would lose patience. But without this understanding, Carter and his Middle East advisors could not appreciate Begin's skilled balancing act, which allowed him to disarm domestic critics and shepherd the negotiations to a successful end.

Carter's simplistic belief that Palestinian self-determination would lead to peace, rather than terror, almost destroyed the negotiations. Carter also frequently distorted Begin's words, particularly regarding Palestinian autonomy. For example, in the last session of the Camp David summit, Carter claimed that Begin agreed to an indefinite freeze on settlement construction, meaning eventual abandonment of Judea and Samaria. This was not credible, and Begin was right to distrust Carter. Nevertheless, Begin held his anger in check and did not sever ties or end the talks.

All three leaders deserve credit for this singular accomplishment, and the attempt to deprive Begin of his central role is both demeaning and historically wrong.

Israel faces spectre of an Arab fifth column

Three years ago this week, just days after the eruption of the second Palestinian uprising, the foundations of Israel's coexistence with its Arab citizens were shaken profoundly by a short-lived insurrection.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

Animated by pent-up feelings of discrimination, galvanized by sympathy for their fellow Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and outraged over Ariel Sharon's highly publicized visit to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, unarmed Israeli Arabs from Jaffa to Acre and from Umm al-Fahm to Nazareth went on an unprecedented rampage. They staged demonstrations, closed roads, stoned police, vandalized public buildings, trashed vehicles, toppled light standards and shouted, "Death to Jews."

Scrambling to quell the widespread riots, Israel's security forces fired on the protesters, killing 12 Israeli Arabs and one Jordanian Palestinian. Amid the chaos, a Jewish motorist driving near Haifa was killed by a rock flung by an Arab assailant. Flabbergasted by the scale and ferocity of the disturbances, Ehud Barak, the then prime minister, appointed a special commission of inquiry, led by Supreme Court justice Theodor Orr, to investigate and draw conclusions. Last month, the panel released its findings: The police had used excessive force in dispersing the rioters, and "the government's approach to the Arab sector was in large part characterized by neglect and discrimination."

We have heard this before. Israeli Arabs, an increasingly vocal and militant minority of 1.2 million, have long complained of police insensitivity and brutality. In 1976, in the last serious outbreak of its kind, six Israeli Arabs were killed by police.

More to the point, as the Orr Commission duly noted, the government has not closed the yawning Arab-Jewish gap. Israeli Arabs lag far behind Israeli Jews in terms of budgetary allocations for municipalities, schools and industrial development, and they chafe under an inferior standard of living. This is no longer startling news. Last year, for example, the State Comptroller disclosed that 58 of 82 Arab towns and villages still do not have a complete sewage system in place.

Of all the Arabs, the Bedouin are the most disadvantaged. In an essay last year, Moshe Arens, Israel's former defence minister, wrote that in the fields of education, the economy and housing, they are at "the bottom" of the barrel. And he added: "Many of them live in 'unrecognized' clusters, while being denied the basic services due to all the country's citizens."

In the aftermath of the October 2000 Israeli Arab riots, the government approved a $1-billion (US) development plan for the Arab community, but implementation was delayed and Arab leaders claimed it was not nearly enough.

Israel's expropriation of Arab-owned lands, the spark of the 1976 incident, has also engendered bitterness, as has the fact that very few Arabs serve on the boards of state-run corporations or teach at universities.

In 1970, four years after the Israeli government lifted military rule over Arab localities, Israel promised to integrate Israeli Arabs on "the basis of full equality." A small group of Israeli Arabs, particularly the Druze, have reaped the fruits of this lofty pronouncement. But in general, Israeli Arabs definitely consider themselves second class citizens.

Israeli Arabs, the descendants of about 160,000 Palestinians who did not join the flight of Arabs from Israel during the 1948 War of Independence, are torn between two poles: their loyalty to Israel and their identification with Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza. Israeli Arabs were once seen as Israel's bridge to the Palestinians, but no longer. As a result of the Arab-Israeli conflict, and the common perception that they do not enjoy equal citizenship with Jews, Israeli Arabs have grown disaffected and alienated. "There is growing radicalization within the Arab sector in Israel," Israeli President Moshe Katsav warned recently.

Under the influence of Arab parliamentarians such as Azmi Bishara of the Balad party, Israeli Arabs have begun calling for a secular state in place of Israel ("a state of its citizens") and rejecting core Zionist symbols from the Magen David flag to the *Hatikvah* national anthem.

In keeping with pre-state tradition and practice, Israeli Arabs generally live physically apart from Jews. But in last January's general election, Arabs took one further step to separate themselves from Jews. They voted almost unanimously for Arab candidates representing Arab parties. Until 15 years ago, Arabs cast their ballots only for Zionist parties. But since 1988, when the first all-Arab party was founded, they have gradually shifted their allegiance to Arab parties. "The connection between the Arab public and the Zionist parties has simply been wiped out," says Eli Reches, a Tel Aviv University specialist in Israeli Arab affairs.

This is an extremely important, but often overlooked, point. Arnon Soffer, a Haifa University demographer, has observed that if Israeli Arabs were ever to vote as a bloc, they could elect 21 Knesset members. (They now have less than a dozen). And in 2020, when Israeli Arabs are expected to comprise 25 percent of Israel's population, they could theoretically elect 30 MKs.

The implications trouble Israel's elite. If united as a bloc, Israeli Arab parliamentarians could tip the balance in pivotal debates about domestic and foreign policy, changing Israel's complexion and direction. The fear that Israel's Jewish character could ineradicably be altered by the fecund Arab birthrate has prompted discussions around the idea that certain heavily Arab-populated areas in Israel – notably Wadi Ara – should be included in a future Palestinian state. Shlomo Avineri, a Hebrew University political scientist and former director general of Israel's foreign ministry, believes that a land swap with the Palestinians would relieve the demographic anxieties of Jews and satisfy the aspirations of Palestinian nationalists.

[Sheldon Kirshner photo]

The Israeli Arab town of Umm al-Fahm

But this is easier said than done. Judging by surveys, most Israeli Arabs would oppose the transfer of Wadi Ara to Palestinian control. It would be a costly exercise, depriving them them of social benefits, a fairly high standard of living and the political freedoms to which they have become accustomed since 1948.

For these pragmatic reasons, the overwhelming majority of Israeli Arabs, their vocal complaints notwithstanding, are outwardly loyal to Israel. Scarcely any have cast their lot with terrorism, despite the best efforts of Hamas and Hezbollah to recruit them. But the few who have bucked the trend have sown suspicions that Israeli Arabs are basically fifth columnists who must be ceaselessly watched.

Partly in response to these fears, the Israeli government has decreed that Palestinians who marry Israeli citizens cannot reside in Israel or apply for citizenship. In a previous measure that was subsequently withdrawn, Israel revoked the citizenship of Israeli Arabs indicted as terrorists. Concerned by recent developments, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has speculated that the completion of Israel's security fence through the West Bank will prompt Hamas and like-minded organizations to seek out more Israeli Arab recruits.

Prior to the eruption of the second intifadah in September 2000, the gravest terrorist incident involving Israeli Arabs was the arrest of four men who tried to blow up commuter buses in Haifa and Tiberias. They belonged to the Islamic Movement, whose northern branch has been accused of sedition by Israel. Since then, the number of Israeli Arabs who have participated in terrorism has grown incrementally. In 2001, a resident of an Arab village in northern Israel detonated a bomb in Nahariya's train station, killing himself and two others. In the same year, a handful of Umm-al Fahm residents were arrested after being recruited into a Hamas suicide squad.

The most shocking case in 2002 was the arrest of Lt. Col. Omar al-Kheib, a Bedouin charged with spying for Hezbollah. Israel's chief of staff, Gen. Moshe Ya'alon, dismissed it as an aberration. But long before the al-Kheib case broke, Israel was busy rounding up Israeli Arab traitors. Some examples: Seven Israeli Arabs were arrested after being accused of assisting a Hamas suicide bomber who blew up a bus. A Jaffa taxi driver was sentenced to 15 years in prison for transporting terrorists to Tel Aviv. Three men from Ramle were detained on suspicion of planning to leave bombs at soldiers' hitchhiking stations. Two men from Lod and a woman from Nazareth were charged with maintaining ties with Hamas.

There has been no letup this year. Five senior members of the Islamic Movement, including the mayor of Umm al-Fahm, were charged with transferring funds to illegal organizations in the territories. Seven residents of two Galilee villages were detained for planning to kidnap a soldier and smuggle in a suicide bomber from the West Bank. And the list goes on.

It seems clear that unless the grievances of Israeli Arabs are seriously addressed, and very soon, Israel will have a chronic and monumental security problem on its hands.

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High Holy Days – hello or goodbye?

By RABBI CHANANYA MOSHE BERZON

Rabbinic Reflections

Every month of the Jewish calendar we bless the new moon. This brief service, called *Kiddush Levana*, is recited between the third night and the middle of the lunar month. For the month of Tishrei, the overwhelming majority of Jews delay blessing the new moon until after the concluding Yom Kippur prayer *Neilah*. Following the sounding of the shofar, and *Ma'ariv* and *Havdalah* in many congregations, people gather outside the shul and recite the blessing.

Yom Kippur falls on the 10th day of Tishrei. The night of the *Neilah* service is the 11th. Therefore, in essence, we could have blessed the new moon during the previous seven days. So why procrastinate until the end of the High Holy Days?

The interpretation generally made is that we wish to begin the New Year on the right foot – that is, by observing an additional mitzvah – in this case, the blessing of the new moon. Following this logic, we build and decorate the sukkah after we break our fast and have eaten our meal. We could have built the sukkah a few days earlier. But we wait until after Yom Kippur to show that we are starting the New Year with mitzvot.

It might seem logical that observing these mitzvot would be more appropriate during the days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, when judgment for our deeds throughout the past year are being weighed on the scale in front of the court of the King of Kings. We should really "pile on" as many mitzvot as we can to tip the scales in our favour. Why wait until after our trial has been concluded and the verdict has been decreed? In other words, why worry about the New Year when we first should take care of the past year?

I think the answer to this question contains an eloquent and persuasive message. Essentially, we are declaring that the past year is futile without any game plan for the forthcoming New Year. There must be something wrong with my past if I have no plans for the future. I cannot claim remorse for past iniquities if I have not scheduled an upgrade in my behaviour for the future.

> ***Let us resolve, during this season of repentance, to channel our efforts toward doing mitzvot***

I look optimistically toward the New Year. I am conveying a proclamation to my Creator and myself. The message simply is: If HaShem blesses me with another year, I will infuse it with mitzvot. Last year wasn't a banner year. I was not eagerly involved in good deeds. The year flew by without much I can be proud of. However, I have already made plans for next year to begin it on the right foot. So as soon as I leave God's court following the final judgment of *Neilah*, I will add a few extra mitzvot to my behaviour blueprint. A sincere attitude like this will have a positive impression on the Lord sitting in judgment during these Holy Days.

Let us resolve, during this season of repentance, to channel our efforts toward doing mitzvot. With this decisive mind-set, let us turn to HaShem and ask Him to bless us with a happy and healthy New Year so we will have the frame of mind and the healthy body and spirit to enable us to perform many good deeds.

We finish the year with anticipation for a forthcoming year filled with mitzvot. We are not just saying goodbye to the past year. We are saying hello to the New Year.

May we all be blessed with a Shanah Tovah, a year filled with mitzvot. Amen.

Rabbi Berzon is the spiritual leader of Young Israel of Chomedey in Montreal.

A way out of the mud

By ELLIOTT MALAMET

JEWISH EDUCATION
The Next Generation

We are facing a crisis in the Western world of troubling proportions. This is a crisis that has some external signs – the rise of terrorism for example – but it is mostly an internal predicament. It has to do with the sense of purposelessness and drift felt in many quarters, including Jewish ones.

The other day, I asked students in a Grade 11 class that I teach if it would negatively affect their lives if there were no Jews at all left in the world in a few years.

One girl wondered how this would happen – would it, for example, be the result of a second Holocaust? Would some evil foe come to exterminate us? This bothered her greatly, because no one has the right to harm another person.

I said, "Let's suppose that it wouldn't occur that way. Jews would simply assimilate and lose contact with Judaism until there was no one left in the Jewish people." She thought for a moment and said this would not personally bother her, since, after all, it is merely a personal choice whether or not to practise Judaism and choosing not to is not the same as having somebody such as Hitler come along and taking your choices away.

So, the real problem for her was not the destruction of the Jewish people, but the fact such destruction might be imposed by others. Her view was not necessarily representative of her classmates, but neither was it a totally singular one.

In Jewish communities worldwide, there is plenty of Torah learning going on and lots of mitzvah observance. There are many kosher establishments and mikvahs, synagogues and Holocaust museums, Jewish music and food, and novels and plays. But is there a sense of purpose that comes along with all of this, a knowledge of our task as Jews and the best way to accomplish that task? Of this, I am far less sure.

Part of the problem is that many of us feel religion is something that happens elsewhere, that we are not personally responsible for the destiny of the Jewish people and that others will take care of it.

The founder of Chassidut, the Baal Shem Tov, said the Jewish people are like a living Sefer Torah, and each Jew is like a letter in that Torah. This is not just a way of making each person feel valuable while being irrelevant to the Jewish cause. Every time a Jew drops out of Judaism, every time we forego a spiritual decision and make a temporal one, we block the revelation of God's word. It's as if Torah is a mansion with an infinite amount of doors, and every Jew has a key to a different door. The house cannot be fully opened unless we all participate.

It is to this ultimate sense of mission that the High Holy Days speak.

They are not about blame. They are not about piety. They are not about what I can't do, won't do or might do. They are not about dressing up, speeches, the length of prayers, beautiful voices or heavenly choirs.

They are simply about whether my life will become one of direction and find its way out of the Western mud into the Jewish stars.

May our prayers turn into deeds, our deeds into love, our love into change, our change into wholeness, and our wholeness into redemption.

Encountering Yinglish

Books
Bernard Baskin

***The New Joys of Yiddish*, by Leo Rosten, revised by Lawrence Bush, Random House, $27 paperbound.**

On a bus in Tel Aviv, a mother was talking animatedly, in Yiddish, to her little boy – who kept answering her in Hebrew. And each time the mother said, "No, no, talk Yiddish!" An impatient Israeli, overhearing this, exclaimed, "Lady, why do you insist the boy talk Yiddish instead of Hebrew?" Replied the mother, "I don't want him to forget he's a Jew."

That mother knows what Israel Zangwill meant when he wrote, in 1906: "Yiddish incorporates the essence of a life which is distinctive and unlike any other."

Although the beginnings of Yiddish go back to the 13th century, the language did not really flourish until after the 15th century, when the Jews left western Europe for eastern Europe – Poland, Galicia, Hungary, Romania – and Russia. There the buoyant tongue picked up new locutions, adapting itself to the street and the marketplace.

The author insists that this isn't a book about Yiddish. Rather, it explores a fascinating aspect of English: "Those words and phrases from Yiddish (some I call 'Yinglish,' some 'Ameridish') that we today encounter in English books, magazines, newspapers; or hear on television or radio, in movies or nightclubs; or may overhear on the street or in a bus in many a large city in the United States.

"By 'Yinglish,' I mean Yiddish words that are used in colloquial English: kibitzer, mish-mash, bagel, etc.

"By 'Ameridish,' I mean words coined by, and indigenous to, Jews in the United States: *kochaleyn, holdupnik, shmegegge*, etc."

A *sharapnikel*, the book explains, is a small object that provides a shutting up – hence a baby's pacifier.

The New Joys of Yiddish provides a lexicon of words from A to Z, usually with accompanying jokes, anecdotes and historical or interpretive material.

The word "bris" for example, leads to the explanation that Sephardi Jews often name a child after a living relative, but the Ashkenazim have a distinct and abiding dread of doing so. A certain trepidation is felt by traditional parents when a young man or woman selects a mate who bears the same given name as a living parent. (In some cases of this sort, the bride- or groom-to-be will adopt a second name or nickname.)

We also learn that Jews adjusted biblical names to the orthography of the language in their country of residence: Yosef (Joseph) appears as Yussuf, Giuseppe, Beppo, Peppo, Jose, Pepe, Popito, Josko, Joska and Joey.

A *yold* is a simpleton, a fool, a boob, a yokel, a harmless dolt, one whose gullibility and naivete get him into trouble. He is a man who walks into a friend's antique shop and calls out, "Hello! What's new?"

The word "bagel" gave rise to the Yiddish expression, "*Er ligt in der erd un bakt bagel*," readily translated as "He lies in the ground and bakes bagels." But what does that mean? "He's not doing so well, poor chap."

A man from Mars landed in Manhattan, entered a bakery and asked the owner: "What are those little wheels in the window?" "Wheels? What wheels?" The Martian pointed. "Those aren't wheels." The *balebos* smiled. "They're called bagels. We eat them… Here, try one." The Martian bit into a bagel and smacked his lips. "Man! This would go great with cream cheese and lox."

Show some *seichl* and quickly obtain a copy of this book – it's a *mechaye* as well as a *metziye*.

Yizkor resources on the Web

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

The Jewish Highway

It is one of the most solemn moments of the Yom Kippur service and the entire Jewish calendar. The chazzan and the congregation rise to recite *Yizkor* and commemorate parents, family and friends who have passed away. To help bring meaning and understanding to the *Yizkor* service, here are some valuable resources available on the World Wide Web.

Yizkor, which means "He shall remember," was originally recited only on Yom Hakippurim, which literally means the "Day of Atonements." As the Orthodox Union site points out, this phrase is in the plural and refers to the atonement for the living and atonement for the dead. **[http://www.ou.org/yerushalayim/yizkor/laws.htm]**

Chancellor Ismar Schorsch of the Jewish Theological Seminary explains how this memorial prayer has also become associated with the holidays of Shmini Atzeret, Passover and Shavuot. **[http://learn.jtsa.edu/topics/parashah/5761/yizkor.shtml]**

There are many Web sites that do a good job of presenting the text of the prayer, but I think the best is ORT's Yizkor Online Memorial. The prayer is presented in the original Hebrew, in English, and in an English transliteration for people who need a bit of assistance. If you need more help, click on the link and listen to Yizkor being recited. **[http://yizkor.ort.org/html/yizkor.shtml]**

Following the recitation of *Yizkor*, the prayer *K'El Maleh Rachamim* (God Full of Mercy) is recited. Many congregations have adopted the practice of reciting versions of *K'El Maleh Rachamim* to remember victims of the Holocaust and to honour the memory of the men and women who have given their lives in defence of Israel. "God full of mercy who dwells on high, grant proper rest in the wings of Your Divine Presence in the lofty abode of the holy, pure and valiant who shine as the brightness of the heavens to the souls of the soldiers of the Israel Defence Forces…"

Since many prayer books do not include both these prayers or contain varying texts, you may want to print out the version found at this site and distribute it in your synagogue or temple. The Orthodox Union's Yizkor Section has another very good version of all these prayers. **[http://www.ou.org/yerushalayim/yizkor/]**

Who should stay in the room while *Yizkor* is being recited? How soon after the death of a relative should the prayer be said? You can find answers to questions about *Yizkor* customs and traditions at both the Orthodox Union site and at Jewish Virtual Library. Both have very good summaries of Yizkor traditions. **[http://www.us-israel.org/jsource/Judaism/yizkor.html]**

Rabbi Rafi Rank answers common questions surrounding the tradition of lighting a Yizkor candle. **[http://www.jewishpost.com/jp0903/jprabbi0903c.htm]**

Rabbi Goldie Milgram suggests that aside from just lighting a candle, this is the ideal time to involve children in remembering a relative who has passed away. After you light the candle, she recommends passing around a photo of the person being remembered. Then share a story about that person's life and his/her meaning in your own life. **[http://www.rebgoldie.com/yizkor.htm]**

As you browse through the *Yizkor*-related sites, you see reference to an interesting character: the so-called "Yizkor Jew." Once chided for appearing in synagogue only for the *Yizkor* service and making a quick exit afterward, the Yizkor Jew, as several sites point out, is making fewer forays into the synagogue today. **[http://www.ou.org/yerushalayim/yizkor/yizkorjew.htm]**

Rabbi Harold Shulweis says the reason is obvious. *Yizkor* is no fun. Why think about death or attend *Yizkor* when there are so many more pleasurable things you could be doing? Rabbi Shulweis suggests that reciting *Yizkor* and experiencing pain are essential because learning demands suffering. He draws on a 2,500-year-old quote from the Greek poet Aeschylus. "He who learns must suffer, and even in our sleep, pain that cannot forget falls drop by drop upon the heart, and in our despair, against our will, comes wisdom to us by the awful grace of God." **[http://www.vbs.org/rabbi/hshulw/tragedy_bot.htm]**

Then Rabbi Shulweis concludes, "*Yizkor*, yahrtzeit, *Kaddish* and the *K'El Maleh* are not fun. But they are the way that the wisdom of memory finds meaning in life."

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Artist's life was 'pendulum from despair to hope'

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Obituary: Ernest Raab

Ernest Raab, an internationally renowned sculptor, artist, poet, writer, and Talmudic scholar, died Aug. 22. He was 77.

Among his many other works, Raab created the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and the monument to Raoul Wallenberg in Earl Bales Park, a bas relief at Beth Tzedec Congregation and the stained glass windows at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, as well as sculptures of Einstein, Churchill, Ben-Gurion and works in commercial buildings, other synagogues and hospitals.

Raab was born in Komarom, Czechoslovakia, one of seven children. His mother and father each had 12 brothers and sisters. Most perished in the Holocaust, along with Raab's grandparents, much of his extended family, his teachers and his classmates. Only Raab and four of his siblings survived.

Rabbi Philip Scheim of Beth David, who gave an eulogy for Raab at his funeral, said, "For Raab, beauty was everywhere."

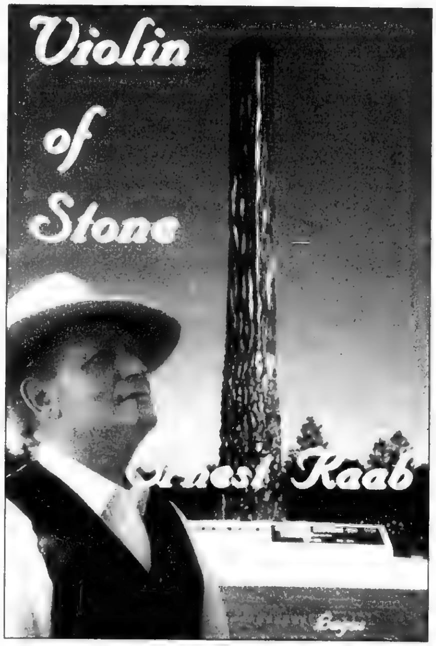
Raab, he noted, also had a deep knowledge of Jewish sources. "His knowledge of Bible was thorough, as was his grasp of Rabbinic midrash and Aggadah."

After the war, Raab settled in Paris, where he studied art. He later moved to Montreal and then to Toronto.

In 1999, Raab published his autobiography, *Violin of Stone*, which tells of his painful teenage years, his experience as a slave labourer, his escape from a work camp, his life as a partisan, his relationship with Chassidism and Zionism, and his struggle to find meaning in life and retain his beliefs.

"Ernest, like so many of his generation, survivors of the Holocaust, moved back and forth from the extreme cynicism and denial of God to all encompassing hope in the next generation and appreciation for God's blessings," said his nephew, Simon Raab. "Ernest's life was this pendulum from despair to hope and back."

Rabbi Scheim said, "Through Ernie's life work, through his writing, his sculpture, his art, his personality, we have evidence of the eternity of the Jewish spirit." He concluded that "Earnest Raab used his gift to remind each and every one of us of our need to work for a better tomorrow, of our potential to bring this world one step closer to godliness."



Ernest Raab, pictured on the cover of his autobiography, *Violin of Stone*, at his Holocaust memorial sculpture in Earl Bales Park.

Raab is survived by his daughter Sylvia and son-in-law Jean Francois; granddaughters Olivia, Alexandra, Celia, and Margaline; brother Alex Raab and sister-in-law Jenine Raab; and sisters Edith Werner and Lily Bernhaut. His sister Klara Reitman died two years ago.

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Cutting through the confusion

By LESLIE GALES

In this New Year of 5764, confusion seems to fill our world. In Israel and around the globe, terrorists who kill men, women and tiny children at the flick of a switch are praised by millions of followers. Surviving victims of terror are valiantly trying to put their lives back together, while Israel, beset by never-ending security concerns, struggles to find the funds to assist them.

Yet despite all the confusion, for Jews everywhere, these are days when clarity is important. According to Jewish tradition, the sound of the shofar must be crisp and clear, returning us to the timeless Jewish values to which our remarkable community has always adhered.

In just over a month since its launch, UJA Federation Campaign 2004 has begun to respond to the needs of Israel and the Jewish world. We have already raised more than $31 million. Proceeds from the campaign will be allocated to victims of terror, Israel's devastated social service network, the fight against worldwide anti-Semitism and training for students that will help them answer those who preach anti-Israel hatred.

Leslie Gales

This November, nearly 300 members of our community will be participating in B'yachad, one of the largest missions to Israel ever, and attending the General Assembly in Jerusalem with 3,000 other world Jewish leaders.

This summer has been a time of intense activity for the new Israel Emergency Cabinet, under the auspices of UIA Federations Canada. Aggressively combating anti-Semitism in all its forms and increasing Canadian support for Israel are among the cabinet's most important objectives. The cabinet has proposed organizational realignment to strengthen Jewish advocacy in Canada on behalf of Israel and other issues of urgent Jewish concern, and it has provided substantial funding for reinvigorated campus programming for Jewish students.

Recently, the UJA Federation board of directors approved a funding increase of $1 million for Jewish education, for a total of $11 million, with $8 million designated as subsidies for parents who can't afford full day school tuition. That amount is unprecedented in North America. We are also looking at several creative options to deal with tuition fee increases.

The Jewish Toronto Tomorrow dream of building three thriving campuses for Jewish life – downtown, in the Bathurst Street-Sheppard Avenue area and north of Steeles in Vaughan – is well underway.

The bright, new Miles Nadal Centre at Bloor Street and Spadina Avenue is almost complete, and the Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School at the centre is already open. A few minutes south of the Miles Nadal Centre, the Wolfond Centre for Jewish Campus Life is taking shape at Harbord and Huron streets.

In York Region, the municipal approval process is in place for plans to develop 50 acres of Jewish Toronto Tomorrow land at Bathurst Street and Weldrick Avenue. The project will include a new Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) campus. In order to prepare for the next steps, we now have an office in Vaughan at Bathurst Street and Rutherford Road.

And more than 70 volunteer leaders are working on plans for the Central Campus Redevelopment Project on the site of the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre and the Lipa Green Building on north Bathurst Street. A new, world-class central campus structure will house eight centres of excellence.

On behalf of the UJA Federation family, it is my pleasure to wish you, your loved ones and Jews everywhere a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Leslie Gales is chair of the board of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

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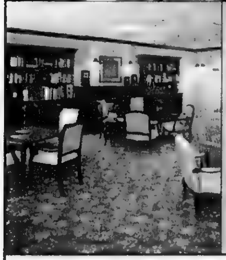

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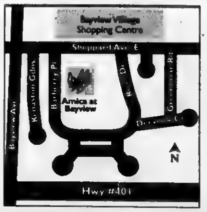

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Family of Iraqi immigrants begins new life in Israel

By YUVAL DROR, *HA'ARETZ*

In the dead of night, a group of 17 new immigrants, mostly from one family, recently arrived in Israel from Iraq.

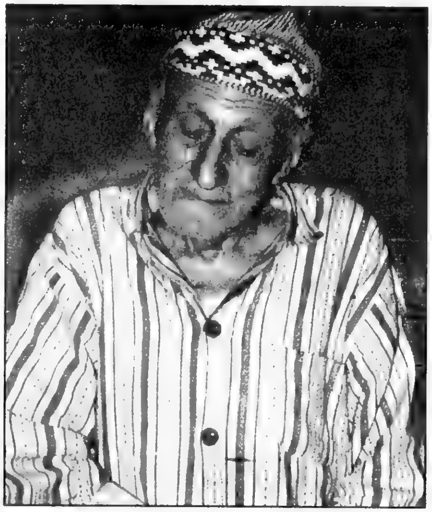
In 2000, Rachel Nissan and her husband Amir, both from Baghdad, secretly immigrated to Israel just days after they were married. "From the minute we got here, we started to find out how we could take care of the family we left behind," says 26-year-old Amir, who serves as the family's spokesman, but cannot give details on how he reached Israel or how the 17 new immigrants were brought over.

The 17 include his wife's parents, Avraham and Tikva, four of their daughters, two sons and a nephew all aged under 18. Another one of -Rachel's sisters immigrated with her husband and their five children. Amir's uncle also managed to join the special contingent. Amir's brother Assaf managed to get special leave from the army for the occasion. Assaf, who is due to be discharged from the Israel Defense Forces in a few months, came to Israel when he was 16 years old. He says that he managed to get a passport and told the Iraqi authorities he was going on holiday to Jordan. Before leaving Iraq, he got in touch with his grandmother in Israel and told her of his holiday' plans. "I arrived in Jordan at 9 a.m. and by 11:30 a.m. I was in Israel," he says with a broad smile.

The story of how the Nissan family arrived in Israel is a complicated one. Amir says that some 27 years ago, the family left the once-prosperous Baghdad Jewish neighborhood of Bataween and moved in with a Muslim family who tried hard to hide the Jewish family's identity. The father, Avraham, owned a prospeous garage and the family was considered well-to-do. When some of the older children, who had not managed to change their Jewish surnames, applied to university, they were rejected. Avraham says that when the war in Iraq broke out, the neighborhood where the family was living was bombed heavily since the offices of Saddam Hussein's security forces were located nearby. "Many neighbors were killed in those strikes," adds Amir. The family, nonetheless, waited until it was certain that Saddam's regime had fallen. "Only the week after the famous statue was toppled did they flee from home," says Amir. They were scared. He says that they left without anything and so fast that Avraham did not even manage to sell his business. After contacting the Jewish Agency, the family stayed awhile in another Iraqi city and was finally brought to Israel, with a stopover on the way. "Our parents talked about immigrating to Israel ever since we were children," adds Assaf. "The problem is that every time we saved enough money and we planned to leave, a war broke out and when war breaks out in Iraq, no one can leave the country. Once it was the Iran-Iraq war, then the first Gulf War and then the second Gulf War."

Assaf says that had he not managed to escape from Iraq, he would have had to enlist in Saddam's army. "I would have tried to get out of it, though. You pay someone $500 and it would have been sorted out," he says. Amir says he is so excited about his family's arrival, he has not slept a wink since the family arrived from Iraq.

"It's enormously exciting," says Amir. "We've been worried about them since the moment we arrived in Israel and now they are here. We have not seen them for three years. That's a long time. Now we'll be close by," he says.

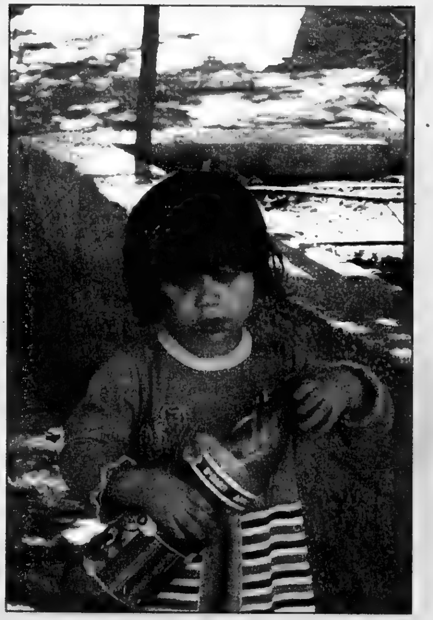


A member of Baghdad's tiny Jewish community in the city's last remaining synagogue.

Israel's harsh economic realities

The Palestinian violence that started in September 2000, has already cost Israel's economy more than $11 billion, according to recent Israeli government statistics. Virtually every resident of Israel, especially those who rely on the country's social service network, which is facing a financial emergency, have felt the direct impact of the severe recession with which Israel is struggling. Proceeds from UJA Federation Campaign 2004 will be allocated to, among other initiatives, preserving vital social services, including additional assistance for victims of terror. The following facts and figures prepared by Keren Hayesod in Israel represent a stark illustration of Israel's economic condition.

- The average Israeli gross salary in January 2002 was NIS 7,000 ($2188 Canadian). In June 2003, it was down to NIS 6,936 ($2167). In the current dire economic situation, many employees have agreed to a cut in their salaries, happy to be able to hold on to their jobs. The crash in salaries is in almost every sector of the market. One quarter of all salaried workers (629,000) earns less than NIS 3,500 ($1100) per month.
- Unemployment now stands at about 300,000.
- According to Israel National Insurance Institute statistics, 210,000 elderly people or every third elderly person doesn't have enough money to buy needed medications.
- A study conducted by the Brookdale Institute, in conjunction with the Ministry of Health and the Israel Center for Disease Control, found that approximately 450,000 households have severe difficulties meeting their most basic needs.



Palestinian violence has cost the Israeli economy more than $11 billion.

Photo: Daniel Horowitz

Tough Medicine

In order to deal with this distressing economy, Finance Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has introduced a stringent, new budget. Here are some of its proposed provisions

- The Treasury is seeking a NIS 10 billion ($3.1 billion) cut in government spending.
- About 6,000 IDF (Israel Defense Forces) civilian employees, career soldiers and officers will be fired – including two generals, 12 brigadier generals, 46 colonels and 240 lieutenant colonels. Bases will be closed and the development of new weaponry will be postponed. The cuts are part of a 5-year, $4.7 billion budget reduction program proposed by the Ministry. These changes are the biggest that the IDF has experienced in 55 years.
- Some 1,500 civil servants will be laid off as government units are shut down. No new government workers will be hired during the coming year.
- The price of water will go up by 15% for private homes and industry
- V.A.T. (Value Added Tax, similar to our GST) will remain fixed at 18% instead of going back to 17% as had been promised.
- The fees for higher education will decrease by 10% instead of 14%, as had been promised.
- Existing discounts on municipal taxes for the elderly will be curtailed.
- Health basket services will be cut.
- More stringent conditions for receiving unemployment benefits will be imposed.
- Tax exemptions for people going on early retirement will be cancelled.
- The retirement age for women and men will go up to 67 from 60 and 65 respectively.

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Super Week yields super results

By DANIEL HOROWITZ

It was truly a Super Week for UJA Federation Campaign 2004, with $3 million raised from 6,000 people in a massive five-day telethon blitz on behalf of UJA Federation Campaign 2004, which has now raised over $31 million for Israel's victims of terror, financially troubled Israeli social services, the fight against a worldwide rise in anti-Semitism, and training for students to answer those who preach anti-Israel hatred on campus.

Colin Lewis, Chair of UJA Federation Telethons with Shari Wert, said he was amazed by the number of young people who have volunteered to pick up the phones and reach out to community members during Super Week.

"They are full of enthusiasm and energy, and are quite effective canvassers. In many cases, they are following in the tradition of their parents and grandparents. These are our future leaders," he said.

"This is the tradition of tzedakah in action," said Wert. "Telethons raise over $5 million for the annual campaign and we simply couldn't do it without our incredible volunteers. It's a mitzvah to give, and it's even a greater mitzvah to ask others to help those in need."

For volunteer David Weinberg, Super Week is his chance to make a difference in the lives of children in Israel. He brought his daughter, Marni, 5, to help out.

"When I hear about how many kids in Israel live below the poverty line, that's all I need to know. I have three kids of my own. There are so many of us who have so much, and we take so much for granted. But in Israel, it's a very different story. That's why we're here," he said.

"There was such a dynamic and quick pulse beating in that room," said Ron Cuperfain, who was working the phones on Super Sunday. "It is so heartwarming and encouraging to see Jews from all streams of Judaism, and of all ages. When I see 14-year-old kids sitting next to an 80-year-old volunteer, and they are sharing a laugh and helping each other, it really shows you the breadth and width of our remarkable Jewish community."

One group of young volunteers in particular was having a great day on the telephones, with many receiving generous gift increases from those they called. Two of those teens were brother and sister Sheera Kaendal, 15 from CHAT of Richmond Hill, and Jason, an 18-year-old student at Thornhill Secondary School.

"As a teenage girl, what better or more appropriate way could I help others than by talking on the telephone?" asked Sheera. "Volunteering at UJA telethons is the best way of doing community service. It's the most fun. They treat you great here and they really seem to appreciate your effort. It's also a wonderful way to make new friends and spend some time with old ones."

"Absolutely," agreed brother Jason. "It's a very positive and constructive way to spend time, and it's a great environment. But most importantly, of course, is the fact that it gives us all a chance to make a difference in the lives of Israeli people who, unfortunately, need our help now, maybe more than ever before."

Super Sunday Chairs Shari Wert and Colin Lewis

Volunteer Relations Chair Peter Ekstein points to the $1 million raised by late afternoon on Super Sunday.

Eva's Initiatives honours volunteers

By WENDY LAMPERT

It was a party unlike any other.

At least, that's what the staff and youth at Eva's Phoenix, a long-term shelter and training facility for youth, say about the holiday party organized and thrown by seven UJA Federation Hands on Toronto (HOT) committee volunteers in December 2002.

That's one of the reasons why Eva's Initiatives, the Toronto community organization that runs Eva's Phoenix chose to honour UJA's Alan Keith, Sarit Goldman, Elaine Rapp, Ronit Teschner, Barry Barnett, Betty Gerstein and Michael Long with Awards of Distinction at its Annual General Meeting last month.

Members of HOT, a committee of UJA Federation's Young Adult Division, volunteer on social service projects to help Jews and non-Jews throughout the Greater Toronto Area. Participants believe that hands-on volunteering should accompany financial giving to more effectively assist those in need.

The dedicated group of volunteers planned, cooked and served up a festive meal for 200 at what can be a very difficult time for people at the shelter, said Morag Perkins, Housing Manager for Eva's Phoenix. The Mariott Hotels Business Council donated all the food. "At that party, residents got to see the excellence and opportunities of volunteering. They saw people caring who didn't really have to care," she said.

From left: Former Hands On Toronto (HOT) Co-Chair Michael Long, Barry Barnett, Eva's Phoenix Housing Manager Morag Perkins, current HOT Co-Chair Betty Gerstein, Sarit Goldman. Missing from photo: Alan Keith, Elaine Rapp and Ronit Teschner.

But the awards were for more than just throwing the party, said Lori Gottleib, Manager of Volunteer Resources for Eva's Initiatives. "UJA first contacted us in 2001, and they have continued the relationship through several events since that time. Their volunteers have shown us that they want to get involved and help us do what we need to do – they add value to what we do, and they have brought an excitement into the Phoenix," she said.

"When it was time to choose award winners for 2002, UJA was an easy choice," said Suganthy Grishnapillay, Site Operations Manager for Eva's Phoenix. "They were amazing – they worked with staff during the holiday season when there was neither time nor resources for a party. It means so much to us," she said.

For Betty Gerstein, one of HOT's current Chairs with Tracey Steyn, the award was a big surprise.

"It was the furthest thing from our minds when we set out to volunteer," she said. "Our satisfaction comes at the end of an event, when we walk away having given our time to help people face to face. The gratification is immediate," she noted.

Gerstein says she was amazed by the Eva's Phoenix facility the first time she went there. "It had a very positive bent that I'd never seen in a youth shelter before. It gave me a real passion for the project."

"It is a pleasure to work with Eva's Phoenix because their philosophy is so consistent with Jewish philosophy, which teaches us the importance of each human being, and that our purpose in life is to constantly better ourselves," said Michael Long, who was Co-chair of HOT at the time.

Lori Gottleib sees the relationship with UJA Federation as a partnership that benefits everyone involved. "UJA Federation volunteers are no longer strangers working with us. It's friends working together."

From Washington to Super Week

Richard Diamond, Chair of the recent UJA Federation Washington Fly-In along with Mark Waldman and Josh Cooper, was all ears last week as he took to the phones for UJA Federation's Super Week in support of Campaign 2004 - For Israel and the Jewish World. Participants from the Fly-In held a reunion during Super Week at the Lipa Green Building. "When you're involved in Jewish community work, there's never one time that's the beginning or the end; it's an ongoing process," said Diamond. "After all, we're all shareholders in UJA, so tonight was just a natural extension of what we did when we were in Washington."

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Caring for the isolated at holiday time

By DANIEL HOROWITZ

The High Holidays are a time for reflection and a time to spend with family and friends.

For most of us, celebrating a Jewish holiday or bringing Jewish music into our lives is a personal decision. However, for many elderly and infirm, these choices depend on the services offered by their nursing or retirement homes.

The Community Chaplaincy service, funded by UJA Federation, and under the auspices of Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS), understands these religious and cultural ties and the loneliness experienced by Jewish nursing home residents, hospital patients, and prisoners.

Under the direction of Rabbi Ronald Weiss, Director of Chaplaincy Services, and Laila Clein Friedman, Coordinator of Chaplaincy Services, individual volunteers and groups visit hospitals, nursing homes, extended care facilities and prisons.

JF&CS Chaplaincy Services currently boasts 119 active volunteers who visit people in over 100 facilities, primarily, but not exclusively, within the GTA.

It could be a choir from a day school or a group from a synagogue or a father and daughter who have 'adopted' a floor of a retirement home as part of a Bat Mitzvah project. A warm smile, a kind and patient voice, the sound of the shofar bringing a bit of *Yiddishkeit* to those more limited in their daily lives.

"We're reaching out to people who are culturally, socially or geographically isolated," says Clein Friedman. "That feeling of isolation and solitude is much more noticeable now, during the holidays. One of our biggest challenges is finding volunteers who will visit Jewish residents living in facilities on the fringes of the GTA."

Mike Top, a volunteer chaplain with JF&CS – a partner agency of UJA Federation – has learned plenty about that sense of isolation since he began his volunteerism eight years ago.

Born in Poland, Top, 57, moved to Toronto in 1951 before making aliyah in 1971. While in Israel, Top was a combat soldier with the IDF in Lebanon, before returning to Toronto in 1992. Upon his return, and after helping Israel, Top was ready to help Toronto's Jewish community.

"I asked around to find out who handles Jewish volunteer work, visiting old-age homes, hospitals, prisons, that sort of thing," says Top. "I was told that Jewish Family & Child Service was the place to go, so I did."

Over the years, Top has visited countless facilities, both for the elderly and the infirm, as well as provincial detention centres and correctional facilities. These visits become even more meaningful during this time of the year.

"We do a lot of work during Purim and Rosh Hashanah," says Top. "Especially during the month of Elul, I blow the shofar pretty much wherever I go - with my Rabbi's permission of course – and it always seems to elicit a positive response. Of course, it's always especially interesting when I blow a shofar in a prison. In old folks' homes I'll also dish out the apples and honey, and I'll usually give a bit of an address about the meaning of the holidays."

Top says that regardless of the mental or physical state of those he visits, the holidays and their traditions often break through their handicaps and elicit a response.

"I remember when I used to visit the mental health facility in Whitby," says Top. "There was a grown man there, maybe in his fifties with the mental faculties of a 6-or 7-year-old. As soon as I blew the shofar for him, he would cry. There seemed to be a connection, a rekindling of memories and emotions from growing up with the holidays as a Jewish child."

According to Top, there are three key factors involved in being a successful volunteer.

"You have to be completely non-judgmental, especially visiting prisoners," he says. "You also need to suppress your natural curiosity, and you need to be a really good listener. In fact, the most you can do is listen to these people and hope that you're able to provide them with as much solace as possible."

So why does he do it? Especially visiting the often dark and depressing confines of a prison?

"Why? Because I'm a Jew," he says emphatically. "Our heritage is one of ethical behaviour and the performance of good deeds, in Hebrew, *gmilut chasadim*, loosely translated as acts of lovingkindness. I prefer a somewhat more correct translation: giving without expectation of return. Sounds corny, but I have no illusions. If I'm making any changes, they are so microscopic as to be virtually undetectable in the grand scheme of things. But each individual in this world changes the world in some fashion. It is up to us, using our free will to choose whether that change will be positive or negative."

Mike Top, a chaplain with Jewish Family & Child Service, serves apples and honey to residents of the Woodhaven long-term care facility in Markham to celebrate Rosh Hashanah. *(Photo by Eve Marks)*

Unique website for Jewish job seekers

Responding to many calls from members of Toronto's Jewish community looking for work within Jewish organizations, Doing Jewish in Toronto (DJIT), a component of UJA Federation's website, www.jewishtoronto.net came to the rescue.

Doing Jewish in Toronto is offering a free posting service to help individuals find Jewish organization employment opportunities.

Why consider a job in the Jewish community?

A "Jewish" job contributes to the overall unity of the Jewish people by reaching out to help those in need, teach the young, tend the sick, and feed the poor, as well as by coordinating activities within all of these crucial areas of involvement. In a powerful sense, a career in the field of Jewish education or Jewish communal service is not merely a service to others. It is also a service to yourself, in that it enables you to contribute meaningfully to the ongoing Jewish welfare, education and cultural enrichment of other Jews like yourself and to give back to the same kind of community that has nurtured you and your Jewish identity.

"Our community is strengthened when organizations and schools can hire the best people available. UJA Federation is pleased to offer this free posting service and to make it readily accessible to Jews in the Greater Toronto Area and beyond," says Glennie Lindenberg, Chair, Community Engagement, UJA Federation.

Between January and August 2002, UJA Federation's Jeweish Information Service (JIS) received 150 calls and e-mails from people asking about job opportunities in Toronto, the majority of whom were looking for something in the Jewish community. One year later that number had climbed to 228 - an increase of 50%.

To search this new service, go to www.jewishtoronto.net and click the community jobs icon on the right side. For more information or to post a position, call Barbara Barak at Jewish Information Service, 416.631.5843.

Prime Minister's Council Gathering

The Toronto delegation at the United Jewish Communities (UJC) Prime Minister's Council Gathering, which took place September 10-12 in Washington DC. The two-day event included education briefings, plenary sessions and campaign forums with government, political and media officials to discuss the issues impacting global Jewry. Speakers included U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft; Senator Arlen Specter; Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle; and Senator Frank R. Lautenberg.

Front row (left to right): Sarah Perlis, Sandra Waldman, Mickey Rosenthal (Montreal), Yetta Bregman, Julia Koschitzky and Pauline Menkes.

Back row (left to right): Morris Perlis, Lionel Waldman, Sheila Labow (Montreal), Marvelle Koffler, Murray Koffler and Murray Menkes.

Photo: Robert A. Cumins

All we truly have is each other

By DANIEL HOROWITZ

Major General (Ret.) Giora Romm, the Director General of the Jewish Agency For Israel – UJA Federation's overseas partner - feels that the worldwide Jewish community today must stick together more than ever before, and that Israel's other "friends" cannot be relied upon.

"All we truly have is each other," said Romm. "We have Israel and we have Diaspora Jews, all the rest are conditional friends to us at best. At the end of the day, it's about whether or not we are successful. If so, they want to be our friends, if we're not, then they're not so interested. The only certain friends we have are each other and the worldwide Jewish community."

In Toronto recently to address a group of UJA Federation professionals and donors, Romm, who served for 33 years in the Israeli Air Force, was pessimistic about the peace process as long as Arafat is in charge of the Palestinian side.

"Arafat is a very unique phenomenon and he will never agree to any kind of solution in the Middle East, even one that gives him everything he wants. That would end his very own agenda and purpose. He doesn't want to wake up one day and have to deal with sewage problems in Hebron – that's not what Arafat is about."

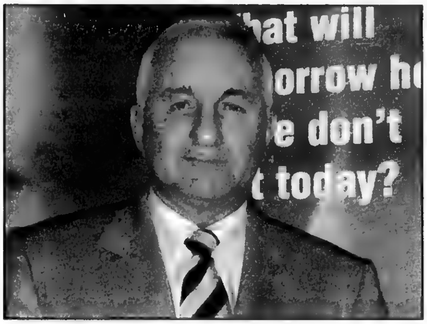
Responding to questions concerning the state of aliyah today, Romm said that patterns of immigration are changing.

"While 800,000 new immigrants have made aliyah over the years, there is now a serious reduction in those figures," said Romm. "Since Russian President Putin has been in office, citizens are more positive about their future there. Also, to be honest, the situation in Israel is not quite as welcoming as it was between say 1992 and 2000."

"*Klitah* (absorption) into the Israeli culture and way of life works best if the new olim have friends or family already there," he said. "Otherwise it is much more complicated. Either way, the best way to ensure a positive absorption of a family is by us finding the head of the household – the mother or the father – a good job. It doesn't even have to be what he or she was doing back in their native Argentina, England or the former Soviet Union (FSU), but it must be something that gives him or her a place to go first thing each morning. It is not only a source of putting bread on the table, it is a source of pride and dignity, and it is essential to the entire social structure of Israel."

Germany has recently emerged as Israel's main source of immigration competition.

"In fact, as we speak, there is a strategic task force taking shape within The Jewish Agency looking at our present methods of aliyah. We are going to approach our whole philosophy of aliyah, looking at the package Germany is offering to families today that has made it such an attractive alternative for Jewish immigration."



Major General (Ret.) Giora Romm

Buy Israel...when you least expect it!

By Leonard Rosen, Managing Director, Lehman Brothers Investment Banking Unit

Leonard Rosen

I am head of our Israel business division, and Lehman Brothers has for a long time been the predominant investment bank in Israel. I am also a technology industry banker.

These days I am often asked about the Israeli economy. I should stress that I am not a research analyst. I am an investment banker, and I work with every Israeli company to some degree, so please treat everything I say that reflects on a company's merit in that context – in other words, not as unbiased. Also, I am not making any investment recommendations at all here.

That said, there has been a program going on advocating "buying Israeli"...buy Osem noodles or snacks, Tnuva cheese, Yarden or Carmel wines, Maccabee beer, Jaffa oranges. And that is great, and very important, but I think perhaps it doesn't go far enough, so let me tell you about a few more ways to buy Israeli.

Unexpected Israeli Purchases

- When you make a cell phone call, and the call doesn't go through, leave a voicemail. That's it. Or make calls just to leave voicemails. How is that buying Israeli? Because an Israeli company, Comverse Technology in Tel Aviv, is the world's largest producer of voice messaging systems worldwide. Or send text messages, or pictures, or send movie clips through your cell phones. OK, we can't do that yet, but they can in Korea, and Comverse's systems make that possible. Comverse earned over $700m in revenues last year from those products, and their stock is up almost 50% so far this year.
- Use more drugs. No, not what you're thinking. I mean prescription drugs. And when you do, have your doctor check the box that permits dispensing a generic version. Teva Pharmaceuticals of Petach Tikva is the world's largest manufacturer of generic pharmaceuticals. One out of every 16 prescriptions filled in the United States is for a Teva product made in Israel (or outside Israel but by Teva). And they earned over $2.7 billion in revenues last year, and their market cap, at $15 billion, is at an all-time high.
- Try to hack a computer system, and it is more than likely that the firewall that will keep you out is developed by Checkpoint of Ramat Gan. Spend too much time talking on the phone and you will touch on the products of Amdocs, the world's largest provider of complex billing systems software for communications service providers, market cap $5-1/4 billion, also of Ramat Gan.
- The next time you are stuck on the phone with customer service somewhere, and you get a message that says "to ensure proper service, this call is being recorded," remember that the two largest companies providing the systems that monitor those calls are Verint Systems of Tel Aviv and Long Island and NICE Systems of Ra'anana. If they hear your decibel level go up, or the call goes on too long, their software will detect that and shoot the call over to a manager the next morning to figure out what went wrong. So buy Israeli by yelling at a customer service rep.

Strengthening security

More on Verint: If you are a bad guy, and I know you're not, and you are communicating with other bad guys over your phone or cell phone or email, and the FBI figures out that it's your voice or that you've been talking about doing bad things, those are Verint's communications interception products at work. Its primary business is analytic software for homeland security. When they talk on the news about picking up chatter, they're talking about Verint's products. When you are walking through the airport and the cameras are following you, the software that determines whether there is something suspicious going on and alerts the guards to look at that camera is from Verint.

BUY ISRAELI

Buying Israeli

These companies and over 100 other Israeli companies are traded in the United States on Nasdaq or the NYSE, and in addition to buying Israeli, you can buy their stock.

Israel, as I am sure you have heard numerous times, has more companies traded in the U.S. than any foreign country except Canada.

Why is that?

Strengthening Israel

The most important reason for Israel's extraordinary economic development is not related to the government but to the country's people. Israel's population is the most highly educated in the world, with 135 engineers for every 10,000 people in the work force. In comparison, the U.S., which ranks second in this regard, has 70 per 10,000. In addition, the 800,000 new immigrants who arrived from the former Soviet Union contributed an enormously talented pool to the local work force.

These are what you buy when you buy Israeli. These "natural resources," Israel's people.

One more way to buy Israeli: watch a lot of TV. And get one of those cool flat panel display televisions. Because the leading company that makes the inspection equipment used to produce those displays is Orbotech, traded on Nasdaq, based in Yavne, Israel.

There is an old Midrashic story about how during the siege of Jerusalem, the emperor Vespasian told Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai that, at his request, he would save one thing, and Yochanan answered "*Ten Li Yavneh V'Chachameha*", give me Yavne and its wise men. And because of that the Jewish people were saved. Well, you can invest in these wise men of Yavne. And you can buy Israeli by watching the flat screen TVs that they help produce. And while you're at it, on your couch, snack on some Osem pretzels with Maccabee beer or Yarden wine.

The above is from an address given by Mr. Rosen this past summer in New York City.

To speak or not to speak: the intellectual's dilemma

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Prof. Martin Lockshin, the director of York University's Centre for Jewish Studies and an ordained Orthodox rabbi, is a dedicated supporter of Israel, but he feels like he's "walking on eggshells" when it comes to the topic of what Diaspora Jews should be saying publicly about Israel.

Lockshin discussed the issue recently at a York conference as part of a panel that included Rabbi Dow Marmur and Prof. Sara Horowitz. The panel, titled "Judaism, Israel and Public Advocacy: Spirit, Thought and the Body Politic," was part of a conference on "The Academic as Public Intellectual: Responsibility and the Public Sphere," in honour of philosophy professor Howard Adelman, the founder of York's Centre for Refugee Studies and a visiting fellow at Princeton University, on the occasion of his retirement from teaching.

Although Lockshin – who figures he has spent more than 20 per cent of his adult life living in Israel – believes that Israel behaves "in a much more moral manner" than many of its enemies, he said he finds some of the behaviour of the Israeli government to be wrong.

"As a community leader, do I criticize the Israeli government publicly, or not? It's a question I ask myself often."

Is it OK to publicly criticize Israel?

The case for standing up for what one believes to be moral behaviour is obvious, Lockshin said, but the case for holding one's peace in other instances is "more nuanced."

Israel, he said, is in danger and under attack, and needs international support. "Criticism in public leads to an erosion of such support and gives succor to Israel's enemies."

The case for silence in a just war is "fairly strong," he said, citing the rare public criticism by clergy of carpet bombing by the Allied troops during World War II.

Private criticism is another matter, he added. "That's a value I'm not willing to compromise, but serving as a moral gadfly when your people are suffering does not appear to me to be a morally attractive option."

Rabbi Marmur, rabbi emeritus of Holy Blossom Temple, is also conflicted. "Like other members of minorities, my global view tends to be embarrassingly parochial, but I am a Jew rooted in tradition, so I also feel obliged to look at things from a universal moral perspective," he said. "I feel it's my responsibility as a creature of God to care for God's world and express it in whatever way I can."

He said he is "painfully conscious" that criticism "will be misused by the enemies of Israel.

"On the other hand, if I remain silent, am I true to what I stand for?" he asked.

He "escapes the agony," he said, by living for part of the year in Israel. As an Israeli citizen, Rabbi Marmur is comfortable speaking freely. "However vehemently anyone disagrees with me [in Israel], no one calls me an enemy of the Jewish community."

The rabbi said he is concerned about what he sees as a move "back into the ghetto a little bit when it comes to [Jewish] public policy.

"If that happens, I am alarmed," he said. "Then the whole effort of Jewish emancipation [of which Reform Judaism is a product, he said] is in danger. We fought to be equal to everyone else. If we now become constrained in what we're doing, I'm worried."

Horowitz, the associate director of York's Centre for Jewish Studies, said she also finds herself "in a bind" regarding what she speaks about and to whom.

"Lately I've been taken to wondering, when I speak critically of the Jewish community, who hears me and who overhears me. Societies need critique and correction… but do we then make ourselves easy targets?"

Words take on a life of their own "and go places where the speaker had not thought to venture," she cautioned. "More and more I find myself torn between speaking and not speaking."

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In a message on the site, Scher said "life is tough in Israel at the moment, even more stressful than usual. Many of us living outside the country feel helpless witnessing the awful acts of terror that Israelis are forced to deal with on a daily basis.

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Different approaches to Halachah problematic: rabbi

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

The dean of the David Cardozo Academy for Jewish Studies and Human Dignity, Machon Ohr Aaron, in Jerusalem, says he is "disturbed" by the disparate approaches to Jewish law taken by different segments of Orthodox Jews.

"I must speak honestly," Rabbi Nathan Lopes Cardozo said at a lecture sponsored by Torah in Motion and held at Beth Jacob v'Anshei Drildz Congregation. "I live in it [the Orthodox world]. I love it. But I have experienced sleepless nights about its future. Staying silent about it won't help anyone."

The modern Orthodox, Rabbi Cardozo said, have "a tendency to not give enough attention to halachic requirements. They may be too lenient in living up to its demands."

For the haredi, however, "exactly how much matzah one eats on Pesach becomes a major issue."

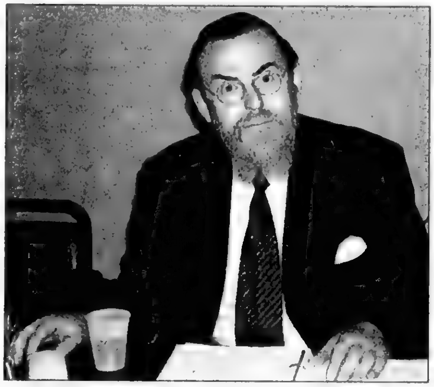
Although the two worlds overlap in many ways, and the distinctions are not absolute, the author and lecturer said each approach is problematic.

"Halachah is deeper, broader, than, for instance, American or Roman law. It affects our social, financial and private lives – the most private and intimate parts of life, and the most trivial," Rabbi Cardozo said.

The modern Orthodox community, he said, is more open to general society than the haredi community. It doesn't cut itself off from what the world has to offer – in fact, it is open to it.

The haredi, on the other hand, are more closed in, creating walls against outside influences, he said.

"It is the part of the Jewish people that survived the Holocaust. It has its own way of looking at things."



Rabbi Nathan Lopes Cardozo [Perry Blatt photo]

Both groups struggle with what Halachah is about, or, rather, he said, with what it should be.

For the haredi, Halachah "became the only way one expresses one's commitment to God. But there can be too much commitment to halachic detail without understanding the spirit, the music, the art behind it," Rabbi Cardozo said.

There is a danger that Halachah can become routine, merely external.

On the other hand, modern Orthodox Jews' commitment to Halachah is not always genuine, he said.

There is a certain "embarassment" about Halachah in modern Orthodox circles, he said. They do not see the beauty in halachic details and they ask what the purpose is of being so particular.

This has changed somewhat with the writings and teachings of such modern Orthodox leaders as the late Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, Rabbi Cardozo said.

"We must see the finger of God in everything, including what lies beyond the religious world," he said.

It appears there is no middle road, but one does exist, he said. It is more complex and difficult, but it is there.

"The whole halachic system has to fit into a search for an encounter with God, a search for kedushah, holiness. God said You will be holy because I am holy."

The fact that one always eats kosher and keeps Shabbat doesn't necessarily mean that one is holy, the rabbi said. "Something is missing. If one can't teach one's children to link kedushah with Halachah, we are losing out on the main point."

There has recently been an outpouring of halachic works on such subjects as family purity, Shabbat, how to find insects in food, *tzniut* and modesty.

"There is nothing wrong with that, But it is disturbing that few write about the deep meaning of living life according to the spirit of Halachah."

Living according to Halachah should lead to a more dignified, more holy way of life, he said. You should experience God in everything you do, feel and think.

The whole world, he said, is a religious experience – the seashore, a gentile doing a beautiful thing. "But you have to have eyes to see that."

The most trivial issue should be recognized as leading to an encounter with God. For instance, he said, normally we don't think about opening a refrigerator door – it's just something we do. On Shabbat, however, when there are many laws to consider, "we recognize that we live in God's world."

Halachah is not trying to teach us how to live our lives, he said.

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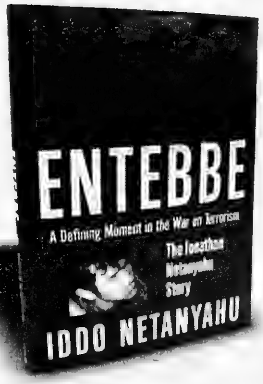

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Visiting *mispachah* on the street with Ve'ahavta

By LAUREN KRUGEL
Special to The CJN

"What have I gotten myself into?" I ask myself as I rush into the headquarters of Ve'ahavta: The Canadian Jewish Humanitarian and Relief Committee, 20 minutes late.

It's just after 6 a.m. on a late-summer's day, and as I apologize and bemoan the TTC's early-morning service (or lack thereof), I meet Darryl Borden, Ve'ahavta's director of homeless initiatives for the first time. Obviously a morning person, he leads me out to the homeless outreach van that Irit and Narima, the two other, more punctual, volunteers have already stocked with coffee, sandwiches, clothing and toiletries. I rub my sore, heavy eyes and climb aboard.

Frank

The sun has barely peeked over the city's skyline, but here I am cruising around with Ve'ahavta's Mobile Jewish Response to the Homeless. Had this been a normal work day, I think to myself, I would still be in bed.

At first, I approach the experience as a journalist. I'm there to watch and ask questions. But it isn't more than 20 minutes after we set off that I realize this won't be just another story.

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Our first "client" is Patrick, a soft-spoken man with salt-and-pepper hair and a kind smile. Darryl finds Patrick sauntering around his usual haunt in a midtown alleyway. He gives him a sandwich, a cup of coffee and a new tube of toothpaste.

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Next, Darryl leaves the van to have a private conversation with Louis, who is wrapped in a bundle of blankets on some steps in Forest Hill. Narima, Irit and I wait in the van.

"There are homeless people in Forest Hill?" I wonder naively. It's an affluent area. Homeless people live in graffiti-etched, litter-strewn alleyways and bridges downtown. Not here. Not in my picture of the world.

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Entering Nathan Phillips Square, we meet Frank and his 14 pet rats. The rats peek out of gym bags and pockets and Frank tells us their names, one by one. He arranges them on his arm, and a dangling row of thick tails reaches from his shoulder to his wrist. I'm amazed at how well-trained his pets are. He lets me take a photo. "Hurry up," he says. "My arm is getting tired."

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Nathan Phillips Square is really the turning point for me. About 60 people emerge from underneath stairwells and benches. I put aside my notebook and tape recorder and decide to pitch in.

As I dig through the van to find a stick of deodorant for a client, a pretty teenage girl comes up to me and asks, "Are you Jewish?"

Taken aback, I say I am.

"I am too," she says quietly.

This girl should be at home in a comfortable house in Downsview or Thornhill, I think to myself. She should enjoy Friday night dinners with loving parents. She should go to school, get good grades, go out with her friends and prepare to go to university.

She should have my life. But she doesn't and that hurts.

Darryl takes me for a walk and asks me how I'm feeling. I tell him about the Jewish girl I met. "Did you get her name?" he asked.

"No," I reply.

I wish I had.

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On the way out, we meet a frail-looking woman in a wheelchair. On her leg is a cast that's been scribbled on with vibrant magic marker. She says she needs a new pair of glasses.

Irit digs through a bag of discarded glasses and finds the perfect pair for her.

As she slips the glasses on, a smile spreads across her face as if to say, "Wow. So this is what the world looks like."

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We head over to a downtown park, a popular spot for many street youth. Striker, a teenage girl with a cherub-like face and a safety pin through her eyebrow, approaches the van. She and Darryl speak excitedly for several minutes.

A few Ve'ahavta volunteers had taken her shopping recently for a new outfit, and Darryl tells her that she made quite an impression on them. This little, seemingly insignificant comment makes her eyes light up.

"She wanted to be treated like somebody's daughter," Darryl says later in the van.

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The kids we find in the park say there's a girl who's in trouble. She's shivering and weak. Narima leaves the van and finds the young girl on a park bench and gives her her sweater to wrap around her shoulders.

Teens in the park.

When she comes back to the van, Narima says she thinks the girl on the bench is Jewish, because her name is Rivka. Narima gets her last name, and I know I know her from somewhere. I repeat her name in my head like a mantra. As I do, I realize it's the name of someone I went to high school with.

I never found out for certain if it was the same Rivka who was a few grades younger than me at our affluent suburban high school, but I have a gut feeling it was.

Girls from good Jewish homes in Thornhill don't run away. It happens to other people. Not us. That's the thought that stays in my mind as we ride on.

Later on, Darryl notes that he sees more Jewish kids on the street in the spring than any other time of year. It's because of the Passover seders, he says. Any family issues are magnified during the chaotic season. "It's a wonder we have two a year," he says.

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Later, we find four kids living in tents under a bridge. A black Dobermann pinscher with a checkered bandana bounds toward us, barking. I'm afraid of dogs, especially big, barking ones in isolated areas. This is it, I think. I'm going to get mauled and die. No one will be able to find me. The dog approaches and licks me on the hand.

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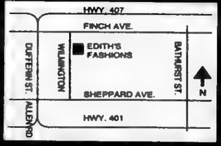
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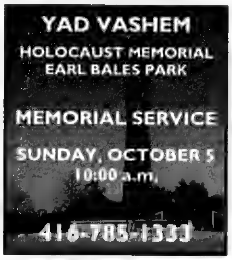
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Saturday, Oct. 4

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Rabbi Moshe Stern will deliver a Shabbat Shuvah address titled "Tshuvah Anthology: A Picture is Worth More Than a Thousand Words." Men and women welcome. 5:15 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation.

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Hashomer Hatzair gets new shlichah

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Shlomit Flexer applied to be a Toronto-based shlichah for Hashomer Hatzair about five years ago, but put the idea aside after learning that someone else had just been appointed.

Although she considered applying to other youth movements, because of her longstanding ties with Hashomer Hatzair she decided it would be that organization or nothing.

The Canadian-born ceramic artist and interior designer, who made aliyah with her family at age nine from Winnipeg, is now Toronto's new Hashomer Hatzair shlichah, thanks to a serendipitous dinner this summer with a family friend shortly before she was scheduled to return to Israel after a year in Toronto.

The friend, a board member and mother of three Hashomer Hatzair counsellors, had heard that the designated replacement for shlichah Ora Merin would not be coming here after all and, as Flexer put it, had a brainstorm.

Shlomit Flexer

If anyone was born to the position of youth group shlichah, it's Flexer. Her late mother, a native of Winnipeg, and her late father, an American, met in Israel after making aliyah with Habonim (now Habonim Dror), also a left-wing Zionist youth movement.

They were among the founders of Kibbutz Urim in the western Negev before Flexer was born, but moved back to Canada before returning to Israel, settling in Arad when Flexer was 10. "That's when I went to Hashomer Hatzair," she said. She spent four years as a counsellor with the movement when she was older.

After 35 years in Israel, Flexer decided to take a leave of absence from Kibbutz Revadim – a south Israel kibbutz affiliated with Hashomer Hatzair, where she has lived since 1978 – to spend time in Toronto, where her brother was married last summer.

Flexer, who has taught art to children and adults in Israel, said she "enjoys working with kids a lot." For her, working at Hashomer Hatzair is just "a different way of doing informal education."

The youth group in Toronto now has two chapters and runs a winter camp and summer camp, Camp Shomria. A second "ken" (chapter) was launched at the Bloor JCC in April to supplement the one in the northern part of the city, which serves almost 100 youngsters from age 7 to 18.

Although the Zionist organization is run by youth, Flexer said she may introduce some of her artistic knowledge and ideas into holiday decorating and other programs. She would also like to see more of an emphasis on environmental issues and activities, and is thinking of organizing an alumni group.

She would like to organize a group for counsellors and possibly for others their age who are not counsellors. In Israel, she said, she was involved in two groups as a counsellor: the younger children for whom she was responsible and her own peer group with whom she met regularly. "Here, they cease to be kids when they're counsellors. We didn't."

A graduate of the Bezalel Art Academy in Jerusalem, Flexer's whimsical and colourful pieces, including chanukiyot and custom-made tiles and sinks, have sold in Israel, New York and Holland. A more restrained creation is the clay headstone which marks her father's Toronto grave. On her kibbutz, she also did restoration and replicas for an onsite educational archeology museum.

Perhaps surprisingly, her small Toronto office has plain white walls and is unadorned by any of Flexer's art.

But Flexer is as pragmatic as she is artistic. "My main interest is to get things started and make the kids happy. Then I'll think about the office."

Life on the street with Ve'ahavta

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"Who did this?" asks Darryl.

A young girl with black curly hair emerges from a tent and claims credit. Darryl asks if he can keep it and she says she doesn't see why not.

We've got to bring this girl more paint, I think to myself.

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We meet three friends in a park-like setting by the lake. Rob, a spry older gentleman, tells us about their problems. The owners of the land have been threatening to sue them (I wonder for what) if they don't get off the property, and the police have been threatening to write them tickets for vagrancy. I wonder to myself why the police don't just leave them alone and go after real criminals.

We give some new clothes to Rachel, Rob's wife. She picks out a tailored forest green jacket and tries it on. She wants a mirror.

The closest thing we have is the shiny surface of the van. She admires herself in its murky reflection.

As we leave, she gives each of us a forceful, thankful hug.

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As we head back to Ve'ahavta's office, I let it all sink in.

Darryl amazes me. He remembers the names, hobbies, interests and problems of hundreds of clients. He knows what books they like, who they hang around with. Each one of them is a close friend.

He pats them warmly on the back, shakes their hands, and listens patiently as they spill out whatever is on their mind, no matter how pressed for time he is.

"It's like visiting *mishpachah*," he says, and I think I'm beginning to understand what he means.

I always thought myself incapable of the patience and kindness it takes to do work like this. I thought I didn't have it in me. But by the end of the day, I realize that everyone has it in them.

Everyone is looking for something good to do. They just need to find a place to do it. I think I've found mine.

As Darryl says, "This is how you cure the cynics."

New children's book has Toronto connection

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

There's something familiar about the illustrations in Margie Blumberg's new children's book, *Avram's Gift* – and it's not just the detailed, warmly rendered shtetl depictions that bring the past to life for the story's modern-day protagonist.

While the pictures may strike a chord with Jews of eastern European origin, Torontonians – and members of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation in particular – are likely to recognize the north Toronto synagogue and its clergy, Rabbi Philip Scheim and Cantor Marshall Loomer, who served as models for illustrator Laurie McGaw.

Avram's Gift (MB Publishing, 2003) is the story of eight-year-old Mark, who fears the picture of his stern-faced, bearded great-great-grandfather that his mother wants to hang in their new house. On Rosh Hashanah, over lunch, his Grandpa Morris helps him see his ancestor in a new light, through detailed and affectionate childhood recollections.

And in a plot thread that's particularly appropriate at this time of year, Mark aspires to learn to blow the shofar that is a hallmark of High Holy Day services. The threads are all woven together by the end of the story, which is followed by an afterword that includes information on shofar-blowing and ideas for exploring one's own family roots.

Although *Avram's Gift* is fictional, it was sparked by a true story about the author's real-life great-great-grandfather Avram Hirschman, whose portrait hangs in her parents' Chevy Chase, Md., home.

On Rosh Hashanah six years ago, Blumberg heard about her great-great-grandfather from her great-uncle Morris, then aged 94, who, like the fictional Grandpa Morris in her book, left the shtetl of Aroshka as a child, saying good-bye to his grandfather Avram Hirschman at the train station.

"He took the frame in his hands and brought the photograph very close to his face," Blumberg recalled in a phone interview from her home in Bethesda, Md. "He said if you were to look up the word 'love' in the dictionary, you would find his grandpa's picture there.

"We were all in tears," she said. "He hadn't seen [Avram] in 88 years."

The next day, Blumberg came up with the idea of a book – as if a light bulb had gone off, she explained – and she subsequently interviewed her great-uncle more extensively.

A lawyer by training, Blumberg wrote and published a desk calendar with cartoons and recipes, *Is There Life After Chocolate?* and co-authored *Shakespeare for Kids: His Life and Times*. She is working on a third book, about grammar, for age 12 and up, and is reading manuscripts for MB Publishing, the company she established earlier this year.

"I was always read to as a child," she said, and she has always wanted to write books. Renowned author Leon Uris, who died this summer, was a first cousin to her father. Although they lived in different cities, once Blumberg started writing, they began to be in contact and were starting to get to know each other better when he became ill.

Blumberg's brother Mark, a professor at the University of Iowa, has also written a book recently. *Body Heat* (Harvard University Press) discusses temperature and life on earth for the lay reader, she said.

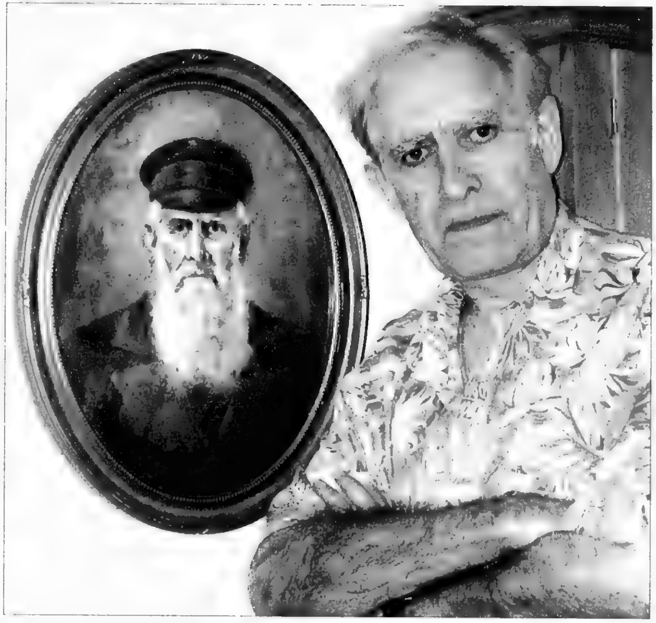
Finding the right illustrator for *Avram's Gift* involved poring over "hundreds and hundreds" of books. When Blumberg saw McGaw's illustrations in *Polar the Titanic Bear*, she knew her search had ended.

The award-winning artist, based in Shelburne, Ont., used real-life models for the characters in the book, fleshing out the shtetl scenes with details borrowed from historical photographs.

She came to Beth David through Linda Kabot, the model for Mark's grandmother and a Beth David member. Kabot became friendly with McGaw after learning about her own family history in the children's book, *Journey to Ellis Island*, written by Carol Bierman, a relative of Kabot's whom she'd never met, and illustrated by McGaw.

Cubby Marcus, a clean-shaven, personable 68-year-old, was the model for the forbidding Avram. (McGaw added the beard when she did the illustrations.) Although he doesn't look the part at first glance, he was very taken with the scenes for which he was asked to pose.

"There's a magical transcendence that goes on between grandchildren and grandparents," he said at the book launch this summer. "It's something that transcends time."



Cubby Marcus, the model for a young boy's ancestor in the book *Avram's Gift*, poses beside the portrait that plays a key role in the story. **[Frances Kraft photo]**

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Missionary's talk sparks debate on Mideast

By ALIZA LIBMAN
Special to The CJN

A speech last week by a Christian missionary ignited the latest clash between Arab students and their pro-Israel counterparts at York University.

Seventy-five people attended the talk by Canadian Bruce Balfour, who was invited to York by the Young Zionist Partnership to speak about his recent experiences in Lebanon, where he was imprisoned for allegedly spying for Israel.

Peppering his speech with biblical quotations, Balfour spoke of his quest to replant the cedars of Lebanon as described in the biblical book of Jeremiah.

He said he travelled in and out of Lebanon many times over the course of a number of years, meeting with Lebanese authorities and fundraising to replant the cedars, which, though once plentiful, now only number 17 patches.

Balfour arrived in Beirut on July 10 and was immediately detained by police.

"I kept thinking they were going to question me and then let me go," he said. Instead, Balfour was taken to prison where he was barred from contacting the Canadian embassy and was charged with spying for Israel.

"There's no Israeli stamp in my passport whatsoever," said Balfour, showing the passport to the assembled students. Balfour had previously visited Israel as part of his work with his medical and relief missionary group.

In prison, conditions were hot and cramped, he said, but though he was questioned for hours on end, he was never beaten.

"I was roughed up a few times, but they never beat me," Balfour said.

He said his trial was delayed numerous times by Lebanese authorities. His luggage was also seized and his religious materials were brought before the court to implicate him. He said he was forced to debate the Bible for hours during the trial.

"Probably the best Bible studies I ever had were with these prosecutors in Lebanon," he joked.

Vows never to return to Lebanon

Balfour was convicted of "teaching dangerous ideas" and deported from Lebanon after a 55-day imprisonment. Though he once professed a deep love for Lebanon, which he calls "God's land," he has since vowed he will never return.

Balfour said he is astounded that a man as apolitical as he is was accused of being a threat.

"I was not there to disturb anybody," he said. "I love the Muslims, Christians, Israelis, and Palestinians all the same."

After his speech, Balfour was challenged by students in attendance, who accused Israel of practising the same kind of discrimination against Arab students.

Ali Hassan, president of the Middle Eastern Students Association at York said that "the judicial systems of the Middle East are no secret," and that Balfour was held as a result of his own "false judgement".

"If I went to Israel, I might be held simply on the suspicion of my own Arab name," Hassan charged.

Political science student Rabia Siddiqui came to Hassan's defence, charging that she had attempted to visit Israel and was turned away.

"I was interrogated for five hours," she alleged. "They told me that I caused a threat to Israel."

Many students attempted to rebut the allegations. Philosophy student Adena Phillips said later that many Jewish students were offended by the remarks by Hassan and Siddiqui.

Phillips said she sympathized with Siddiqui, but didn't think her experience was common.

"Of course that happens from time to time," Phillips said. "But the difference is that in Israel, they consider it a tragedy. In Lebanon, this is the law."

The Balfour event follows other Mideast-related incidents at York last winter.

In one, controversial pro-Israel academic Daniel Pipes, who runs a U.S.-based Web site that monitors professors and universities for their approaches to Mideast studies, delivered a speech on campus under heavy security. It was preceded and followed by protests against his appearance, which was sponsored by York's Jewish Student Federation and Hillel.

In a subsequent incident, a woman protesting the looming war in Iraq was charged with assault after a Jewish student said the protester grabbed and kicked her during the demonstration.

YZP chief of operations Yaakov Roth said Balfour's speech was part of the campus group's ongoing agenda to educate people about the realities of the Middle East.

"I don't think the debate was really significant," said Roth, explaining that the YZP expects a hostile reaction any time it runs a program.

"We believe that the conflicts in the Middle East have to be put in a broad perspective," he said. "You have to examine the region as a whole."

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Jewish organizations condemn hijab-related expulsion

By **DAVID LAZARUS**
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Local Jewish organizations joined the outcry last week over news that a student was expelled from a private French-language high school for wearing the hijab, the head scarf worn by Muslim females.

"It is scandalous," Joseph Gabay, president of Canadian Jewish Congress' Quebec region (CJC-Q), said of the Sept. 2 expulsion. "This is totally opposite to the ideals of tolerance and openness that a school is supposed to impress on its students."

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"We would expect that a full investigation would take place, and that disciplinary action be taken against those who have committed this offence," said Stephen Scheinberg, national chair of B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights.

The two Jewish organizations were among others that have condemned the Collège Charlemagne in West Island Pierrefonds for expelling 16-year-old Irène Wassem, who refused to remove her hijab when asked. The school said the head scarf violated the school's dress code allowing only uniforms and nothing on the head.

The Muslim Council of Montreal and the Quebec Human Rights Commission (QMHC) have also criticized the expulsion, with the commission agreeing to investigate it.

The school, whose slogan is "Open to the World," has so far refused to comment on the issue. But late last week, Julie Baudet, administrative assistant to the school's principal, Bernard Laudy, told *The CJN* the school would be issuing a release clarifying its position "in a few days."

In 1995, the QMHC ruled that public school dress codes banning the hijab violated the Quebec Charter of Rights and Freedoms, but it has not ruled on such bans at private schools.

For Gabay, whether the school's decision was legal or not was secondary.

"Look, we are in the human rights business, so this issue is a no-brainer," Gabay said. "From a purely moral point of view, this decision should have been reversed yesterday."

According to a report on CBC News Online, a representative of the United Muslim Students Association said that the Collège Charlemagne had also barred Jewish students from wearing kippot.

Gabay said that if such a ban really happened, it is incumbent on the students to speak up for their rights and/or contact CJC-Q.

Gabay called it a completely "fallacious argument" to defend the hijab ban on the principle of preserving uniformity of dress among the students.

"In my mind, one of the hallmarks of the dress code's uniformity is that freedom of thought still exists despite it. So in a way, banning the hijab, which is freedom of religious thought, goes against the very principles of a dress code."

Steve Slimovitch, a lawyer and senior counsel for B'nai Brith's league, said the expulsion is a "clear violation of Ms. Wassem's right to practise her religion freely."

Since her expulsion, Wassem has been attending the English-language Riverdale School.

Ottawa artist creates Jewish puppets

By **DIANE KOVEN**
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — Artist Aranyani Rosen, who has worked in a variety of media throughout her career, has a new venture: Jewish puppetry.

Originally from Toronto, Rosen has been in Ottawa for nearly a decade. Her extensive artistic experience includes work as an illustrator in both publishing and television. She has worked as a storyboarder for TVO, Hanna Barbera and the BBC, creating her own characters as well as the accompanying script material and music for a variety of shows.

Her recent interest in Jewish themes has taken her work in a new direction. On the 50th anniversary of Israel's independence, Rosen presented a pencil drawing called *The Call of the Shofar* to David Sultan, the former Israeli ambassador to Canada.

Rosen, who is currently making large pencil drawings of several panels, is used to large-scale work. One of her pieces was on display at Beth Sholom Synagogue during the Yom Yerushalayim concert there in 2000.

Rosen has also incorporated Jewish themes into her research on paper cuts. The artist, who has taught a course on Judaic paper cuts at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre (SJCC), says it is a lost art.

"This form of artwork was mostly lost during the Holocaust and there has been a resurgence," Rosen says.

"I want to restore it and bring it to the city of Ottawa."

That was also her motivation behind her puppetry.

"I decided to make some puppets with a Jewish theme as this art was largely lost during the Holocaust as well," she says.

Rosen, who is a member of the Ontario Puppetry Association, says, "I decided to make '*Muppet*-quality' puppets for theatre and television."

She's calling on Jewish artists, singers and storytellers to help her promote "our rich cultural heritage."

Rosen, who is currently recruiting members for her newly created Judaic Puppet Guild, hopes that both amateurs and professionals will be able to work together on a puppet theatre that will showcase Jewish themes to the wider public.

Rosen also hopes to take her puppet skits to local Jewish schools, synagogues and the Jewish Community Centre, and she has plans to teach children and students how to make giant puppets for a Purim parade and puppet show.

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Non-Jews celebrate Rosh Hashanah in Sask.

By LAUREN KRAMER
Special to The CJN

VANCOUVER — It's erev Rosh Hashanah and a crowd of 52 people has gathered to celebrate the Jewish New Year. The tablecloths are white and bathed in candlelight and the food is traditional: round challot, gefilte fish, chicken soup and matzah balls, tzimmes and a honey cake.

It might sound like most Jewish households in Canada, but this is an unusual scene. This is Esterhazy, Sask., where a crowd of non-Jews will gather Friday night in Margie's Corner, a restaurant attached to a gas station owned by 66-year-old Marjorie Toth.

"I want to do Rosh Hashanah in appreciation of the Jewish people that contributed so much to the development of the West," said Toth, who is an observant Lutheran. "The world is all backwards, and in my own small way, I'm trying to promote love and understanding between people of different cultures and religions."

A Swede by descent, Toth learned about Judaism as a teenager, when she worked at Harry's General Store, a shop owned by Harry Markovitch, one of the town's two Jewish families. It was 1954, a time when virtually every town in the prairies had a Jewish merchant or shopkeeper, people who played a vital role in the development of the West. Helping out in the kitchen on the holidays and assisting in the Markovitch family's bar mitzvah celebrations, Toth developed a lifelong appreciation for the Jewish people, their culture and food. Today, she remembers Harry Markovitch as "the best boss I ever had."

She's not alone in her memories. Of the 50 locals who each paid $10 for the homemade Rosh Hashanah dinner, many of them knew the town's Jewish families. This year, they learned about the Jewish traditions associated with the New Year, as Toth explained the significance of the holiday and the traditional food.

"A lot of people don't know any of the Jewish customs at all," Toth said, adding that she hoped to give them "a little education as well."

To make sure she had the menu right, Toth called Markovitch's daughter, Karen Trester, who now lives in Vancouver.

"She wanted to find out what prayers she should say over the candles, and told me my parents were so wonderful that she developed a love of the Jewish people from them," said Trester. "With all the hatred going on in the world with anti-Semitism, I told her it's friends like her that Jews need."

Rosh Hashanah isn't the only holiday that's been celebrated in Margie's Corner, which Toth and her husband purchased three years ago. Last Christmas Eve, she hosted a Ukrainian dinner, and in July, she organized a celebration of First Nations.

While business at her gas station on the corner of highways 9 and 22 in Esterhazy is going slowly, the special events Toth prepares in her restaurant are well-attended.

"I don't like to brag, but the food is very good," she said. "We make everything ourselves. The only thing that's bought is the ketchup."

Former Winnipegger launching two new books

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — For years, Rabbi Neal and Carol Rose and their family have conducted their own alternative High Holy Day services in Winnipeg.

This year, however, there will be one less family member involved.

Their youngest son, Or will be officially launching two new books *God in All Moments*, a collection of chassidic wisdom; and *Abraham Joshua Heschel: Man of Spirit, Man of Action*, a biography of the 20th century rabbi and social activist, written for children ages 9 to 12.

As well, he has been invited to join the teaching staff of the Hebrew College of Boston in its newly opened rabbinical school.

Rose, who left Winnipeg in 1991 to study at Yeshiva University in New York, is currently working on his doctoral thesis at Brandeis University. His area of study is Jewish thought with a focus on Jewish mysticism and theology.

"As a graduate student, I am required to write regularly," he says.

He chose to write a biography of Heschel for children after realizing that at the Abraham Joshua Heschel School in New York where he has been teaching for the last two years, most of the students and many of the staff knew nothing about him.

"There is a large picture of him at the front of the school, and when I asked students who the man in the picture was, most thought he was Albert Einstein."

Rose says that Heschel's life story actually unfolded in a story-book fashion. He was born to a chassidic dynasty in Warsaw, studied at a Zionist institute in pre-war Berlin, came to the United States on a scholar's visa to escape the Nazis, and became a leader in the civil rights movement.

"His religious writings dealt with themes which, when simplified, speak with a spiritual sensitivity that children understand – concepts such as gratitude and life renewal, radical amazement, and experiencing God's presence in nature and in the presence of friends and family," Rose says.

He says he has read excerpts from the 70-page book – published by the Jewish Publication Society – in a few schools in New York and Boston as well as at the annual Cage Conference on Jewish Education in August. The official launch is coming up in November.

The other book, *God in All Moments,* is a compilation of little-known chassidic texts, including words of wisdom for dealing with everyday situations.

Rose translated the writings into English, and wrote an introduction and commentaries on the writings .He collected words of advice from 70 rabbis and sages.

The book, published by Jewish Life, is scheduled to be launched this month.

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Guardian editorial on Iran distorted

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

Every once in a while an editorial appears in a major publication that is so brazen in its obtuseness as to demand our attention. A case in point is "Iran's fears are real," the Sept. 16 lead editorial in Britain's influential *Guardian* newspaper.

First, some background. On Sept. 12, in Vienna, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) voiced its alarm about Iran's suspected nuclear weapons program by giving Tehran an Oct. 31 deadline to disclose its nuclear activities. Iranian diplomats stormed out of the meeting and Iran, instead of answering the charges, threatened to quit the IAEA and even to withdraw from the nuclear non-proliferation treaty itself.

According to a Sept. 13 news report in the *Guardian*, Canada was one of the co-authors of the IAEA resolution (along with Australia and Japan) "asking Iran to suspend all uranium enrichment activities, agree to snap UN inspections, and… provide copious information to the inspectors by the end of October."

Should Iran fail to comply with the terms of the resolution, it would be declared in breach of the nuclear non-proliferation treaty and would, as the report put it, "join North Korea as an international pariah deemed to be building a nuclear bomb."

What began long ago as a largely American (and Israeli) concern with Iran's nuclear ambitions has become a solidly international affair. Britain, whose Tehran embassy has been shot at repeatedly, and other European states are now expressing concern about Iran's nuclear bomb-making efforts.

Whereas evidence of Iraq's suspected nuclear weapons program has still not been uncovered, evidence of Iran's program is irrefutable and mounting.

Nuclear bombs can be made with either uranium or plutonium. The IAEA recently found traces of weapons-grade uranium at a nuclear facility near the town of Natanz, which is a clear violation of the nuclear non-proliferation treaty. And last February, the agency found facilities at Natanz capable of producing enough weapons grade uranium to produce at least two nuclear bombs by 2005. As well, Iran mines its own uranium in the Yazd area, about 1,000 kilometres southeast of Tehran, and it has secretly developed a heavy water plant to produce plutonium near the town of Arak. Iran failed to disclose the Natanz and Arak sites. Information about them came from an Iranian dissident group.

Iran has nuclear weapons program

What's more, with the help of North Korea, Iran has developed a series of Shahab missiles that can deliver non-conventional weapons to Israel and well beyond.

Iran's fundamentalist Shi'ite leaders, especially the heads of the dominant Revolutionary Council, are fanatical in their denunciation of the United States and Israel, boasting of their determination to destroy the Jewish state.

The regime has reportedly given refuge to Al Qaeda terrorists who fled Afghanistan and was behind the Karine-A heavy arms shipment to the Palestinian Authority in January 2002. It also funds Hamas and is the major force behind Hezbollah, described recently in a chilling *New Yorker* profile as the world's most dangerous terrorist organization.

Despite all these facts, including the international alarm over Iran's nuclear program (which was under-reported in the Canadian media), the *Guardian* editorial astonishingly argued that Iran needs atomic weapons as a defence against the threat of "a hostile nuclear-armed Israel."

The *Guardian* also totally whitewashed Iran's horrific record of political and human rights violations. What the *Guardian* did say is that "Iran remains a devoutly observant Islamic republic" whose clerics "have no interest in promoting Al Qaeda type of Sunni fundamentalism," or in supporting international terrorism.

Everything the *Guardian* editorial said is not only counterfactual, it's absurd – a breathtaking example of distortion, whitewashing and omission of details – as revealed in the paper's own news reports. Remarkable.

Paul Michaels is director of communications for the Canada-Israel Committee.

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Canada's passport policy on Jerusalem questioned

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"I was only temporarily shocked to hear that this is the position of the Canadian government. After reflecting somewhat on Canada's voting record at the United Nations on motions against the State of Israel, I realized this was in keeping with their platform. My support for a Liberal government has been thrown into question once again as will my vote in the next federal election," Tannenbaum wrote.

Doiron said "the government's view is that the future status of the city must be agreed on by the parties directly concerned. Once this has been done, the question of birth notations in Canadian passports with respect to Jerusalem will be reviewed in light of the agreement reached."

In the United States, meanwhile, the State Department follows a similar passport policy regarding Jerusalem.

Last month, the *Jerusalem Post* reported, an American-Israeli couple filed a lawsuit against U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, claiming U.S. law requires the State Department to enter their son's place of birth as "Jerusalem, Israel."

The suit alleges that when Naomi Siegman Zivotofsky asked the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv to enter her son's place of birth as "Jerusalem, Israel," she was told that would be contrary to U.S. law.

An issue brief prepared for Congress by the Congressional Research Service and the Library of Congress notes the Senate and House of Representatives passed a policy statement in 1995 that included language that allowed persons born in Jerusalem to name Israel as their birthplace in U.S. passports.

"On Sept. 30, 2002, President George W. Bush said the Jerusalem provisions were advisory only, a position at odds with many in Congress who believed the provisions were binding," the brief stated.

Shimon Fogel, chief executive officer of the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC), said Canada has consistently refused to recognize Israeli sovereignty over Jerusalem, "primarily because UN calls for the international status of Jerusalem pre-empted claims of sovereignty.

"Our position is different, that Jerusalem is the capital of the Jewish state and has served as the capital of no other state for 3,000 years and Canadian policy is misguided."

The CIC, the Jewish community's lobbying arm on Israel, raises the issue of Jerusalem as the No. 1 item on its agenda when it meets with Ottawa lawmakers, Fogel said.

The Canadian government, he continued, should consider Jerusalem Israel's capital."Whatever else happens in the peace process, Israel will always have Jerusalem as its capital. It may share sovereignty, divide Jerusalem differently, but it is incontrovertible that our attachment to Jerusalem will not be compromised and I think it's time for Canada to recognize that."

Ronen Gil-Or, deputy head of mission at the Israeli embassy in Ottawa, said "we believe Jerusalem is part of Israel and, according to Israeli law, the capital of Israel. So there is no basis to differentiate between the two places, Israel and Jerusalem."

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Balfour likely a pawn in Syrian game

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dream to reforest the cedar groves in northern Lebanon. When he arrived in Beirut – sporting a new Canadian passport that did not bear an Israeli stamp – he was taken aside quickly and jailed.

He said he later learned "I had already been convicted" in absentia at an April 2 trial on the collaboration charge. Balfour, 52, was placed in an immigration jail cell that measured three metres by four metres and which at times held 35 men. He was later transferred to the Rouhmi prison.

Lebanese authorities at first refused to contact Canadian diplomats, but Balfour said he managed to sneak a message out of prison with a member of a humanitarian organization. The Lebanese government then lied to Canadian authorities, denying he was in jail. Finally, on July 24, he had his first visit from a Canadian envoy.

Bejjani said nothing in Lebanon happens without Syrian connivance. Their plan to use Balfour as a bargaining chip fell through because of the publicity and because the Canadian government likely concluded a deal with other Lebanese power-brokers, he said.

As for the future, Balfour is urging the Canadian government to consider attaching strings to a $250 million aid package earmarked for Lebanon. Canada should insist the money is properly accounted for or should give it directly to aid agencies and individual Lebanese organizations rather than to the government, he said.

The Legend of *Unetaneh Tokef*

By CHARLES HELLER

The High Holy Days prayer *Unetaneh Tokef* is as famous for its legendary origin as for its stirring text: "The great shofar is sounded… Behold *Yom Hadin* – the Day of Judgement… On Rosh Hashanah it is written and on Yom Kippur it is sealed… who will live and who will die."

This is the legend: A certain Rabbi Amnon of Mainz, in the 11th century, was asked to convert to Christianity. He hesitated before replying, but then regretted that he did not refuse outright, and begged to be tortured as punishment. Dying of his wounds, he was carried into the synagogue, where he improvised the *Unetaneh Tokef*. After his death, he appeared in a dream to the great poet Kalonymus ben Meshullam, who wrote the whole prayer down.

Unfortunately, there are two things wrong here. First of all, this story was not recorded until the 13th century. Why did it take 200 years to be written down? Second, there is no other record of the existence of this Rabbi Amnon. So is it indeed just a legend?

Legends do not appear out of the blue. Something must have actually happened during those terrible times of martyrdom to turn this into legend.

Here's my theory: The key to this story is that the *Unetaneh Tokef* text is based on ancient sources dating back to the time of the Mishnah. The Talmud mentions how we pass before God like sheep, and our deeds are written in a book. (The sounding of the shofar on the Day of Judgement – that is, Rosh Hashanah – dates back to a command in the Torah itself.) Our *Unetaneh Tokef* text was already established by the eighth century, which is the date of a fragment found in the Cairo Genizah that matches Rabbi Kalonymus' text.

The story gets more interesting when we look at some lines of a hymn about Judgement Day written by a Jewish convert to Christianity named Romanos, who lived in the sixth century: "Everything trembles… the books are opened… the angels cry out… the trumpet sounds… God saves like a shepherd."

Through this hymn, the dramatic vision of the Day of Judgement entered Christian liturgy. (Note that our annual Day of Judgement has turned into an apocalyptic event at the end of time.)

Fast forward to the 13th century, where we meet Thomas of Celano, one of the first Franciscan monks. His most famous poem is *Dies Irae*, "Day of Wrath," which is now part of the requiem mass for the dead. It includes the following lines: "What trembling there will be… the book is brought out… the trumpet spreads its wondrous sound… grant me a place among the sheep." We can see immediately how these vivid images are derived from Jewish tradition.

My personal theory about the "Rabbi Amnon" legend is this: Sometime in the 13th century, a Christian scholar writing about the Day of Judgement, maybe even Thomas of Celano himself, persuaded a rabbi to help him with the sources. Afterward, the rabbi was filled with remorse over collaborating with the church at that terrible time, just like Rabbi Amnon, but the twist is that what he felt remorse over was teaching the *Unetaneh Tokef* prayer itself.

Many readers of *The CJN* will be familiar with the *Dies Irae* in the requiems of Mozart and Verdi. There is a particularly stirring setting by Benjamin Britten in his *War Requiem*, which combines the *Dies Irae* with the moving words of Wilfred Owen, the poet of World War I: "Bugles sang, saddening the evening air…"

Charles Heller is choir director at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue in Toronto.

Reflections on the Day of Atonement

By DAVID SCHATZKY

Every year as Yom Kippur approaches, I'm reminded of an error I made as a child, when I thought that the Day of Atonement was the day of "at-one-ment." Half a century later, I now believe atonement and "at-one-ment" are the same thing. How can that be?

To be at one with oneself means accepting who we are in every way: our strengths, weaknesses, desires, achievements, mistakes, failures, frailties and misdemeanours. Yom Kippur is the ideal time to reflect on the totality of our being, to embrace every aspect of ourselves: the good, the bad and the ugly.

It is actually good for the soul – as painful as it may be to get there – to dig deep and question our motives, our goals, our thoughts and our actions – not for the sake of beating ourselves up or falsely humbling ourselves, but to see ourselves clearly, totally, for who we are. It is liberating to drop illusions about ourselves, to be free of self-deception. Yom Kippur is the time when the truth can really set us free.

Unhappiness among top sins of new century

This has nothing to do with confessing sins. Errors of judgement, bad timing, insensitivity towards others and not living up to our own standards all carry their own consequences or punishment. We don't need anyone or anything else to chasten us, when we know, deep down, that we aren't behaving in our own – or other people's – best interests.

Hillel's famous "If I'm not for myself, who will be for me? If I am for myself alone, what am I? If not now, when?" serves as a wonderful guide to assessing our "at-oneness." If we consistently achieve a balance among self-interest, altruism and timing, we can celebrate the Day of Atonement with a degree of well-earned satisfaction.

If, on the other hand, we fall short of Hillel's ideal – and who doesn't – we can examine what it is about us that has brought us to this very human state of imperfection. We can attempt to discover what we need to do to transform our profound imperfections into not quite so profound imperfections.

Atoning can be thought of as attuning ourselves to our best self, and dedicating ourselves to being kinder, gentler, more reliable, open, honest, clear, effective and happy.

Yes, happy. On a list of the sins of the 21st century, unhappiness would be at the head. As Samuel Beckett wrote, "There's nothing funnier than unhappiness." Unhappiness is the failure to accept the ultimate irony of life. We are born to die and condemned to make the best of life in the meantime. This provides lots of opportunity to enjoy the blessings of life, despite the fact – as Ludwig Wittgenstein so pointedly reminds us – "The world is independent of our will." Accepting that liberates us from any illusion that life is easy, predictable, controllable or will go the way we want it to. So we might as well enjoy.

Among other sins-of-our-time that we can recognize on Yom Kippur is under-stimulation. Too often, we're bored or feel empty because we're not doing enough for our minds, bodies, friends, neighbours, communities and the world. We sit like lumps contemplating the unfairness of it all rather than plunging into life and service to others.

Over-stimulation is another sin. We become so dependent on business, duty, obligation, obsessions with beauty, lust, virtue or cleanliness that we can't let go. We ignore the words or feelings of those close to us. That's destructive indeed. On Yom Kippur, reflecting on whether we have lost ourselves and lost contact with others because of our addiction to something else is a worthy and rewarding task.

How will my own atonement or "at-one-ment" proceed this year? I'll work at recognizing my full-frontal avoidance of some lifelong demons that have prevented me from standing on my own two feet. And that has gotten in the way of sustaining intimate relationships that have I deeply craved. I will acknowledge to myself how competitive I am. And how much I've avoided discipline and rigour, to my detriment.

What will you accept about yourself, and then try to change, so that you too this Yom Kippur will be at one with yourself?

Atonement. At-one-ment. They are the same thing.

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עבודתי הביאה אותי החודש לבאזל. חשבתי לעצמי- עיר שוויצרית משעממת- לפחות אלך לבקר את המקום שבו הכריז הרצל על מדינת היהודים. המרפסת המפורסמת במלון שלושת המלכים שבה הצטלם הרצל, עדיין צופה על הריין, בדיוק, על היום, מאה וחמש שנים אחרי הקונגרס הציוני הראשון. את האג'נדה של הקונגרס מצאתי בְּמוזיאון היהודי המקומי והיא כתובה בגרמנית, שהיתה השפה הרשמית של הקונגרס. הקונגרס עצמו התקיים בְּאולם שעדיין עומד על תילו, והיום מְשַׁמֵּש כקאזינו, לא פחות ולא יותר, ואינך יכול שלא לחשוב על ההימור שלקח על עצמו הרצל.

משם הביאה אותי עבודתי, מרחק שעת טיסה, לרומא- והלכתי לראות את שער טיטוס. כמו שאתם יודעים, בְּשער יש תחריט של תהלוכת הניצחון על כיבוש ירושלים, עם שבויים עבריים, ועם מנורת שבעת הקנים שמסמלת את חורבן הבית השני. המראה הזה הוא ללא ספק מזעזע ונוגע ללב גם לְאדם הציוני ביותר. הידיעה שאותה מנורה היא עכשיו סמל מדינת ישראל, ושהרצל התחיל את כל זה- חיברה לי את כל הבלאגן הזה לתמונה אחת.

ועוד אני חושב על מה שראיתי בבאזל וברומא-נפלות עיני על כותרת ראשית בְּ"אינטרנשיונל הראלד טריביון" שאומרת שמדינת ישראל נמצאת על סף אבדון. רק לשים את זה בקונטקסט- העיתון הזה הוא כְּתב העת הכי נקרא בעולם על ידי תיירים. אני ממהר לקרוא במה מדובר ומסתבר שאת הדברים כתב לא אחר מאשר חבר הכנסת אברהם בורג, שעד לפני מספר חודשים היה יו"ר הכנסת. במקורם התפרסמו הדברים בידיעות אחרונות, אך הם תורגמו, כך נאמר, בידיעתו ובהסכמתו של בורג.

כתוב שָׁם את כל מה שאתם מכירים על מדינת ישראל- אבל מכאן ועד אובדן מדינת ישראל עוד הדרך רבה. רק מה- בישראל אין לְמילים הרבה חשיבות-ממילא חצי ממה שאנשים אומרים-הם לא מתכוונים. אנשים אומרים דברים כדי שישימו לב אליהם, הפוך על הפוך, אף אחד לא לוקח ללב. אבל מה אגיד לכם- כשזה מודפס באנגלית, בְּעיתון שקוראים מיליוני אנשים שכן רגילים שמילים מתכוונות למה שהן אומרות- זה נראה נורא. גועל נפש. אבל שישאר בינינו.

כולנו סמבה

אבי לֵב הוא עורך סרטים בכיר ב-סי.בי.סי, אבל אחרי שְׁעות העבודה הוא עוסק בְּחובי שלו-עשיית סרטים. לאחרונה ראיתי סרט חדש שלו שעושה טעם של עוד ומעורר משאלה שאולי היה כדאי שייקח את החובי שלו יותר ברצינות. בסרט "We are Samba" אבי מביא את סיפורה של להקת "בָּטֶרִיָה" מטורונטו, שעוסקת בסמבה. רוב חברי הלהקה אינם מבראזיל, אבל מאוד מאוד ברור שהלהקה הזו נותנת להם את טעם החיים. אבי מלווה קומץ מחברי הלהקה- עורכת דין, נער שליחויות, צייר, נהג רכבת תחתית, ולכולם שינתה הלהקה את החיים.

לא- לא צריך להיות אמני סמבה מדופלמים כדי להתקבל- את הכל מלמדים בלהקה. אבי גם נסע לברזיל וצילם סמבה שם, כולל ההכנות לקרנבל. אבל אין ספק שגולת הכותרת של הסרט הוא קטע בְּמִסְפָּרָה בריו דה ז'נרו, שם מבצע הסַפָּר סָמְבָּה תוך שהוא קוצץ לקליינט את השיער, ועשרה חברה שרים ומנגנים איתו. קטע מדהים.

מעבר לרובד של אהבת הסמבה- הסיפור האמיתי של הסרט הוא איך אנשים שהגיעו לטורונטו מעשרות ארצות ותרבויות שונות נפגשים בצורה כל כך חזקה בְּסמבה. רואים אותם מנגנים בשלג ובגשם, ורואים איך המוסיקה והביחד עושים אותם מאושרים בעיר שכל כך קל להיות בה בודדים ולא שייכים.

יש לאבי עין מדהימה לראות פרטים ולגעת באנשים דרך המצלמה. אין לי ספק שזה שהוא בעצמו בא מארץ קטנה בסוף העולם גורם לו להיות רגיש ולראות את השונה והמשותף בְּדרך שקנדי רגיל אולי לא יכול לראות. מבריק. אני מקווה שהסרט יגיע למסכים במהרה, ואם לא- נצטרך לעשות משהו בעניין.

שנה טובה

עוד שנה עברה. שיהיה לכם את כל מה שאתם מייחלים, ובעיקר בריאות ושלוות נפש. ושישראל תתחיל לראות קְצה של תקוות אחרי שנה כל כך איומה. ואם לצטט את שמעון זר אביב בְּמשפט שאהוב עליי: תשמרו על עצמכם, ותשמרו אחד על השני.

Symbolic foods to break the fast

By BEVERLY LEVITT
Special to The CJN

In our family, the break-the-fast dinner of Yom Kippur is the most anticipated meal of the year. Of course, one reason for the expectation is that we've just spent the last 25 hours fasting.

The other is that as soon as the sun goes down and the shofar is blown for the last time, it's only a matter of minutes before we can feast upon my mama and grandma's delicacies – fresh challah, gefilte fish, pickled herring in sour cream, kugels, zimsterne cookies and persimmon pudding, plus special fish, fruits and vegetables cooked into dishes because they symbolize good luck, happiness and abundance in the coming year.

The two matriarchs love planning and serving this colourful meal. And the children love teasing about what each dish symbolizes, then giggling hysterically when they're told grandpa is served a fish's head because he's the head of the family.

One of the true miracles of this holiday is that mama and grandma, even though they've been sitting in synagogue all day with the rest of us, are bustling about the kitchen when we get home. Dazzling smells waft through the house, and special drinks wait on the table to quench our thirst. Although we are exuberant, our mouths are parched and our bodies weak.

Grandpa loves to talk about his first fast in Lithuania, when he was 13. He slips into Yiddish as he relates how, days before the fast, he would choose a ripe apple, stick whole cloves into it, and keep it in his pocket to use as homemade smelling salts if he felt faint. On the way home from synagogue, he ate it.

With our family finally gathered around the table, grandpa and papa say *Kiddush*, then they dip challah and apples into honey for a sweet year, and the dinner begins.

What I love the most about this ceremonial meal is that it has been passed down in our family from generation to generation. I love looking around the room, thinking back to the dinners of our ancestors and forward to the meals of my children's children's children. And then someone interrupts me to please pass the horseradish.

Although Jews all over the world eat symbolic foods on Yom Kippur, each country interprets this differently.

Moroccan Jews, and Jews from the island of Curacao, break the fast by drinking coffee topped with a fluffy mixture of beaten egg yolks and sugar. Jews from Greece say that lemonade quenches thirst better than anything else, while Iraqis eat hariri, a sweet non-dairy milk made of almonds.

One of the oldest and most widespread customs is the eating of sweet foods, particularly honey, to symbolize a universal hope that life will be sweet in the coming year. Dried fruit, sugar, and honey are used to sweeten main courses, salads, vegetables and of course, desserts. Dates appear in all kinds of recipes, because they are sweet. They're also symbols of beauty and peace.

Fish is served as a token of wisdom, fortune and fertility. Whole, baked fish – especially carp, with the head intact – reminds us that we should strive to be at the head of our peers and an example of righteousness to all. It is also a symbol of immortality, except among the Iraqi Jews, who don't eat it during the holiday because the Hebrew name for fish is similar to the word for worry.

Blessings are said over plentiful, seasonal vegetables because they are considered symbols of abundance. Glazed carrots cut into circles remind us of gold coins, leeks are eaten for luck, and large winter squash symbolize the hope that we may grow in fullness of blessing.

Other foods are eaten because their Hebrew names are puns on words in holiday prayers. Israelis cook ordinary green "bottle" squash into a special dish because bottle sounds like part of the prayer asking that our enemies be chopped down. We eat dates because the word sounds like part of the blessing in which we ask to be cleansed of sin.

Certain foods are avoided for the same reason. Ashkenazi Jews won't eat sweet and sour foods or nuts because the Hebrew name equals that of sin in Jewish numerology. And the words sweet and sour, in translation, could forecast trials and tribulations in the coming year. Foods such as olives and eggplant are also avoided because the words are a symbol of darkness or evil.

GLAZED CARROT COINS

8 large carrots, sliced in rounds
salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
1 tbsp. butter
½ tsp. dry mustard
½ tsp. fresh ginger, grated
½ tsp. nutmeg, freshly grated
2 tsp. honey
1 tbsp. freshly squeezed lemon juice
½ cup freshly squeezed orange juice
1 tsp. orange zest
2 tbsp. fresh chives, minced

Simmer carrots in boiling water until almost tender. Combine salt, pepper, butter, mustard, ginger, nutmeg, honey, lemon juice, orange juice and orange zest in saucepan; cook at medium heat 1 minute, just to heat through. Pour over carrots. Simmer until carrots are glazed, about 1 minute. When ready to serve, top with chives.

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1½ tbsp. freshly squeezed lemon juice
2 tbsp. minced parsley
pinch of sugar
pinch of salt and freshly ground pepper
1 pound fresh green beans

Clean and drain leeks well to remove all loose dirt. Slice crosswise into ½-in. pieces and set aside. Sauté onions in olive oil over medium-high heat. When they are tender but not browned, add leeks, simmer, stirring often, about 5 minutes longer. Add remaining ingredients, except green beans, stir gently to combine. Simmer 10 minutes. Gently stir in green beans, simmer covered 8 to 10 minutes until vegetables are tender. Serve warm. Or to serve in the Turkish manner, serve chilled. Serves 6-8.

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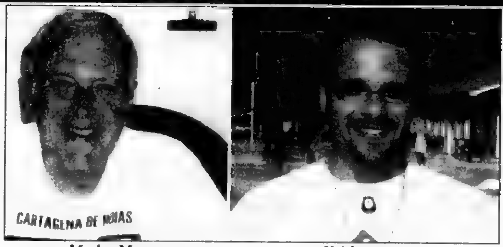

Morley Mason **Keith Mason**

The Board of Directors of Camp B'Nai Brith of Ottawa (CBB) is pleased to announce the appointment of Morley Mason to the new position of "Executive Director" of CBB. This new position will enable Morley to oversee and mentor the new "Camp Director at Camp" for the 2004 camp season. In addition to being Camp Director at CBB for 20 years, Morley has experience as a

- Camp Inspector for the Ontario Camping Association,
- school administrator for Ottawa Board of Education,
- school administrator in Hong Kong,
- school administrator of High and elementary school of 2,000 pupils in Abu Dahabit (UAE)
- former wilderness canoe tripper
- high school and university basketball player and coach
- high school and university football player

We are pleased that Morley has accepted this position with the Camp.

The Board of Directors of Camp B'Nai Brith of Ottawa (CBB) is please to announce the appointment of Keith Mason as "Camp Director at Camp" for the upcoming 2004 camp season.

Born and raised in Ottawa, Keith attended Barrhaven and Greenbank elementary schools. He graduated from Sir Robert Borden High School (SRB), and was captain of SRB's junior and senior football teams. He also played football for Carleton University. Keith lived in Israel at Kibbutz Revivim for over one year.

Keith has a variety of experience at overnight camps, including over 20 years experience at CBB. He has been a supervisor of A boys, B boys, Pathfinders, CIT's. He has worked in Judaica, transportation, tripping and the waterfront. For the past two summers, Keith has been the Assistant Director at CBB in charge of CIT's and Special Events.

Keith is a graduate of George Brown College, where he majored in Child and Youth Work. He has worked as a Behavioural Teaching Assistant, as a Behavioural Consultant at Peel Board of Education, with children in crisis, young offenders, and presently as a Team Leader for children and youth programming for Parks and Recreation in Victoria, British Columbia.

Keith has a "hands on" approach to dealing with campers and he likes to maintain close contact with their parents. He and his wife, Laura, are looking forward to moving back to the capital region in the near future.

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Ottawa doctor pioneers DNA collection, storage

By DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — Thanks to television, movies, not to mention recent large-scale human tragedies, most of us are familiar with DNA identification.

Crime stories show how long-forgotten "cold cases" can be revived and solved using DNA matching. And we've read of the ethical debate about forcing accused criminals to submit DNA samples to be stored and tested for past and future crimes.

Underlying the debates over its uses is the question of how DNA can be easily collected and reliably stored, and Ottawa's Dr. Chaim Birnboim has been instrumental in solving those problems.

Originally from Winnipeg, Birnboim began his scientific career at Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. in Chalk River, Ont., where he developed technology that has been used around the world in DNA interpretation.

In 1984, he moved to Ottawa to become head of the research program at the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre. The author of three patents and more than 90 scientific papers, he was named "Innovator of the Year" in 2002 by the National Research Council.

While looking for an easy and reliable method of collecting DNA samples from patients during colon cancer surgery, Birnboim came up with an idea for an alcohol-based fixation technique that acts like formaldehyde but is even more reliable and useful for pathologists because it doesn't damage DNA.

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In 1998, five years after he first began work on GenoFix, Birnboim and a partner set up a company to develop and market his discovery, and DNA Genotek Inc. was born.

"Very few people were doing this in the early years when I was working on GenoFix," said Birnboim.

"There has been a big push at universities across the country to combine science and business. It has become more respectable for academic scientists to do so."

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For more information about Birnboim and the company, visit its Web site at www.dnagenotek.com.

About Nutrition

By LISA WEINBERG

Q. I am making dinner for a large group this year on *Kol Nidrei*. What is the best thing to serve before the fast?

A. You want to serve a combination of foods that take longest to digest so that you feel full as long as possible, and also drink a lot of water to avoid getting thirsty. Make sure it's water not juice, alcohol or pop or other drinks that contain sugar and sodium that can make you thirsty.

In terms of what foods to combine, you should have a substantial serving of lean protein, so chicken, fish or turkey would be great. Have some complex carbohydrates, such as brown rice, barley, legumes, whole wheat pasta or whole wheat couscous; and lots of hearty vegetables like broccoli, cauliflower, brussels sprouts or carrots.

Avoid a lot of white sugar and white flour foods like challah and desserts. For dessert serve berries rather than melon, and if you need dessert, make either oatmeal cookies or a banana bread with whole wheat flour. Have an easy fast.

Q. I have heard that honey is a healthier alternative to sugar. Is this true? Does it have as many calories?

A. Honey does contain some minerals – calcium, phosphorus, iron and potassium, but only trace amounts. Like sugar, honey is a pure carbohydrate source and actually contains more calories per tablespoon. Honey has 18 more calories per tablespoon than refined white sugar. Honey however does have superior flavour to sugar in many foods, so continue to enjoy it – in moderation of course.

Q. I have heard that honey is unsafe for young children. Is this a fact?

A. Honey is unsafe for all children under one year of age. Honey can contain spores of botulism, a bacteria that can give off deadly toxins and that babies do not have have sufficient resistance to. Avoid giving honey to all babies, and watch for it in yogurt, vanilla ice cream, bread, cereals and baked goods.

Q. I have been working at improving the balance in my family's dinner. I cut back on desserts and have reduced the volume and type of carbs that I serve. I am getting complaints though now that everyone is hungry. What else can I serve?

A. Soup is a great solution this time of year. It is filling, nutritious and easy to make or buy. Just avoid cream soups. I think you'll find this to be a great solution.

Lisa Weinberg is a registered dietitian/nutritionist in Toronto, in private practice and at the Genesis Professional Group. If you have any nutrition questions, please send them to The CJN.

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Belgian court throws out cases against Sharon, Yaron

By SHARON SADEH
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

BRUSSELS — Belgium's highest court Sunday threw out war crimes complaints against Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Defence Ministry Director General Amos Yaron for their involvement in the 1982 Sabra and Shatilla massacres in Beirut, as well as a case against former U.S. president George Bush Sr. and U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell for war crimes during the first Gulf War.

The *Cour de Cassation* ruling puts an end to attempts to prosecute foreign leaders in Belgium for war crimes based on complaints filed by private citizens from foreign countries, and is expected to soothe Belgium's diplomatic relations with Israel and the United States, which had hit their lowest points in decades.

The Israeli embassy in Brussels said, "The ruling will enable us to rehabilitate the relations between the two nations."

The cases were based on a Belgian "universal jurisdiction law" that allowed complaints alleging genocide and war crimes against foreign leaders to be filed by non-Belgians about events that took place abroad.

The law was drastically amended over the summer to avoid politically motivated complaints. A group of Palestinians lodged the complaint against Sharon, and earlier this year, the government temporarily withdrew its ambassador from Brussels.

The complaints against Bush, Powell and U.S. Vice-President Dick Cheney were filed on behalf of seven Iraqi victims of the 1991 Gulf War.

Cheney served as the U.S. defense secretary during the war, while Powell was chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.

Annoyed by the spate of such cases against Americans, Washington said the NATO alliance would have to move out of the Belgian capital because of the law. Belgian Foreign Minister Louis Michel said Sunday it was "a fact that as long as complaints based on the universal jurisdiction law were not thrown out, we cannot resume [high level] official contacts with the U.S."

Last Tuesday, a lower Belgian court upheld an earlier decision to drop a war crimes complaint against U.S. Iraq war commander Gen. Tommy Franks, rejecting an appeal by a lawyer representing 17 Iraqi and two Jordanian civilians.

Under intense diplomatic pressure, the government passed a law that allows cases to be brought only if the victim or suspect is a Belgian citizen or long-term resident at the time of the alleged crime. It also guarantees diplomatic immunity for world leaders and other government officials visiting Belgium.

The biggest change is dropping the "universal jurisdiction" in the 1993 law, which had resulted in politically embarrassing complaints against U.S. officials, British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Sharon, among others. The new law brings it in line with those in the rest of western Europe.

Iran warns Israel not to strike nuclear plants

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

WASHINGTON — Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharazi, saying his country has no program to produce weapons of mass destruction, warned Israel that Iran would respond to any strike on its nuclear facilities.

In an interview aired Sunday on ABC's *This Week*, Kharazi said the possibility of an Israeli military strike on its nuclear program was "a threat, no question."

Israel has warned that Iran's nuclear program poses a threat to the world and was reportedly considering such a strike if Iran is pursuing a nuclear option.

"Israel knows if it commits such an action, it would be reacted," Kharazi said. He declined to be more specific, saying simply that "there will be a response" if Israel launches such a strike.

Iran faces mounting pressure to prove it is not developing nuclear weapons. Diplomats in Vienna last week said the UN nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), had discovered traces of weapons-grade enriched uranium at a second site in Iran.

The IAEA has given Tehran until Oct. 31 to prove it does not have a secret atomic arms program or be reported to the United Nations Security Council for possible sanctions.

On Saturday, U.S. President George W. Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin demanded Tehran give up any ambitions to build nuclear weapons.

Early last week, Iran paraded six of its newly deployed medium-ranged missiles, which military analysts say could reach Israel or U.S. bases in the Gulf.

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Israel & the Jewish World

Islamic Jihad claims responsibility for Negohot attack that killed two

By AMOS HAREL
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JERUSALEM — Islamic Jihad has claimed responsibility for a shooting attack in the West Bank settlement of Negohot last Friday, in which two Israelis, one of them a baby girl, were killed and two others lightly wounded, Israel Radio reported Sunday.

Killed in the attack were Eyal Yiberbaum, 27, and seven-month-old Shaked Avraham.

Palestinian sources identified the gunman as 22-year-old Mahmoud Hamedan from the village of Durrah, south of the West Bank city of Hebron. Hamedan was released from an Israeli prison two months ago, after serving a 14-month sentence.

At about 9:30 p.m. on Friday, the gunman infiltrated the isolated settlement from the northwest, through an area not enclosed by a fence.

Armed with an M-16 assault rifle, he knocked on the door of one of the homes at the edge of the settlement. Yiberbaum, who was visiting the home for Rosh Hashanah, opened the door and was critically wounded when the gunman opened fire. He died a short time later.

The owner of the house and a soldier opened fire at the gunman, who tried to escape, firing a number of rounds while running outside. Shots hit another home and critically wounded the baby, who also died a short while later.

An army reserve unit that rushed to the scene killed the gunman.

The wounded man and woman were taken to Barzilai Hospital in Ashkelon; the woman was released to her home over the weekend.

Security forces scoured the area for other gunmen after reports were received that a second man had fled the scene. No evidence was found to back the report.

Security sources told Israel Radio on Saturday that the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) would find the perpetrators of Friday's attack.

Government officials blamed President Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority for not stopping such violence, but refused to say whether Israel would now speed up efforts to expel Arafat.

"We have information that the Palestinian Authority has not done anything in the last few days to deter these terrorist organizations from carrying out their atrocities during the religious holidays," said Avi Pazner, an Israeli government spokesperson.

Friday's attack in the settlement of Negohot came as Jews in Israel were celebrating the first night of Rosh Hashanah.

"The Palestinians have started the Jewish New Year with another bloody terrorist attack," said David Baker, an official in the Prime Minister's Office. "It's obvious that they've taken a New Year's resolution to continue with their trail of terror against Israel. The Palestinian Authority still refuses to take the necessary steps to rein in the terror and prevent such attacks from happening."

"This shows again the ugly face of Palestinian terrorists," said Jonathan Peled, an Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesperson. "It shows they are totally oblivious to the sanctity of life, the sanctity of religion. This is a barbaric act that raises a question about whether we have a partner on the other side."

In March, two Palestinians tried to infiltrate the settlement but were killed by IDF troops before they could carry out an attack. A general alert was given, and soldiers backed by a local emergency response squad attacked the two Palestinians and killed them. They were found to be carrying assault rifles and grenades, and one had an explosives belt. They had presumably planned to carry out a suicide bombing. No Israeli injuries were reported.

That attack took place a short while after two other Palestinian terrorists dressed as religious Jews entered the West Bank settlement of Kiryat Arba, shot a couple walking by the security fence and then killed a married couple in their home before being killed by IDF soldiers. Security sources believed the two attacks had been co-ordinated to be simultaneous.

Hamas claimed responsibility for both attacks.

Clarification

The article headlined "Arrested and Imprisoned in Egypt" in the Rosh Hashanah Supplement (*CJN*, Sept. 25) should have said that Tanya Pardo approached the French consulate in 1948 and asked for help in getting her husband released from prison, because she remembered that in the past it had intervened to assist non-Jewish prisoners. However, when she approached consular officials, she was told they would not become involved because it might jeopardize a commercial treaty between France and Egypt.

The Week in Israel

Sept. 22
• Israeli fighter pilots "downed" more than 100 German planes in joint exercises with German pilots. The drills, which took place in Italy earlier this month, showcased superior Israeli dogfighting skills. Sources did not provide figures for the number of Israeli planes "lost." In 2001, Israeli top guns bested U.S. counterparts in 220 out of 240 aerial training engagements, according to *Jane's Defense Weekly*.

Sept. 23
• Israel said Fatah leader Marwan Barghouti will not be part of a prisoner-release deal that has been rumoured between Israel and Hezbollah.

Sept. 24
• The family of missing Israeli airman Ron Arad is suing Lebanese guerrilla leader Mustafa Dirani, who is charged with having delivered Arad to Iran. The family filed a $23 million (US) lawsuit against Dirani in Tel Aviv District Court. *(Later in the week, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon hinted that Israel may trade terrorists held in Germany to obtain Arad's release.)*

Sept. 25
• Staff Sergeant Avihu Keinan, 22, from Shiloh, was killed and five others wounded while a three-year-old Palestinian girl and four armed Palestinians were killed and several others wounded during Israel Defense Forces operations in Hebron and Gaza.

Sept. 26
• A full closure was imposed on the West Bank and Gaza Strip late Thursday, ahead of Rosh Hashanah. The closure has been put in place due to fears that Palestinian militants plan to carry out an attack during the holiday. Palestinians will, however, be allowed to enter Israel for humanitarian reasons.

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Dissenting pilots to be called in for questioning

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JERUSALEM — Defence Minister Shaul Mofaz said Monday there would be no punitive measures taken against pilots who express regret for signing a letter of refusal to carry out operations in the territories.

The letter, signed by 27 active, reserve and retired pilots in the Israel air force, said they were opposed to carrying out "illegal and immoral" operations in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"We, for whom the IDF [Israel Defence Forces] and the air force are an integral part of our being, refuse to continue to hit innocent civilians… The continued occupation is critically harming the country's security" and moral fibre, it added.

In a stormy debate held by the Knesset plenum, Mofaz said that each pilot who signed would be called in for questioning, and whoever showed contrition would be forgiven. He said any pilot "who fails to recognize that he is mistaken" would be forced to carry out other tasks in the air force.

"A soldier has no right to refuse a legal order, and the IDF issues only legal orders," Mofaz said. He accused the dissenting pilots of signing the letter for political reasons, of distorting facts and of deceiving the public.

On Sunday, the signatories of the letter were joined by IAF fighter pilot Lt.-Col. Eli, who serves as a flight instructor together with Colonel Yiftah Spector, one of the original signatories. Eli said he decided to sign after IAF Chief Maj.-Gen. Dan Halutz's announcement that harsher measures would be taken against flight instructors who signed, saying they were not "the people who should educate the next generation of pilots."

Earlier Sunday, Colonel Ran, another one of the original signatories, said he regretted signing and had changed his mind.

In a letter to the IAF chief, the active-duty pilot wrote that he signed the letter due to pent-up feelings of bitterness over the occupation, but that it was now clear to him that the path he took was wrong, causing his family and friends to view him as a "refusenik" though "he was not one." He stressed that he "has never refused to carry out a command."

Ran's move came after a slew of criticism of the letter from government figures and from fellow pilots. In response, the pilots who signed said that his reversal demonstrates the extreme difficulty each member has faced in making the decision.

South African minister defends Israel

By YOSSI MELMAN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

TEL AVIV — The Israeli occupation is not "apartheid," despite contrary claims made by Palestinian leaders and their supporters in the European left and the Third World, says South Africa's minister for home affairs.

"The Israeli regime is not apartheid. It is a unique case of democracy," Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said in an interview with *Ha'aretz* last week at a conference marking former Israeli prime minister Shimon Peres' 80th birthday.

"Armed struggle and violence do not solve problems, only create them, and generate more violence, in a vicious circle of revenge and counter revenge, as happened [in South Africa]," he said.

Buthelezi is a perennial rival of the African National Congress (ANC) ruling party in South Africa. A member of the ANC before it opted for armed struggle after Nelson Mandela's arrest in the 1960s, he abandoned the movement and in 1975 founded the Inkatha Freedom Party, which he still leads. ANC leaders accused him of splitting the black consensus in South Africa and tried to persuade him to support the use of political violence, but he remained firm.

Buthelezi, who recently set up a new political bloc with Tony Leon, the leader of the Democratic Union, intends to challenge President Thabo Mbeki in presidential elections next April.

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Population growth slips below 2% in 2002 as Jewish majority grows grayer

By AMIR TEIG
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Israel's population at the end of 2002 was 6,631,000, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported on the eve of the Jewish New Year.

The 2002 data show that the population growth rate was 1.9 per cent. This, statistics bureau officials say, is close to the rate recorded in Israel during the 1980s in the years before the wave of immigration from the former Soviet Union.

Regular population growth, they add, comes from nature, not from immigration. The 2002 statistics record 95,000 births and 34,000 deaths and point to a slight, yet persistent proportionate decline in the Jewish population. At the end of 2002, Jews were 76.8 per cent of the population compared to 77.2 per cent the previous year.

On the other hand, in 2002, Arabs made up 19 per cent of the population, roughly the same percentage as when the state was founded.

In 2002, the Jewish population's growth rate was 1.4 per cent, virtually the same growth rate as 2001. Last year, the Muslim sector's growth rate was high, at 3.4 per cent; the Druze rate was 2.1 per cent, and Christian Arab growth rate was 1.3 per cent.

There were some 1.9 million households in Israel in 2002. Most of these, 1.5 million, were family households, while the remaining 356,000 were people who live alone. Some 20 per cent of the households in the Jewish sector have single people, while in the Arab population, the figure is just five per cent.

The vast majority of households, 85 per cent, are Jewish, with just 13 per cent being Arab. The high proportion of Jewish households results from their smaller size – on average, a Jewish household has 3.1 people, compared to 5.1 for Arabs.

The Jewish majority is the oldest population sector in Israel. About 12 per cent of Jews in the country are 65 and older, and of those, some 46 per cent are over 75. The Muslim population is the youngest, with just three per cent being older than 65.

Population density in Israel has risen steadily over the years. In 2002, the density figure was quite high, at 299 people per square kilometre. The density when Israel was founded in 1948 was 43 people per square kilometre.

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Israel's resolve to 'remove' Arafat backfires

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Mideast Analysis

Israel's recent decision to oust Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat from office marks its latest foray into ostracizing him. But like all its previous efforts to sideline Arafat, this attempt also seems to have backfired.

Last month, amid mounting tensions between Israel and the Palestinians, the Israeli cabinet decided in principle to "remove" the 74-year-old Arafat. Israel's rationale was that he is an insurmountable obstacle to peace.

The decision, though politically significant, was vague in terms of Israel's intentions and timing. Would he be exiled, further isolated or simply assassinated?

Israel's deputy prime minister and former mayor of Jerusalem, Ehud Olmert, upped the ante by suggesting that killing Arafat is a possibility. The foreign minister, Silvan Shalom, countered with a statement that the physical elimination of Arafat is not official Israeli policy.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who has branded Arafat a murderer and pathological liar and likened him to Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, was conspicuously silent during the debate over Arafat's future. But last week, he reiterated his desire to "remove" Arafat.

Israel's resolve to remove Arafat – the ultimate survivor – from the scene is nothing new. Before and after becoming prime minister, Sharon consistently dismissed Arafat, his longtime nemesis, as a possible negotiating partner.

When the Palestinian uprising escalated in 2001, Israel confined Arafat to his compound in Ramallah, partly demolished it and destroyed his fleet of helicopters.

As well, Sharon declared Arafat "irrelevant" and began boycotting all but a few foreign diplomats who had visited him in Ramallah.

Israel's newest campaign to render Arafat irrelevant was initiated by Shaul Mofaz, the defence minister and former chief of staff.

In mid-August, prior to the breakdown of the *hudna*, the temporary ceasefire renounced by Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade in August, Mofaz accused Arafat of encouraging attacks against Israel.

On Sept. 2, a day after Israel declared an all-out war on Hamas, Mofaz said Israel had made "a historic mistake by not expelling him two years ago," and declared he must "disappear from the stage of history."

On Sept. 12, a day after Israel formally decided to remove Arafat, Israeli newspapers published a story disclosing that an elite Israel Defence Forces unit had been ready to snatch Arafat from his headquarters during Operation Defensive Shield in the spring of 2002.

Israel's formal decision to remove him seems to have strengthened Arafat, who is widely regarded as the iconic guardian of modern Palestinian nationalism and a shrewd politician.

By all appearances, Arafat's stock has risen, both among the Palestinian masses and in the international arena.

Palestinians have staged vigils in front of his compound, promising to protect him from harm. It hardly matters whether these love-ins were fabricated or genuine.

More importantly, Arafat wields full authority over the PA once again. Arafat forced his first prime minister and rival, the hapless and ineffectual Mahmoud Abbas, to resign after refusing to cede control of the all-powerful security forces. Ahmed Qureia, Abbas' would-be successor, is completely beholden to Arafat. Israel has gone on record as saying it will not cooperate with "anyone taking orders directly from Arafat." So that leaves the already tattered road map peace plan in shreds.

On the world stage, Israel's determination to rid itself of Arafat has plainly failed. The Arab world has condemned Israel's policy, the European Union has described it as a "terrible mistake," and the United Nations has urged Israel to drop its threat against Arafat.

Even the United States, Israel's ally, has warned Israel not to expel or kill Arafat. Washington, as U.S. President George W. Bush said last week, considers Arafat a "failed leader" who has "betrayed" the Palestinian cause and undermined the road map.

Yet the Bush administration believes that Arafat's expulsion or assassination would turn him into a martyr, leave a dangerous political vacuum in Palestinian autonomous areas (which have been re-occupied by Israel) and bolster the fortunes of rejectionist elements who abhor the prospect of reconciliation and peace.

Israel, therefore, is stuck for now with Arafat, a man who has survived crises, wars and even an airplane crash.

Palestinian author Said dies

Jewish Telegrapahic Agency

NEW YORK — Edward Said, a leading advocate for the Palestinian cause and a Columbia University professor, died late last Wednesday at a New York hospital after a long battle with leukemia.

The author of more than a dozen books, Said, who was 67, was an outspoken critic of Israel who used his intellectual standing to promote the Palestinian cause.

Born in Jerusalem, raised in Cairo and educated in the United States, Said had been a professor of English and comparative literature at Columbia since 1963. The publication of his memoir several years ago caused a stir when it turned out that he had fabricated a significant part of his family history in an attempt to paint Israel in a bad light. He lied about his family being forced out of its Jerusalem home by the Haganah on the eve of Israel's 1948 War of Independence. They had, in fact, left voluntarily for Egypt before the war.

More recently, Said was photographed throwing rocks at Israeli soldiers along the Lebanon border.

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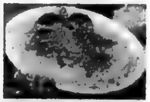

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The Gates of Heaven

A Chassidic Legend

Rabbi Yisrael ben Eliezer, known as the Baal Shem Tov (which means Master of the Good Name), was the founder of the Jewish philosophy known as Chassidut. His teachings emphasized the importance of prayer, loving G-d, and loving all Jews. He lived in Ukraine and Poland from 1698 - 1760.

"What am I doing here? Why did I come?" Itzik wondered to himself, as his eyes aimlessly wandered around the synagogue, from his father sitting next to him to a fly buzzing lazily in the open window. *So it's Yom Kippur. Maybe things would be a little better if I had some idea how to pray.*

Itzik had been a shepherd for his father's flock since he was very young. He had never learned how to pray. He hadn't even learned how to read. Now he sat in a synagogue for the first time in his life, with the distinct feeling that he was wasting his time. He looked around again. In the front of the synagogue, swathed in a white shawl, stood a man who seemed to be leading the prayers. In front of him was a stand on which his prayerbook rested, and in front of that, on the front wall of the synagogue, hung a large, white curtain. He wondered what it was there for. There were words on the curtain, words that Itzik couldn't read. *Why did I come? What was the point?* He remembered how he had begged his father to let him come. Now he felt like running away.

Something was happening. A man approached the white curtain, and pulled it open, revealing a set of doors, which he opened as well. As he did so, everybody stood up. Awkwardly, Itzik stood up as well. Everybody began singing a haunting chant. Some of them were crying.

Itzik turned to his father. "What's going on?"

"Itzik," his father responded. "On Rosh Hashana God judged the world and everyone in it. Today is Yom Kippur, and this is our last chance — the gates of Heaven are closing."

"I...I don't know how to pray. What should I be doing?"

"Look Itzik, you just stand up when the other people stand and sit down when they do, and **keep quiet**."

"But I don't even understand what they're saying!"

"Itzik, shhh! You want the whole place to know that you're a fool?"

Itzik was silent. But inside, his thoughts tormented him. *Why can't I also pray to God? If only I knew how!*

Everybody sat down, and Itzik absentmindedly joined them, but his mind was elsewhere. He barely saw the rabbi get up to address the congregation, and, lost in his reverie, didn't hear what he was saying.

Rabbi Yisrael looked lovingly at the assembled people, but his face was clouded with worry. "My dear children," he said, "our prayers are not getting through the gates of Heaven — the gates are sealed. We must try harder. We must pray from the bottom of our hearts. Only then will we be able to break open the Gates of Heaven." He returned to his place, and the prayers resumed, more intensely than ever.

Itzik wasn't listening. *I wish I could pray to God. I wish there was some way I could reach out to Him. I bet God doesn't just take prayers in Hebrew. But what do I say to God? I bet God wants me to pray to Him in my own way. But what is that? There's only one thing I know how to do: take the sheep to water, let them drink and whistle to call them back — that's it! I can whistle! I can whistle to God!*

And he did!

He didn't notice that the synagogue had fallen silent as the people gaped at him. He didn't see that his dumbstruck father had gone crimson with shame. He was whistling to God. He was whistling to his God.

"**ITZIK!**" roared his father. "What are you doing?"

Abruptly, Itzik stopped, and looked up at his enraged father. A wave of humiliation enveloped him as he realized what he had done.

But Rabbi Yisrael beamed at him radiantly and announced, "Our prayers have just been accepted. This boy has opened up the gates of Heaven."

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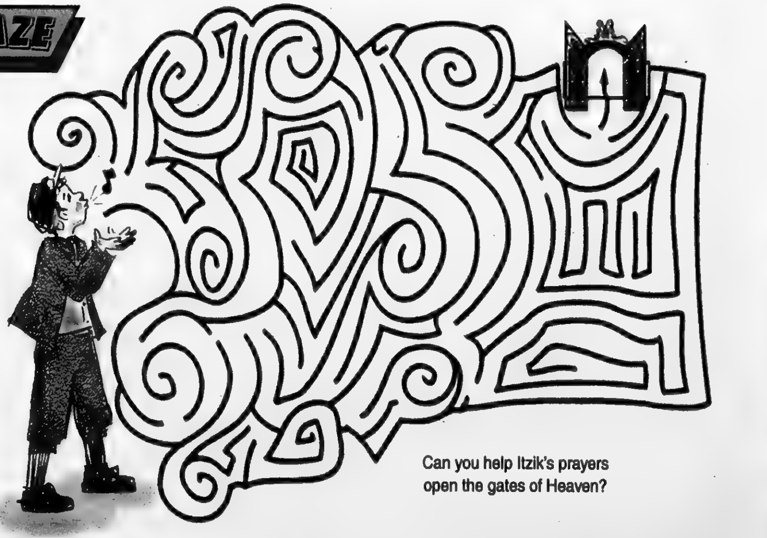

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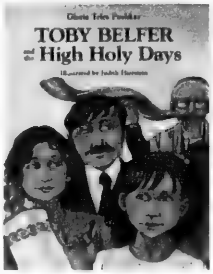
A time to say we're sorry

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

When we think about Rosh Hashanah, we think about apples and honey, wonderful meals, going to the synagogue with our friends and family, and hearing the shofar. But there is another part of the holy day that is just as important.

We are supposed ask forgiveness from anyone we might have hurt in any way over the year, and if possible, to make it up to them. Of course, just as we hope that God will forgive our sins,we forgive anybody who has done anything to us that we don't like.

Toby Belfer, in the book *Toby Belfer and the High Holy Days* by Gloria Teles Pushker, with illustrations by Judith Hierstein (Pelican Books, 2001) understands that, and takes it very seriously. When her friend Donna comes to visit her, Toby says, "Donna, if I've done anything to hurt your feelings, I'd like to say I'm sorry."


Gloria Teles Pushker
TOBY BELFER and the High Holy Days
Illustrated by Judith Hierstein

She realizes that she has hurt Donna's brother's feelings by teasing him. She offers to read him some books from the school library. "Sometimes you should do more than just say you're sorry," she says.

Toby tells Donna about Rosh Hashanah, what happens at the services, how the family celebrates at home and about honey cake and apples and honey.

She also tells her about Yom Kippur. Donna explains what Jews do on these holidays, but she also explains why. For instance she tells Donna that fasting "is their way of saying they are sorry for promises broken and for breaking God's rules like honouring parents and teachers and being truthful. They are showing their repentance by fasting."

Don't think that *Toby Belfer and the High Holy Days* is a really really serious and solemn book. Toby's dog Windy has so much fun listening to Toby and Donna, that she brings her puppies to listen too – and they look just like Windy!

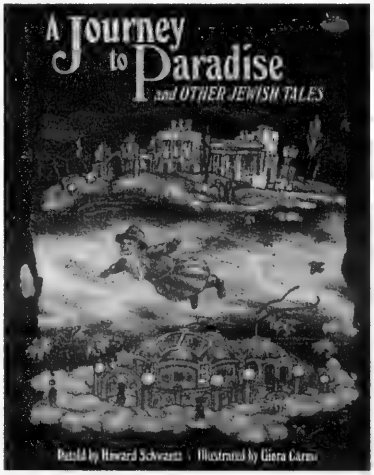
Also, you will find Toby's grandmother's recipe for honey cake, and it sounds yummy.

This book is one of a series of books about Toby Belfer and her family, including *Toby Belfer's Seder* and *A Belfer Bar Mitzvah*.

(Folk) tales that will touch your heart

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

One of the good things about all the holy days that come at this time of the year is that you have time to read just for fun. One book you might enjoy is called *A Journey to Paradise, and Other Jewish Tales* (Pitsopany Press, 2000).



This book is a collection of folk tales that Howard Schwartz has turned into wonderful short stories. Giora Carmi did the pictures. Many of the stories are what we call parables – they teach a lesson. But they are great even without the lesson!

My favourite story is called *An Apple From the Tree of Life*, an old tale from eastern Europe. The daughter of the sultan (king) of Turkey was very ill, and no one knew what to do. Finally, one doctor said, "Nothing can help her now except for an apple from the Tree of Life," which grew in the Garden of Eden. The sultan called in three famous rabbis and ordered them to get such an apple within three days or he would banish all the Jewish people. (That's one of the threats many rulers frequently made to Jewish communities – and they carried out those threats, too.)

The rabbis and the others in the community had no idea what to do and they were frightened. Then Leah, the daughter of one of the rabbis, found someone to help. In fact, to the rabbis' surprise, Leah, through a miracle, got the apple and saved the sultan's daughter, and thus also the Jewish community.

Another story is about King Solomon, who was supposed to be one of the wisest men who ever lived. Hearing that a certain girl was destined to marry a certain boy, he decided to test whether destiny could be changed. He had the girl carried away to a distant island where there were no other people and an eagle fed and cared for her.

Unbeknownst to King Solomon, a young man was shipwrecked on the island. The two met, fell in love and married with the eagle who was guarding the girl as their witness. They had five children. The king found out (after all, the eagle was bringing food for seven people instead of just one) and also found that the young man was indeed the one fate had intended the girl to marry.

Other stories are about a midwife who helped a demon have her baby; a desperately poor man who played a trick on the silly people of the town of Chelm so that he could feed and clothe his family; and one about a rabbi so holy and pure that God himself welcomed him into heaven.

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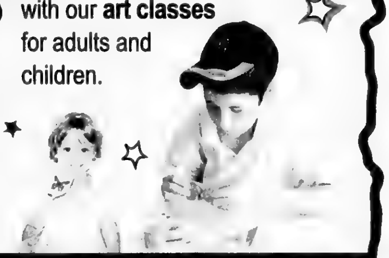

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The Human Stain *examines race and identity*

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Coleman Silk is an eminent scholar, one of the first Jews to teach in the classics department of an American university. But there is much more to Silk, supposedly the son of a Jewish saloon keeper, than meets the eye.

Silk, the figment of Philip Roth's imagination and the central character in his best-selling novel, *The Human Stain*, has been adapted to the screen by Robert Benton of *Bonnie and Clyde* fame.

The film, like the novel, is an examination of race, identity and prejudice in American society.

Premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival and scheduled to open here on Oct. 3, *The Human Stain* stars Anthony Hopkins as Silk, Nicole Kidman as his last love and Gary Sinise as Silk's friend and alter ego Nathan Zuckerman.

Set in 1998, when the United States was enmeshed in the Monica Lewinsky scandal, *The Human Stain* is essentially about the phenomenon of "passing" in the United States.

Historically, many light-skinned African Americans pale enough to "pass" as whites left the black community. By doing so, they gained freedom from discrimination. But in the process of assuming new identities, they tragically cut themselves off from their roots and their families.

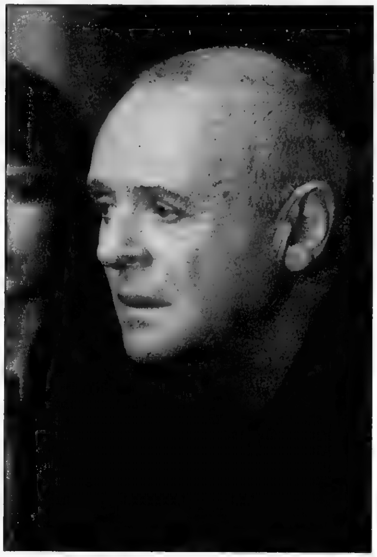
In his novel, Roth wrote of Silk: "All he'd ever wanted from earliest childhood on, was to be free, not black, not even white – just on his own and free."

In Benton's adaptation of Roth's novel, the last of a trilogy about postwar America, Silk, a mulatto whose mother calls him "white as snow," takes on the identity of a Jew.

There is no explanation as to why Silk opts to become Jewish. But it is crystal clear why he feels compelled to reinvent himself.

Silk's father is portrayed as a proud, upstanding, dignified man. But in his job as a train porter, he is subjected to daily slights and humiliations.

Young Silk, played to perfection by Wentworth Miller, wants to unshackle himself of this burden. But he is hurt, too. His romance with a beautiful white girl (Jacinda Barrett) of Scandinavian stock crashes on the rocks of reality. She ultimately rejects Silk, whom she loves dearly, because she cannot break with the taboo of interracial marriage.



Anthony Hopkins as Silk in The Human Stain.

Chastened by this incident, Silk informs his mother that he intends to conceal his real identity to his latest Caucasian girlfriend. Hearing this, his mother blurts out, "You're white as snow and you think like a slave."

Silk, nevertheless, submerges himself in white society. But in an ironic turn of events many years later, when he is a distinguished professor, a black student in his class accuses him of racism. In the name of political correctness, his distinguished career is shattered.

Even in this life-changing instance, Silk hides his true identity. The only person he confides in is his much younger lover, Faunia, a woman of some social coarseness whom Kidman portrays with considerable skill. Not even Zuckerman is privy to his secret.

The imperative of race has turned Silk into a conflicted person, but this inner tension is rarely evident in Hopkins' face or mannerisms. In fact, one wonders why Hopkins, who is so lily white, was cast for this role.

It is not the only problem bedevilling the film. Midway, the narrative sags, and a viewer loses interest. But on balance, *The Human Stain* is an insightful, empathetic look at race and identity in the United States.

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Expect sing-alongs at klezmer gig

By DAVID SILVERBERG
Special to The CJN

Jewish music in downtown Toronto may seem as quirky as hip-hop in Thornhill. But the jazzy Hugh'sroom on Dundas Street West, not far from a strong eastern European neighbourhood, is hosting the klezmer band From Both Ends of the Earth Oct. 9.

So confident is pianist Marilyn Lerner in the band's live concert appeal that she says, "The upbeat tunes will probably provoke singalongs." The group will play renditions of their self-titled CD released two years ago, along with some new material.

From Both Ends of the Earth, which has sold 2,700 copies of its CD so far, offers interpretations of traditional Yiddish and klezmer music, recreating classics such as *In Mayn Garten* by Chaim Bailik and the tender *Mayn Rue Platz* by Morris Rosenfeld.

"This music allows me to go back to my roots," says Lerner. "I find that feel, that communal emotion." She says working with the band's other musicians has created a unity due to their Jewish heritage.

David Wall harmonizes sweetly on the vocal tracks, a skill undoubtedly honed during his current gig as singer with the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band. Rick Lazar, who can trace his roots to the ancient Assyrians, is an impressive percussionist who plays a diverse array of instruments, such as the dumbeq and finger cymbals. Bassist Daniel Koulack has toured with the klezmer group Finjan and the Knappen Street All Stars. Paul Pacanowski, the band's most recent addition, who plays woodwinds, studied music in Poland, Germany and Toronto.

The world-music vibe that comes from the troupe highlights the cross-genre creativity embedded within each song. Lerner describes their music as "sweet and rocking," essentially a mix of the old country and a new groove. That blend can often attract unexpected fans, Lerner says, recalling the Flying Bulgar tour in Sweden where "young, sweaty kids were dancing to our music like they were at a rave."

Lerner is certain younger generations will find klezmer.

"If it's survived this long, it will survive forever. It's our job, as musicians, to continue its growth, and to get people to listen to it."

Its appeal is universal, she says.

"Jewish music has such a rich tradition, it hits you hard.

"This beautiful music allows us to inject a modern interpretation."

Lerner is looking forward to playing Hugh'sroom, a venue with "New York style.

"They even have a grand piano for me," she says.

Hugh'sroom, 2261 Dundas St. W. Thursday, Oct. 9 at 8:30pm. Tickets are $13 in advance, $15 at the door. Call 416-531-6604.

New play blends Joseph story with Canadian history

By DAVID SILVERBERG
Special to The CJN

Jason Sherman, the author of *Patience* and *Reading Hebron*, once said the way his plays tend to combine Jewish themes with provocative drama upsets Jewish artistic directors, who would rather stage plays of affirmation than confrontation.

His latest play, *Remnants*, is also a work of confrontation. Running until Oct. 26 at Tarragon Theatre (416-531-1827) , *Remnants* blends the story of Joseph from the Bible with Canada's disgraceful 1930s-era pockmark: its denial of entry to many Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi Europe.

Sherman has covered this subject before, adapting *None Is Too Many* by Irving Abella and Harold Troper for the Winnipeg Jewish Theatre. Canada's anti-Semitism hit him so hard, he felt the need to write about it (to compare, Canada allowed 5,000 refugees during the 12 years of Nazi rule compared to the United States' 200,000).

Remnant's first act concentrates on Joseph (Dmitry Chepovetsky) and his 12 brothers, who are led by a gruff father (Victor Ertmanis) with a soft spot for Joseph and Benjamin (Kyle Horton). The other brothers grow jealous of Joseph's family position, and they plot his exile out of Poland. The scheme is quarterbacked by Judah (Alex Poch-Goldin), who rebels against Judaism with statements such as "Prayer? Why pray on Shabbos? It's just another form of work."

Director Richard Rose emphasizes Joseph's bond with his father in tender one-on-one scenes, often spotlighted in the middle of the stage. The loss of those moments highlight Joseph's pain as he struggles to find work as a quiet immigrant with little English skills. When he begins to interpret dreams for fellow workers, elements of his life fall into place unexpectedly and soon-to-be prime minister Mackenzie King (Ertmanis) brings Joseph into the servant family.

The seven actors do double duty, such as a Polish brother who becomes a British servant. Ertmanis flips his character most deliciously, from forlorn father to anti-Semitic immigration minister Frederick Blair.

Sherman brings the refugee crisis into focus when Joseph rises into the rank of the prime minister's adviser. The most fascinating plot twist (I won't spoil it) is when Joseph must make an executive decision in the face of emotional attachment. Chepovetsky captures a torn man's mind, and his baby-faced innocence shadows the turbulence beneath.

Jerry Franken and Dmitry Chepovetsky (Joseph) in *Remnants.*

While a serious Sherman is not as fun as a light-hearted Sherman (as in *The League of Nathans*), chewy ideas become fodder days after the play's viewing. Does hate beget hate? Can someone ever forgive another's hurtful sins? On the eve of Yom Kippur, *Remnants* is a timely reminder, for Jews and non-Jews, that we are all brothers vying for peace of mind.

But, then again, it wouldn't be fair to say that non-Jews could appreciate the play as fully as Jewish viewers can. A satire of *Adon Olam*, the agony of assimilation and the characters' strength in the face of hatred resonate to a Jewish audience with the force Sherman has honed in his 10-year playwright career. This writer writes what he has to write, we learn, not what mainstream theatre wants.

Orly Castel-Bloom explores reality of Israeli life

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

With her new book *Human Parts* (Key Porter Books), Israeli author Orly Castel-Bloom has found a social reality that blends perfectly with her surreal style.

Three years after suicide bombings and economic depression have engulfed Israeli life, an absurd reality of despair, isolationism and death have become the dysfunctional norm for many people in the region.

Welcome to the Castel-Bloom world, where strange cold weather systems, fatal Saudi flus and ongoing terrorist attacks prevail against the mundane routine of daily life.

Born in 1960 in Tel Aviv, where she lives today, Castel-Bloom is the winner of the 1990 Tel Aviv Prize for Literature, and her best-known book, *Dolly City*, has been included in the UNESCO collection of representative works, which, according to its Web site, was created to promote "mutual understanding among peoples."

Unlike *Dolly City*, which firmly established her as an absurdist, *Human Parts* exposes the complexities of life in Israel through social realism.

For the characters trapped in *Human Parts*, historical idealism appears foolish and cruel when juxtaposed against the harsh nature of current life in the Jewish state. Yet, in Kafkaesque style, the protagonists persevere, despite the complications in their lives.

The cast of actors and the events around which they manoeuvre are as shallow as the soap opera characters they watch on Israeli television, and their banal actions are described with as much drama and suspense as are the funerals of the victims of terror attended by the president of Israel, Reuven Tekoa.

The author's skill at bringing the obsessive nature of Israeli life to the page is underscored by the diversity of the characters' backgrounds. Sephardi and Ashkenazi, Ethiopian and Russian characters intermingle the way they would on Israeli streets. Gender issues are also explored within the context of the Israeli experience.

Kati Beit-Halahmi and Iris Ventura portray a world in which a maternal obsession to provide for their children is stymied by a culture that both promotes female independence and encourages stereotyped roles.

Iris, for example, is a divorced Ashkenazi woman who is left almost destitute by her wealthy husband. She decides that if she is ever penniless, she could become religious and hope that one of the non-profit organizations run by the Sephardi Guardian of the Torah Party (Shas) would help support her children.

The men, Adir Bergson and Boaz Beit-Halahmi emerge as self-centred and selfish, despite their occasional acts of compassion. Efforts to help with the overwhelming needs of his friends in a society besieged by death and funerals leaves Adir with a detached desire to search for peace and quiet in Canada.

Then there is the voice of Tasaro Tasama, the Ethiopian immigrant flown by the air force to Israel in Operation Shlomo. The new immigrant passes through life in the sex trade around the Tel Aviv central bus station before going on to become a successful model and lottery show hostess. It is with clarity and determination that Tasaro pursues a traditional life as a mother and wife.

With an intuitive understanding of the world around her, Tasaro's quest for acceptance and normalcy reminds the reader that human nature and the desire to survive prevail.

On national TV, Tasaro tells her audience not to despair if they don't win the lottery.

"Maybe next time," she says.

While references to Hebrew months and surreal weather conditions emphasize the disconnectedness Israelis must feel from their current environment, the fast-paced narrative in Castel-Bloom's world absorbs her audience and compels them follow the characters through to the end.

Orly Castel-Bloom will be reading from her work at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., Oct. 28 at 8 p.m.

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Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

TOVAH FELDSHUH BRINGS GOLDA MEIR TO BROADWAY

After playing to sold-out houses in an off-Broadway theatre for four months, actor **Tovah Feldshuh** is bringing her strong and assured portrayal of Israel's legendary prime minister **Golda Meir** to Broadway's Helen Hayes Theatre.

Feldshuh stars in the one-woman show *Golda's Balcony* by **William Gibson**, which relives the critical events of Israeli history from the founding of the state to the Yom Kippur War. Feldshuh "gives such a fiercely committed performance that she does more than just resurrect Golda Meir: she embodies an entire country," raved the *New York Times*.

The play opens Oct. 3. www.goldasbalcony.com

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Dayan, Rabin, Sharon in Spotlight: History Television marks the 30th anniversary of the Yom Kippur War by airing *Slaves of the Sword*, a three-part series that explores the lives and political careers of Israeli leaders **Moshe Dayan**, **Yitzhak Rabin** and **Ariel Sharon**.

Directed by British journalist **Paul Jenkins**, the series uses never-before-seen archival footage as well as interviews with friends, family members, politicians and critics who best knew the three generals-turned-politicians.

Slaves of the Sword makes the obvious observation that Israel's political leaders, by historical necessity, were forged by their military experiences in the army, but then questions whether they ever stopped being "slaves of the sword" in their role as statesmen.

According to a press release, the series "asks if there will ever be peace in the Middle East with warriors leading the way." Is this a biased attempt to blame Israel for being repeatedly called upon to defend its survival? Not according to **Cindy Witten**, spokesperson for Alliance Atlantis Broadcasting, who defends the series as "an in-depth examination of the three leaders and an important perspective on current developments in the region."

Judge for yourself. The episodes air back-to-back on Sunday, Oct. 12, beginning at 6 p.m.

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Daniel Pearl Music Day: The Royal Conservatory Orchestra presents "Harmony for Humanity," a concert celebrating the life of **Daniel Pearl**, the American Jewish journalist slain by terrorists in Pakistan last year. The tribute marks Pearl's 40th birthday and is presented in association with PEN Canada. Concerts are also scheduled for many other cities, including Jerusalem.

"We're thrilled that this year leading artists from many musical styles and traditions are joining with us in a clarion call for asserting the oneness of humanity," said Pearl's father, **Judea Pearl**.

Glenn Gould Studio, Canadian Broadcasting Centre. Adults $15. Thursday, Oct. 9, 8 p.m. 416-205-5555.

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Arts in Brief

- Ryerson Theatre School presents *The Laramie Project*, **Moises Kaufman's** controversial play about how a community reacts to the brutal death of a homosexual university student. Adults $16. Abrams Studio, 44 Gerrard St. E. Oct. 1 to 11. 416-979-5118.
- **From Both Ends of the Earth** consists of musicians keen on interpreting traditional Yiddish music in a modern light: **Marilyn Lerner** (piano), **Daniel Koulack** (bass), **David Wall** (vocals), **Rick Shadrach Lazar** (percussion) and **Paul Pacanowski** (clarinet/ soprano sax). They perform at Hugh's-room, 2261 Dundas St. W. $13 in advance, $15 at the door. Oct. 9, 8:30 p.m. 416-531-6604.
- **The Civic Light Opera Company** presents *The Happiest Millionaire*, a madcap musical comedy with songs by the Academy Award-winning team of **Richard** and **Robert Sherman**. $17.50. Fairvew Library Theatre, Oct. 9 to 11. 416-469-8450.
- Poet **Simcha Simchovitch's** latest collection, *Out of the Abyss*, features works selected from a lifetime of writing. It features an introduction by critic **Adam Fuerstenberg** and a cover drawing by recently departed Toronto artist, **Ernest Raab.** Send $25 to S. Simchovitch Fund, 17 Tillplain Rd., North York, Ont., M3H 5R1.

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At the Galleries

- The exhibition "Homescapes: Functional/Dysfunctional" features mixed media works by **Rochelle Rubinstein**, **Anne Shabason** and **Lyndia Terre**. At the Lyndia Terre Gallery, Alton, Ont., until Oct. 26.
- "Israel Now," an exhibition of photographs by **Beverley Abramson**, continues at the Reuben & Helene Dennis Museum through Oct. 9. Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St.
- "Diversity" is an exhibition of recent paintings by **Josef Kote**, a painter of vivid, impressionistic street scenes. Until Oct. 18. Peterson Fine Art Gallery, 18 Hazelton Ave. 416-975-0931.

Woody Harrelson directs new play

By KATHRYN KATES

Special to The CJN

Actor, artistic director and producer of production company macIdeas, Marcello Cabezas created quite a stir when he and his team of producers landed television and movie actor Woody Harrelson to direct the Toronto premiere of Kenneth Lonergan's first play, *This is Our Youth*.

"We got Woody through the traditional channels of going through his agent," said Cabezas, who also stars in the play. "He loved the script. We then went to New York and read for him. It was one of those magical moments when he told us we were awesome and rearranged his schedule so he could come to Toronto and do it. Let me tell you, it has been like the utopian creative collaboration, a total memorable experience."

Cabezas describes *This is Our Youth* as a 48-hour snapshot in the lives of three young people. The play, which takes place in Manhattan's Upper West Side in 1982, centres on Warren Straub, Dennis Zeigler and Jessica Goldman, who grew up as left-leaning, wealthy, articulate, pot-smoking teenagers in the liberal '60s and are now lost in the big city at the beginning of the Reagan years.

Cabezas plays Warren, a dejected 19 year old who steals $15,000 from his abusive lingerie tycoon father.

"Warren Straub is the lost puppy," he says. "He's the guy whose family has come apart. His sister was murdered nine years ago, his father in not very supportive of him. The family has material wealth, but at the same time are very much void of love wealth."

All three characters are Jewish, Cabezas says. "I think the Jewish audience will get a kick out of some of the subtle Jewish humour."

This isn't the first time the 20-something Cabezas has played a teenager on stage. Last year, he performed the title role in macIdeas' production of *Vladeck*, which is currently being produced by CHUM Television as a 90- minute nationally televised special.

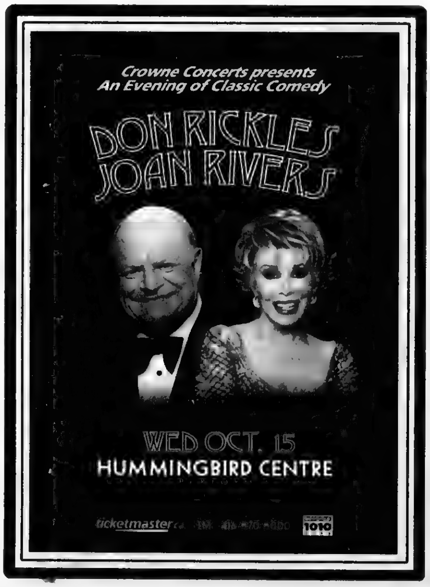
"Vladeck was only 16 years old. It is about getting in the head of these people and really understanding where they are coming from. Technically, it is a specific cadence in speech, a certain kind of desperation of being young. I think it is not as difficult as it seems. It is about the physical look, but it is also about disposition and posture."

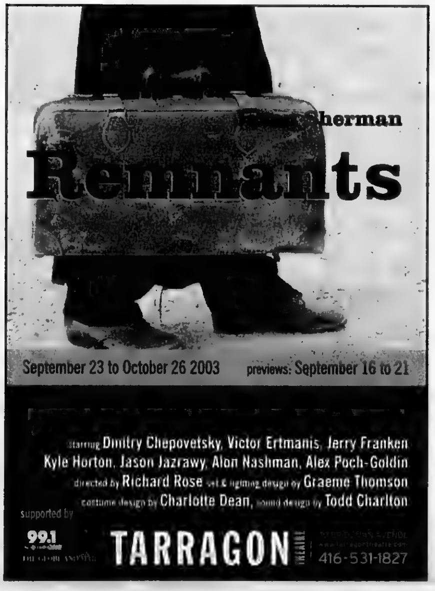
In addition to directing *This is Our Youth*, Harrelson is spreading his gospel of healthy living to his cast.

"All of us eat healthy, but Woody is a big proponent of simple organic living, which is a completely delectable organic experience. We went to theatre school where we were taught that your body is your instrument, but sometimes you forget. He's kind of refocused us in terms of the commitment with emotional and spiritual warm up before rehearsal and how essential that is in theatre to really achieve that emotional light.

"At the end of the day, there has been a lot of focus on this project, and if we can get younger or different demographics – which don't normally come to see theatre – because this play has been marketed like a movie, then we've done our job."

The play is on at the Berkeley St. Theatre Upstairs, 26 Berkeley St. until Oct. 18. For tickets, call 416-368-3110 or Ticketmaster at 416-872-1111.





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JEWS ASKED TO VISIT ISRAEL IN 5764; NEW OPPORTUNITIES BECKON

Israeli tourism officials project that 1.2 million visitors will have visited Israel in 2003, a 45 per cent increase over the dismal year of 2002.

Officials of the Israeli Ministry of Tourism are working hard to boost that number for the coming year. During the High Holidays, tourism pledge cards are being placed on synagogue seats across the United States and Canada, inviting worshipers to pledge to visit Israel during the coming year.

"The best way we can access North American Jews is through the synagogue," says Israel's Tourism Minister Benny Elon.

Project Go Israel is not limited to North American Jewry. Elon is inviting Christians as well to join the tourism drive.

Tourists departing Israel were polled last year on the sites they visited. By far the most popular site was the Western Wall in Jerusalem, which 42 per cent of respondents said they had visited.

About 20 per cent had visited the Mount of Olives and 18 per cent the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, both in Jerusalem. Other highly-rated sites include Ancient Jaffa and Tel Aviv (18 per cent), Masada (15 per cent), the Israel Museum (13 per cent), Caesarea (11 per cent) and Capernaum (8 per cent).

More than half of all tourists reported visiting a museum, 44 per cent visited holy sites, 35 per cent went to the beach or scuba-diving, while only 7 per cent attended a cultural event. The survey, which was meant to give tourism officials a better understanding of the goals and interests of visitors, seems to highlight Israel's unique position as an unparalleled religious destination for Jews and Christians around the world. That shouldn't be a surprise to anyone.

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Judean Archeological Dig: Volunteers are needed for an archeological expedition to commence this month in the Judean Desert, with the object of finding further Dead Sea Scrolls and antiquities that may exist in previously unexplored caves.

Haim Cohen, an Israeli archeologist, is to lead an expedition this month to the "pool cave" and "mikveh cave" near Ein Gedi, in undisputed pre-1967 Israeli territory. It is the first such exploration of the caves since the 1960s, when they were deemed too difficult to excavate and were left relatively intact.

Cohen believes the caves to be of significance because both have mikvot (ritual baths) from the period of the Second Temple at their entrances.

An expedition from Haifa University earlier this year revealed that the two caves were probably used by Jewish freedom fighters during the period of the Second Temple and the Bar Kokhba revolt. The caves were also occupied during the Iron Age and Cohen is expecting finds dating back to that period as well.

For further information visit the website www.origins-discovery.com.

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Helicopter Tours: Helicoptour, a 35-year old Israeli company, offers private or group helicopter tours that depart from VIP helipads all over the country. Working with Israel's ministries of defense, tourism and foreign affairs, the company has hosted nearly every visiting celebrity and foreign dignitary to Israel.

Helicopter touring is custom-made for those who have visited Israel many times because it offers fresh new angles on well-known sites. Because the country is compact, one may admire mountains, valleys, sea shores, farmlands, deserts and bustling cities, all in a single flight.

In Israel, explorations by helicopter are especially exciting because so many awesome biblical sites can be seen from the air. www.cnairways.com/Helicoptour or 011-972-9-952-0520.

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Turkish Bath Museum: The Israeli port city of Akko, designated a UNESCO world heritage site, has been digging out its underground Crusader city for decades, if not centuries. Recently, it restored a vast steam-bath complex that had been neglected for at least half a century. Built by the Ottoman Turks in 1795, the El-Basha Turkish bath (*hamam*) has been transformed into a charming museum.

The El-Basha is a giant and elegant network of marble-lined steam rooms, domed massage areas, ornate scrubbing rooms and relaxation chambers. Here, in a ritual invented millennia ago by the Romans, Ottoman Turks would soothe away the day's aches, sweat and grime. Opened in June, the new Hamam Museum recaptures that experience with the aid of pewter sculptures of bathers to help re-create the sultry atmosphere of the Turkish bath.

Twenty minutes north of Haifa, Akko is one of four UNESCO heritage sites in Israel; the others are the Old City of Jerusalem, Masada and Tel Aviv's "White City" architecture. Known in English as Acre, the town has been a draw for visitors ever since it became the capital of the Crusader Kingdom in the 12th century.

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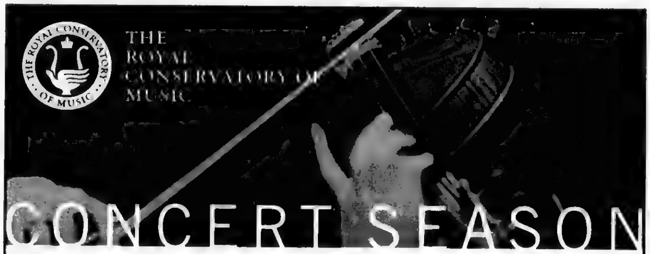
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Business Profile

Rolls-Royce dealer David Geneen expects to sell up to 15 Phantoms a year

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

"It's all about exclusivity, the latest technology and, most of all, luxury."

David Geneen, an automobile aficciondo since boyhood, is talking about one of the ultimate status symbols and marques, the Phantom – the gleaming British-handcrafted car that turns heads, inspires a mixture of awe, curiosity and jealousy and empties wallets.

At $584,000 after taxes – the cost of a fairly spacious home in a decent neighbourhood – the Phantom is "an enormous indulgence," Geneen readily conceded. But there is no shortage of customers.

The sole proprietor of Canada's first Rolls-Royce dealership, Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, which opened last month, he expects to sell 12 to 15 Phantoms – the only model – at his Hazelton Lanes showroom this fiscal year.

It takes more than a high disposable income to purchase a Phantom, only 400 of which will be manufactured in Rolls-Royce's British facility in 2003.

Passion and flamboyance are the other two mandatory requirements, said Geneen, who also owns Grand Touring Automobiles, a purveyor of high-end Jaguars, Bentleys and Aston Martins.

The person who purchases a high-flying Phantom is not buying basic transportation, but rather the most expensive production sedan money can buy, said Geneen, a member of Holy Blossom Temple who comes from a long line of rabbis.

The 19-foot Phantom, with its 6.75 litre V12 engine and distinctive grille, weighs 2½ tons and combines effortless refinement with substantial power and performance.

Boasting a top speed of 260 kilometres per hour, the Phantom's acceleration is nothing less than awesome: zero to 95 kilometres in 5.7 seconds flat.

Redolent of the finest Corinthian leathers, hand-matched wood grains and buffed stainless steel, the Phantom's interior is the last word in opulence. Not being a mass produced car, the Phantom is assembled over a five-week period.

Geneen, who acquired the Canadian Rolls-Royce franchise late last year, can think of only one car that is more exclusive, the $1-million-plus ultra-sporty Enzo Ferrari.

Geneen, who drives a black 1961 Phantom, the precursor of the current model, explained that his buyers are always men, "though women may be in the background of the discussion."

Previous Rolls-Royce owners do not have to be persuaded to shell out half a million dollars for a new Phantom. But if a first time buyer is considering an acquisition, months may elapse before a deal is signed and sealed. "People have to be convinced it's for them. It's usually a car they've wanted all their lives. We don't get a lot of impulse buyers."

The price, however, is not carved in stone. "We don't resist a fair offer. We're here to sell cars." If you plan to haggle, be forewarned that a two per cent reduction is the furthest he can go.

Geneen, 55, has been in the car business since his teens.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, he is the son of Ben and Pearl Geneen, who immigrated to Canada in 1956.

Ben was a psychiatrist and Pearl, who started the first cooking school in Toronto, was the owner of The Complete Kitchen shop in the Yorkville district. His sister, Lucy Waverman, is a local food columnist.

Of Russian, Polish and Latvian ancestry, the Geneens lived in what he described as "simple circumstances" after settling in Toronto.

"We had a nice middle-class lifestyle in Glasgow. In Canada, we chucked that all away." At least at the beginning.

David Geneen and the Phantom

When he was still a student at North Toronto Collegiate, Geneen bought and sold British-made cars. "In those days, the late 1950s and early 1960s, British cars were considered stylish but not reliable for Canadian winters."

Geneen was impressed by the consummate craftsmanship, the quality of the finishes and the immaculate design. "I was driving fancy cars, Jaguars, at 17 and 18. Cars gave me a sense of self. You felt rich, like a king," he said.

Preoccupied by cars, Geneen was no bright star academically. "I did badly at school. I struggled. The only thing I understood was cars. It was in my blood. It was my shtick."

A year before finishing high school, he dropped out to open a used car lot on the outskirts of Toronto. Naturally, he specialized in British makes such as Triumphs and MGs.

"I lasted five, six years, and then I moved on to be a leasing advisor at a Lincoln-Mercury dealership in Toronto. I learned discipline there."

In 1976, he struck out on his own again, opening another used car dealership. But this time around, he sold European and American exotics and antique cars.

Geneen began selling Japanese Mazdas in the 1980s. "I respected Mazdas, but I had no passion for those cars. I wasn't interested. I sold the business in 1990."

Thinking he had missed something by dropping out of school one year shy of a high school degree, he studied liberal arts at York University. "I managed to get good marks, and was able to spend more time with my children," said Geneen, the divorced father of two: Daniel, 13, and Julian, 9.

Geneen then joined Grand Touring Automobiles in a managerial capacity. After a year, he bought out owner George Minden.

Incongruously located in one of Toronto's working-class neighbourhoods, Grand Touring Automobiles is Canada's number one Jaguar, Bentley and Aston Martin dealer. Prior to winning the Rolls-Royce franchise, Geneen also sold Rolls-Royces at Grand Touring Automobiles.

Founded almost a century ago, Rolls-Royce was acquired by the British defence contractor Vickers PLC. When Rolls Royce sales fell, Vickers put the company for up sale. BMW, the German automotive firm, bought it in 1998.

Geneen had long been dreamed of being an official Rolls-Royce dealer, but the obstacles were immense.

"BMW dealers here were desperate to get the franchise. I had to convince them I could do the job. I had the connections, the cachet and the lifestyle that hooked me into this world."

If his Avenue Road Rolls-Royce showroom works out, Geneen, who compares himself to an art dealer, plans to open more Rolls-Royce "boutiques" in the city.

But for now, he has no intention of expanding his operation to the rest of Canada. "I'm not expansionist. I want to keep our foundations here strong. It needs a lot of personal attention."

Rolls-Royce owners would probably agree.

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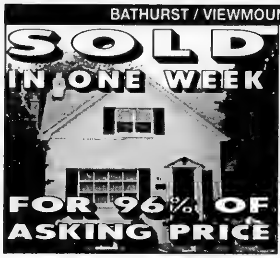

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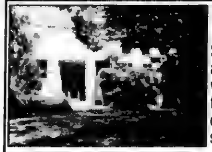

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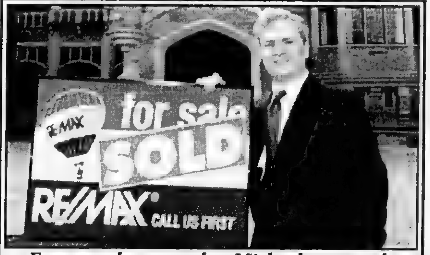

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Arts & Travel

Maximilian Schell in two recent DVD releases

By LARRY ANKLEWICZ
Special to The CJN

Two recent DVD releases deserve our attention.

The first one is the classic film *The Chosen*. This has to rate as one of the best Jewish films of all time and it has been virtually unobtainable over the past few years.

20th Century Fox has just released the film on DVD and it is a must see for everyone, even those who want to see it for a second or third time.

The Chosen, adapted from Chaim Potok's best-selling novel, centres on a friendship between two Jewish boys from different backgrounds.

Robby Benson gives the best performance of his career as Danny Saunders, the son and heir of a chassidic rabbi (played by Rod Steiger), and Barry Miller plays Reuven, the Americanized son of a fervent Zionist father (Maximilian Schell).

The story gives us some insight into the world of the haredim, and shows us how these two boys become friends and learn to respect each other.

It is an excellent film that should be in everyone's collection, and should be available at better video stores everywhere. If your store does not have a copy, ask them to order it from their distributor.

The second film, *The Man In The Glass Booth*, one of the most sought after videos in North America, has never been available on home video.

The film was released recently by Kino On Video as part of its American Film Theatre package, which produced a number of prestigious films during the 1970s and made them available in selected theatres for a short time.

The films disappeared except for occasional television presentations, but they are now available to all.

The Man In The Glass Booth is a complex story, which focuses on millionaire Jewish entrepreneur Arthur Goldman who often appears to straddle the line between sanity and insanity.

He holds forth on many topics of the day, including his family's experiences in a Nazi concentration camp.

He is abducted, however, by Israeli agents and put on trial as Adolph Dorf, the commander of the concentration camp where Goldman's family was supposedly exterminated.

Maximilian Schell gives a brilliant performance as Goldman/Dorf and the viewer is often left questioning whether the charges are true or not.

The film borrows from the Adolf Eichmann case, which was still fresh in the minds of people seeing this film when it was first shown. Now everyone can see it for themselves and make up their own minds.

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Entrepreneur rubs shoulders with hockey greats

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

Back in the mid-1990s, Hersh Borenstein met a young woman who found it hard to believe he could make a living selling autographed pictures, equipment, jerseys and knick-knacks that once belonged to hockey players and other high profile athletes.

"You make money doing that?" she asked him.

Borenstein's ready reply is as true today as it was back then. "Everyone's got an idol, someone they worship or who brings back a key moment from their lives. For a moment, that item was theirs, held by them," he told her.

People have been paying for autographs from their favourite athlete, singer or celebrity for years, but in the last decade or more, selling personalized memorabilia and mementoes has become big business.

Borenstein's company, Frozen Pond, occupies part of a plaza in Concord, Ont., and is lined with autographed photos, jerseys, bobble-head dolls and other tchatchkes that people will pay hundreds of dollars to obtain.

Signed photographs by Masters champion Mike Weir fetch $200, but one of Weir and Wayne Gretzky, taken at Pebble Beach and decorated with a Masters flag, sells for $1,400.

A jersey signed by Gretzky will go for $1,200 – if it's an Oilers or Rangers sweater. Surprisingly, his Kings sweater sells for less, as does his St. Louis uniform.

Among current players, Steve Yzerman is the top seller, with autographed pictures going for $199. Among retired players, mementoes connected with Bobby Orr are most popular in sheer numbers sold, with the favourite item being the famed photo of the Bruins defenceman sailing through the air after scoring his Stanley Cup-winning the goal, Borenstein said.

As president of Frozen Pond, Borenstein keeps close tabs on the public's fascination with star-quality celebrities.

Hockey-themed items are by far the most popular in Canada, he said, though mementoes connected with the Canadian women's gold-medal winning Olympic team have proved to be an exception.

"I can't give it away," he complains.

Gordie Howe is shown with Hersh Borenstein

Toronto-related items drive the market, with the big sellers being those connected to the strong Leafs teams of the early 1990s. Curtis Joseph was big when he was a Leaf, but even he paled behind the popular former captain, Doug Gilmour. "Third is so far back it's not worth mentioning," he said.

Other sports memorabilia sells, but it is also well back in the popularity parade.

Indeed, if Borenstein's observations are indicative of the Toronto fan's attitudes, then the Raptors are in trouble. Vince Carter was the only one who sold when the Raptors were hot, but today even his stuff is not in great demand. The Blue Jays are weak sellers and as for the Argos, forget about it.

This is Toronto and as far as sports popularity goes, it's hockey, hockey, hockey.

Trailing the 1990s Leafs in popularity is the 1960s edition of the team. That group won four Stanley Cups and still has a special place in fans' hearts. Dick Duff, a member of the '60s Leafs who also won Cups with the Montreal Canadiens, gave Frozen Pond "a whack of stuff to sell," including "all-star knick-knacks." His jersey went for $4,000, Borenstein said.

Prior to his untimely death, Billy Harris asked Borenstein to sell many of his mementoes so that he could take care of his children's financial needs. Among the souvenirs that went up for sale were his miniature Stanley Cup (it fetched $14,000), autographed programs from the 1960s, and materials with a Gretzky theme (he coached the superstar early in his career).

About seven years ago, Borenstein struck up a relationship with Mr. Hockey, Gordie Howe. A friend of Borenstein who was a promoter had arranged for Howe to appear at a hockey show, but the promoter knew very little about hockey, so he asked Borenstein to host Howe during his stay.

Borenstein jumped at the opportunity and from the time he picked up Howe at the airport to the time he bid him goodbye, the two became good friends. Since then, Borenstein has marketed loads of Howe memorabilia, pictures and other souvenirs.

He's also struck up personal relationships with stars such as Johnny Bower (number 1 in Borenstein's books as the most personable, good-natured and warm-hearted of the personalities he's dealt with), Tony Esposito, Pat Lafontaine, Jose Theodore and Rick Nash.

Nash, Borenstein believes, is a can't-miss superstar of the future – both on the ice for the Columbus Blue Jackets and in the sports souvenir business.

"He's big, good-looking, personable and a hometown boy – the full package," Borenstein said.

Such is the marketing power of Frozen Pond that Borenstein readily admits that as far as selling Nash-related materials goes, "we're market makers."

By featuring the young star in Frozen Pond's catalogue, but promoting him heavily, Borenstein has the clout to make Nash a must-have among collectors.

Ninety-percent of Borenstein's business is mail-order and is generated by ads placed in *The Hockey News* and online with the NHL, with which Frozen Pond entered into a strategic agreement last year.

As the NHL's licensee and official merchandise partner, the company supplies product to the NHL's auction site and can now sell merchandise with the NHL logos. Business has surged thanks to the arrangement.

It's heady stuff for a guy who started out selling his own sports cards at a trade show at the Bond Place Hotel when he was only 14 years old.

"It was something I always did. I did it to excess."

That same year he saw a store going out of business at the Centerpoint Mall that was selling Gretzky dolls. Borenstein bought the entire stock at $6 each and put an ad in a trade paper, selling the dolls in the United States for $12.99 (US). He ended up selling almost 600 of the dolls, with his mom, Shari, helping him pack and ship the merchandise down south.

He turned his hobby into a career in the early 1990s, partnering in a card store at Yonge and Dundas while studying economics at York University.

Thanks to a friend, he met hockey star Pavel Bure and had him autograph hundreds of photos. He paid Bure $4 each and sold 700 at $14.99 within three weeks. "I said, hmm, I have something here."

Paul Coffey was the next big-name player who signed memorabilia for him, followed by famed Soviet goalie Vladislav Tretiak.

Most of the money was made through mail order, and the realization dawned on Borenstein that he really didn't need a partner in a store.

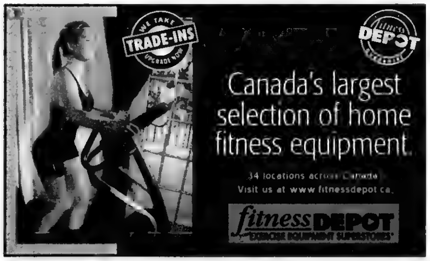
His business grew steadily and in the mid-'90s, with a $10,000 bank loan, he created a 12-page catalogue that he published in *The Hockey News*. A year later, he opened his own store on Mt. Pleasant, south of Eglinton and he hasn't looked back.

A strategic partnership with the Hanson Brothers – made famous by their appearance in the 1977 Paul Newman movie *Slap Shot* – proved lucrative and he expanded his merchandising agreement to become their agent for appearances as well. The Hansons were so popular that even Buffalo Sabres players begged Borenstein to introduce them.

In the first five years of the Mt. Pleasant store's existence, sales increased by 60 per cent per year.

Frozen Pond outgrew the premises and had to move to its spacious new quarters. Borenstein continued to expand the mail order business, shipping product to fans in 31 countries, including Slovenia, Austria, Japan, France, the Czech Republic and even Guam.

With its role as marketing agent for Nash and with "strategic relationships" with other young stars like Ilya Kovalchuk and Marian Gaborik, Frozen Pond promises to be on the scene for years to come.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I believe...

Left, right, centre

By AVRUM ROSENSWEIG

I believe 5764 could bring peace to the world, food to the hungry, liberation to our souls, lofty thoughts to our minds, and awe to every person's heart – if we choose to make it so.

I believe the Toronto Jewish community could be even more of a light unto other Jewish communities if we began wishing "Shabbat shalom" to those who pass us on the way to shul, whether they were heading to the Holy Blossom or to the Agudah.

I believe our community would be healthier and our children happier if we accepted that many of them are suffering from severe forms of drug and alcohol abuse.

I believe it would be refreshing to many if a fundraising dinner honoured a poor man for loving his family, community and Israel.

I believe our community is slowly beginning to value the artist and his canvas and the poet and her sonnet rather than just the businessperson and his investments.

I believe that the Jewish people could once again be the People of the Book, and that intermarriage would decrease dramatically, if our teachers presented the many faces of truth within Torah and the wondrous possibilities of the ages, rather than parochial and insular views stemming from fundamentalism and fear.

I believe the Jewish world could fight anti-Semitism more effectively if we trained every community member to become an ambassador to the rest of the world, equipped with the knowledge required to break down stereotypes and impart the exquisiteness of the Jewish people.

I believe peace could be achieved between Israel and the Palestinians if trust could be developed between those who are weary of the deaths of their sons and daughters.

I believe Israel needs Diaspora Jews to visit and invest in its economy, and to understand its importance to the entire Jewish world.

I believe Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur would work better if more of us understood prayer. I also believe more Jews would be committed to the development of the self, and tikkun olam, changing the world, if they believed in the High Holy Day prayer, "Who shall live, and who shall die?"

I believe the world could stop war and killing if we invested billions of dollars into grassroots workshops on peace, tolerance and respect, instead of guns. I also believe we could feed the entire world, if we wanted to. And I believe the Jewish people are creative and able to play a momentous role in realizing both eventualities.

I believe the multi-hued leaves of southern Ontario in the fall reflect the radiance of God's palette and are a gift to those who open their eyes wide enough to see them.

I believe that the elegance of the world outweighs its vulgarity and that our fine deeds prevail over our terrible acts. I believe that because of this, our world exists and that we have it within us to make this earth shine like the gem it could be.

Shanah Tovah.

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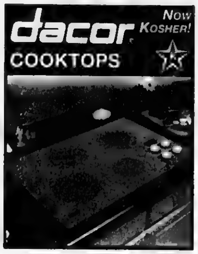

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About Life

Dear Ella,

I've been dating Esthie for almost a year now and I really think she is the girl I will end up marrying.

She comes from an observant home, but since she moved out a few years ago, she has not been as careful in her religious observance. She is no longer shomer Shabbat and she doesn't keep kosher anymore. I, on the other hand, have never done much more than attend a seder now and then. Religion hasn't gotten in our way till now.

Her parents have invited us to their home to break the Yom Kippur fast. Apparently they have no idea that Esthie has changed her ways. She wants me to go and pretend I fasted, just to keep the peace in her family. She said they would be hurt to know that she was dating someone who wasn't at all observant. She lies to them all the time about how observant she is now. What do you think?

Living a Lie

Dear Living a Lie,

It's not religion that's getting in your way, it's values.

Families can be very powerful forces. Esthie's retreat from observance is a huge move, and she is obviously not comfortable enough in her new lifestyle to be able to tell her family.

You, on the other hand, have very ingrained principles, or lying to her parents on Yom Kippur would not be an issue for you. Don't compromise those principles! I know there has to be give and take in a relationship. However, when you are asked to adjust your values, you are adjusting the essence of who you are.

Esthie has been lying to her family. So asking you to do the same does not seem like a big deal.

If the two of you plan to spend the rest of your lives together, the details of her observance will have to come out at some point and be dealt with.

You should either go to her home for the breaking of the fast and be honest, or don't go at all. Esthie should respect your decision because it is part of who you are, and that is the person she has fallen for.

Readers may submit their questions to Ella at The CJN., *email: eb@cjnews.com. But Ella is not a professional counsellor. She brings to the questions posed by readers her unique brand of earthy wisdom. Her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, consult a professional.*

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

(Answers to the crossword are on page 54.)

Music to Our Ears
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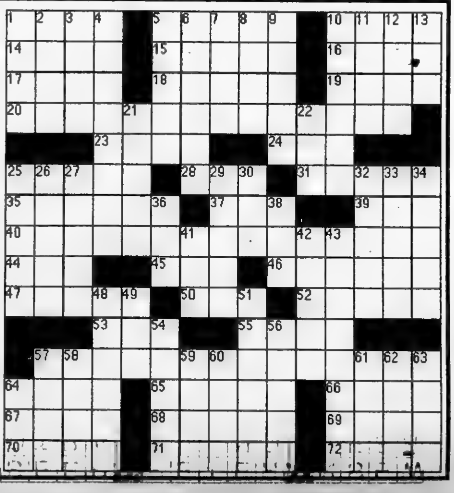
Across
1. Pager sound
5. Fleetwood Mac's ___ Green
10. The four compass points
14. Other, in Oaxaca
15. "To wine!", a toast, in Italian
16. Swing off course
17. Give off
18. Wonsan Harbor island, or variant of martial arts
19. Depend on
20. Lorenz Hart partner
23. Adam's other half, familiarly
24. Japanese monetary unit
25. Upper crust
28. Baseball stat
31. Felix Mendelsohn's grandfather
35. Go out to pasture
37. Year, in Yucatan
39. Wrath
40. "Paul Schaeffer and ______!"
44. Mountain, in Metulah
45. Bar, in London or Dublin
46. Large rock in space
47. Crime
50. Legal matter
52. Private jets
53. Mechanical clean-up tool, for short
55. Concept
57. Nixon aide, produced 1969 Duke Ellington tribute
64. Spore clusters
65. _____ about
66. Jacob's twin
67. Minor Prophet (Heb. transliteration)
68. Andrea ______
69. Alternative, say, to Hwy. 1
70. Loch
71. Getz, Gershwin, and others
72. Stalkless leaf adjective, for short

Down
1. Afrikaner
2. Whomever, in Hebrew
3. ___ the Red
4. Miserable, as in performance
5. Mony preceder
6. Elusive Darth?
7. Stadium level
8. Inner, prefix
9. Quarters of an acre
10. Divorce cap., with state first
11. Forecaster
12. Electrics
13. Acerbic
21. Not a noun but _______
22. Opal or ruby
25. Singer Kitt
26. Composer Franz
27. Anatomical passages
29. Beard, in Brest
30. Counterpart of ltd.
32. About the same as 'location 1'
33. Baseball boo-boo
34. Chars
36. Clairvoyance
38. Electrical opposite of Mho
41. First person plural possessive
42. Guy who's looking for 12 Down
43. Liners or freighters, of yore
48. Geometric forms
49. Poet Cohen of California
51. One whose name is on a treaty
54. Baseball team
56. Works of a certain art period
57. One theme of Jewish songwriters (and others!)
58. Neocene, Pleistocene
59. What animals do to find truffles
60. Plain near Babylon where a golden image was set in place
61. Villa d'______
62. Scot's negatives
63. They're good for baths or butter



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Israel

Renew. Remember. Go Israel

In this, the season of new beginnings renew your commitment to Israel by going there. During the summer, over than 200,000 visitors – many more than the year before - experienced Israel's inspiring spirit and extraordinary beauty. During the current Jewish New Year, 5764, remember Israel and join the groundswell of excitement about being there by considering one of these many missions.

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Advocacy agencies restructured

Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy created

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

UIA Federations Canada (UIAFC) last week announced the creation of a new community organization that will play a major role in setting policy and allocating funds to national Jewish advocacy organizations.

As a result, Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC) and national campus organizations should see a boost in their cumulative annual budgets of up to $5 million, raised through annual federation fundraising campaigns, said Maxyne Finkelstein, executive vice-president of UIAFC.

The "functional framework" of the new Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA) should be in place in three months. Although final details concerning its role are yet to be finalized, plans are for CIJA to set overall policy, manage each organization's budget and co-ordinate activities for advocacy agencies, she added.

As well, CIC will no longer be a partnership of major Jewish organizations, including community federations, Congress, B'nai Brith Canada and the Canadian Zionist Federation (CZF). Instead, CIC will be headed by a board serving as individuals, not as representatives of a particular group, and B'nai Brith and CZF will no longer have a role in CIC activities.

The announcement culminates months of speculation about the involvement of an "emergency cabinet" of high-profile businesspeople involved in the restructuring efforts.

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A HEAVENLY MESSAGE: A *CJN* reader was vacationing recently on Cape Cod when he captured this powerful image of the rising sun. He believes it held an ethereal message that deserved to be widely shared. We agree. *[Randy F. Spiegel photo]*

No end in sight to the intifadah

By DAN BARON
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Comment

After three years of terrorism, military operations, recession and failed peace missions, Israelis and Palestinians have finally agreed on something: there is no light at the end of the tunnel.

Last week, Palestinians throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip – and Arabs in Israel – celebrated the third anniversary of the intifadah with rallies, marches and political pronouncements.

In Palestinian-populated cities, masked militants marched through the streets in political demonstrations marking the campaign of violence launched against Israel at the end of September 2000, but the rallies were relatively small.

Their size suggests either popular exhaustion with the intifadah or caution after Israel's strikes against terrorist leaders and its threat to expel Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat.

For Israelis, the optimism of Rosh Hashanah did little to sweeten expectations for a new year free of suicide bombings and terrorist ambushes.

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CANADA

Fence Route Opposed

TORONTO — The group Canadian Friends of Peace Now (CFPN) says Ottawa should follow the United States and tell Prime Minister Ariel Sharon that Israel's security fence between itself and the West Bank cuts Palestinians off from their land by seizing their territory. It also violates Israel's commitments in the peace process and prevents an eventual peace deal, the group said. Co-president Av Sohn said last month in a statement that Israel is justified in protecting itself against suicide bombers and that a fence may be useful, but it should follow the 1967 border. CFPN said Sharon has "turned [the issue] into a political ploy to deepen Israeli occupation of the West Bank."

Sephardi President

MONTREAL — FEDERATION CJA has named community leader Sylvain Abitbol as its new president. He is the first Sephardi to hold the position. Abitbol is chief executive officer and president of the high-tech firm NHC Communications. He pledged to help those in need in the community, to combat anti-Semitism and defend Israel.

ISRAEL

Economy to Grow

JERUSALEM — Israel's economy may have bottomed out, according to *Globes* newspaper. Israel's gross domestic product is expected to grow by 1.1 per cent this year, the Israeli business newspaper reported, citing the country's Central Bureau of Statistics. Per capita growth, however, is forecast to be minus 0.7 per cent.

Barghouti Petition

TEL AVIV — Two U.S. couples have petitioned Israel's high court to have Fatah leader Marwan Barghouti charged with crimes against humanity in order to prevent his release in a future prisoner exchange, their lawyers said last week. Barghouti, the head of the Tanzim militia in the West Bank, is representing himself at a trial in Israel for allegedly planning terror attacks that killed 26 Israelis. Petitioners Revital and Alan Bauer, who was injured along with his son in a 2003 attack, and Avner and Pnina Franklin, whose daughter was killed in a 2002 attack, filed the petition amid summations in the case last week. In his statement, Barghouti, who was arrested in April 2002 in the West Bank, gave a political speech and repeated his claim that, as a politician, Israel has no right to try him. He also said he would be released soon, but didn't elaborate.

Ariel Inside Fence?

JERUSALEM — The West Bank town of Ariel will be inside Israel's security fence, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon reportedly told a Likud party meeting last week. Ariel is several miles beyond the Green Line boundary that divides Israel proper from the West Bank. Cabinet later approved the move, though the Ariel section of the fence will not yet be connected to the main fence closer to the Green Line. U.S. officials have warned the cost of building the fence around some West Bank towns may be deducted from loan guarantees to Israel.

WORLD

Shchitah Threatened

LONDON — A British vegetarian group has launched a new campaign against kosher and halal slaughter in the United Kingdom. Vegetarians International Voice for Animals is resuming an effort begun several years ago because the semi-official British Farm Animal Welfare Council recommended this summer that all animals in the country be stunned before slaughter. The group is planning a mass lobby of Parliament on Nov. 19. Jewish authorities have ruled unanimously that stunning an animal before killing it renders its meat not kosher, said Rabbi Jeremy Conway, head of the kashrut division of London's rabbinical court.

Banned Opera Revived

NEW YORK — An opera banned by Hitler about a heroic Jewish woman will get a second life in New York. The 19th-century opera, *La Juive* (*The Jewess*), by French composer Jacques Halevy, is about a Jewish woman boiled in oil for refusing to convert to Christianity. It will debut Nov. 6 at the Metropolitan Opera, 70 years after Hitler banned it, the *New York Post* said.

Conan the Apologizer

LOS ANGELES — As part of his campaign for California governor in that state's recall election, Arnold Schwarzenegger has apologized for a 1986 wedding toast to Kurt Waldheim. "It was a mistake," he told the *Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angles* last week about his toast to his Austrian compatriot Waldheim, the former UN secretary general who covered up his service in a pro-Nazi unit during World War II. Schwarzenegger has been an active supporter of the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

A Soapy New Year

LOS ANGELES — ABC last week aired an episode of the soap opera *One Life to Live* in which the show's Jewish character celebrates Rosh Hashanah with her son. During the episode, character Nora Buchanan and her son Matthew celebrated Rosh Hashanah and looked forward to the start of the new year. They talked about having cast off their sins into the river, and lit candles and said Kaddish for loved ones. During the celebration, Matthew confesses to Nora that he tried to get her back together with his father, Bo Buchanan.

Part of Temple Mount Wall Collapses

JERUSALEM — Part of an interior wall of the Temple Mount has collapsed, exposing dirt and fill in an area above the Western Wall.

The wall, part of the Islamic Museum on the Temple Mount, collapsed last week. The section – about 120 square feet – is visible to worshippers in the Western Wall plaza.

Archeologist Eilat Mazar, a member of the Committee to Prevent the Destruction of Temple Mount Antiquities, told Arutz Sheva radio the collapse could lead to others and is connected to illegal construction on the Temple Mount by the Muslim Waqf, or religious trust, which administers the area.

"It is frightening to think of this collapse," Mazar said. "This collapse should be a warning bell. If a catastrophe occurs, the whole world will blame Israel."

The relatively minor collapse is the latest structural fault to affect the Wall. The Waqf has resisted attempts by Israeli archeology officials over the years to shore it up. Earlier this year, Jordanian engineers were called in to help repair a huge bulge in an outer wall.

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Jewish representation cut in Liberal landslide

Young loses, red tide carries Kwinter, Caplan

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

Jewish representation in Ontario's legislature was cut by one in last week's Liberal landslide victory, with former attorney general David's Young's upset loss in Willowdale.

David Caplan

Young, who was the lone Jewish representative in Ernie Eves' Tory government, was defeated by Liberal David Zimmer, chair of the Toronto Community Housing Corp., by 1,883 votes in the battle of the Davids.

Liberal MPPs David Caplan and Monte Kwinter were returned to office by comfortable margins.

Rumours were swirling soon after the vote that Kwinter, a Liberal stalwart since 1985, would be returning to cabinet, or possibly, appointed Speaker of the House.

Kwinter told *The CJN* the morning after the vote that he'll serve in any capacity Premier-elect Dalton McGuinty chooses.

While welcoming his victory, Kwinter, 72, sounded curiously bitter, saying "some members of the Jewish community worked to elect my opponent, notwithstanding [the fact] that every riding with a Jewish presence won with more votes than last time."

Kwinter, who held cabinet posts in the previous Liberal governments, said he found it "a little discouraging for people to berate me" about his leader's pledge to abolish the popular Equity in Education Tax Credit (EETC), which provides tax relief for parents of children in faith-based schools.

Earlier this summer, Kwinter won plaudits in Jewish circles for breaking ranks with his party and voting with the Conservative government to entrench the tax credit into law – the sole Liberal to do so.

Despite his stance, he found it "rather disturbing that some members of the community didn't recognize the fact that what I did took courage."

Kwinter said it's important for the community to have a voice on the measure in the new government. "We'll see what we can do to find some accommodation."

He's now won six consecutive terms. In the last vote, he lost just one poll in the riding. This time, he lost two, but trounced his Tory rival by more than 10,000 votes.

Conservative MPP Tina Molinari's narrow loss in Thornhill was seen as a disappointment by the community. Molinari, who won the riding by a mere 343 votes in 1999, became one of the tax credit's biggest boosters.

Monte Kwinter

Thornhill is Ontario's most Jewish riding, at 33 per cent, and is home to the largest number of Jewish day schools in the province.

Both Molinari and Young championed some form of tax relief for private school parents as early as 2000.

This time, Molinari lost to longtime Vaughan councillor Mario Racco by 781 votes. The win should give Racco some satisfaction, as he had the federal Liberal nomination snatched from him in 1997 when Prime Minister Jean Chrétien appointed Elinor Caplan as the candidate.

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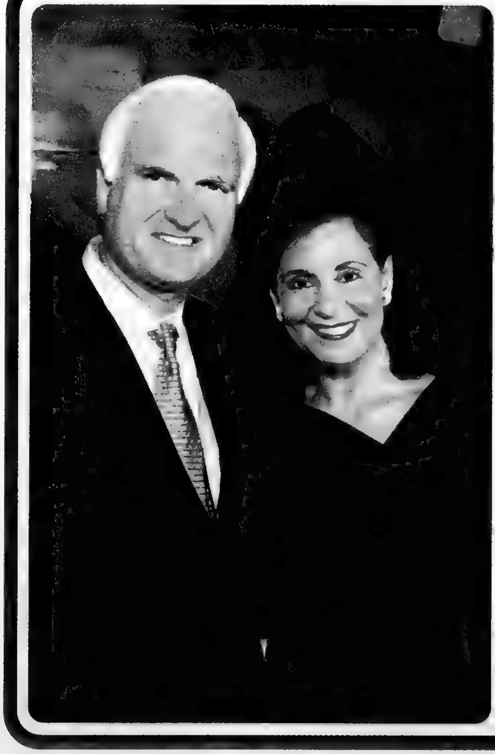

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Lest we lose our optimism

From the editor's desk

I seldom comment in this space on news reports or commentary in other media about Israel. The anti-Israel slant is sufficiently prevalent in certain quarters that I would be constantly commenting on it. Moreover, *The CJN* already features a weekly column – *According to Reports* by Paul Michaels of the Canada-Israel Committee, one of Canada's pre-eminent media experts – which does precisely that: comment on other media.

But sometimes I make exceptions.

I was aghast at a *CNN* report carried by Global Television on its 11:00 p.m. newscast last Monday night. The *CNN* correspondent, Fionnuala Sweeney, was reporting on the third anniversary of the "intifadah," the war launched by Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat against Israel on Sept. 28, 2000.

Sweeney began her report in the following way: "It was three years ago that the Palestinians rose up in defiance of Israel in their fight for statehood."

Her voice was recorded against the usual visual backdrop, file footage of stone-throwing Palestinians squaring off against well-armed Israeli soldiers. Then there were the scenes of the Israeli riot police attempting to control the violent, but obviously young Palestinians on the Temple Mount as they hurled stones and rocks upon Jewish worshippers at the Western Wall below.

Next in the report was the participation, by now mandatory, of Palestinian spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi, who recounted the events that led to Sept. 28. Not surprisingly, Ashrawi attributed the rioting by the young Palestinians to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's visit to the Temple Mount, which she characterized as a provocation to Palestinian sensibility. And so on.

The report had one theme and one message: the Palestinians are waging a fight for their freedom against an overbearing, monstrous Israeli oppressor.

Sweeney did mention suicide bombings by Palestinians, but she did so *en passant*, as a tactic that evolved from the throwing of stones, indeed forced upon them, she implied, by the circumstances of their disadvantage.

Sweeney did not utter a single word about the fact that the Palestinians did not have to "fight" for statehood at all since it was offered to them in negotiations at Camp David and at Taba by the prime minister of Israel, nor a single word about the fact that a number of PA officials have openly admitted Sharon's visit to the Temple Mount was a pretext for the violence that had been planned weeks prior to his walkabout, nor a single word about the fact that the recruitment by Arafat of anti-Jewish, Islamic extremists to wage terror against Israelis may have irrevocably changed Palestinian society as well as the nature of the conflict itself.

More than a misstatement of history and a distortion of the facts, the report was irresponsible and an offence to truth. It was propaganda masquerading as news.

Masked Palestinian gunmen rally in Gaza to mark the third anniversary of their intifadah.

[RNS/Reuters photo]

Woe to the society where truth is irrelevant to the purveyors of the news. Truth is the foundation of justice and justice is the pillar upon which peace can rest secure.

The toll of Arafat's duplicity has been incalculably tragic. Statistics convey numbers; they cannot convey loss.

The severest numbers, of course, have been the ones that quantify the loss of life. In all, more than 3,300 people have been killed: 2,477 Palestinians and 860 Israelis (as of the end of September).

Another of the incalculable losses among Israelis and Palestinians that Arafat has engineered has been the loss of optimism. As is reported elsewhere in this issue, most Israelis and Palestinians do not see a light at the end of this increasingly long tunnel. They see protracted struggle.

The Palestinian economy that had shown such positive signs of expansion during the Oslo heyday has been devastated. The economy is creating few jobs, and few of those are any but menial jobs.

With so little prospect for their future, is it any wonder that younger Palestinians are turning to Hamas, Islamic Jihad or the Al Aksa Martyrs Brigade? In the absence of meaning through work, youth will opt for the possibility of meaning through notoriety. And in the society that Arafat has nurtured, whose major instruments of influence glorify and glamourize violence and especially *shaheedism* (becoming a martyr), there is no greater notoriety than that which follows the attempt to kill Israelis.

It will require great inner strength to prevent the loss of optimism from taking root within Israeli and Palestinian society and within ourselves as well.

—***MBD***

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JEWISH EDUCATORS VISIT ISRAEL: This past summer, 31 Jewish and general studies educators from Jewish day and supplementary schools in Toronto took part in an 11-day seminar in Israel. The goal of the program, which was sponsored by UJA Federation Board of Jewish Education, the Jewish Agency, Partnership 2000 and the Jewish National Fund, was to expose the teachers to various tikkun olam projects so they can bring related initiatives back to their classrooms.

CIC helps launch pro-Israel interfaith group

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

A new cross-Canada interfaith effort pulling together representatives of Jewish, mainline Christian and evangelical groups aims to boost domestic support and advocacy for Israel among both faiths.

"The Forum" plans to make use of evangelical Christians' strident support for the Jewish state, organizers say.

The initiative's main plank is a four-part breakfast series to be held in eight Canadian cities until next June. It was inaugurated late last month in Toronto at a morning briefing with Shimon Fogel, CEO of the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC), who spoke on "Faith Groups Join in a Noble Mission," and Charles Wagner, president and international director of the Jerusalem-based Bridges for Peace, who addressed "Jews and Christians Standing Together."

Forum to build on evangelicals' support

The new group will also send missions to Israel and train those involved in media monitoring and advocacy for Israel.

Its main backers are the CIC, Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto and Canadians Against Semitism.

"It's the culmination of a lot of different, parallel initiatives," Fogel told *The CJN*. "It signals a conscious decision to institutionalize the kind of relations we have [with Christians who support Israel.]"

An initial roster lists 54 participants reflecting a broad spectrum of groups, such as Bridges for Peace, which is dedicated to building relationships between Christians and Jews while encouraging support for Israel; the Canada Christian College; the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem, an international evangelical effort; and Anti-Semitism Must End Now (AMEN).

Also on board are Liberal MP Art Eggleton, Israeli consul general in Toronto Yaakov Brosh and representatives of the Roman Catholic, United and Presbyterian churches.

Breakfast meetings are to be held in Halifax, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, and Vancouver, where Christian and Jewish speakers will make the case for Israel.

Fogel said he is aware of the problematic theology evangelical Christians bring to the table. Many believe that supporting the modern State of Israel will hasten the Second Coming, after which Jews will either embrace Jesus or perish.

Many Jewish observers, while welcoming the support for Israel, have expressed concern at the underlying agenda.

"I understand their concerns," Fogel said. "[But] we have to welcome [these Christians] to broaden the pro-Israel base as much as possible. The tent is big enough for everyone."

He said the Forum "is not meant to be anything other than a meeting place where we seek networking, inspiration and the sharing of ideas."

In the United States, evangelical and other conservative Christians have emerged as Israel's staunchest allies. Their presence has been felt in the U.S. Congress and even the White House.

The Forum is intended to help Jews and Christians achieve a mutual comfort level, after which special projects will monitor the media for bias against Israel and write letters to the editor. Christian participants will also spread the word about the need to back Israel in their churches and larger communities, the CIC says.

Members of a planned speakers bureau will drive home the point that the terrorist threat facing Israel is the same one confronting Western nations.

The group's first mission, comprised of 40 Jews and Christians, left for Israel this past Sunday for a two-week trip. The Forum expects to take missions to Israel three or four times a year.

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Volunteer encourages others to support MDA

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

When Sandy Galet attended a Beit Halochem Canada – Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel fundraising concert last year, she was moved by the courage of the disabled Israeli veterans "who were making something spectacular with their lives.

"I decided that I had to help others to survive," Galet says. "I thought that the best way I could help was to support Magen David Adom."

The mother of four children and grandmother of 12, who has had an active business and volunteer career, says she wanted to find a project that would include a lot of people.

"I wanted to do something without any bureaucracy and I wanted the people to use their own ideas to help raise money for a much-needed Mobile Intensive Care Unit."

She had to find a way to raise $111,100 for the unit "with no red tape, no expenses and no board meetings."

She invited 10 women to her home last fall, and asked them to donate at least $100 each. She then asked each woman to invite 10 others to do the same thing and then to continue the process.

In the end, 534 donors held more than 40 events, including wine and cheese parties, a bowling party, cocktail parties and a telethon. They received donations ranging from $25 to $15,000 from women and men of all ages across the country. The oldest donor was over 100 years old. In five months, they had reached their goal.

Important to visit Israel

"It was my idea, but it was the work of a lot of individuals who took the idea and made it a success," Galet says.

She says her father, who lost many of his family in the Holocaust, used to say, "If there was an Israel, it never could have happened – we now have to protect Israel."

It is important to give money to Israel, she says, but it's even more important to visit Israel.

"The ambulance, with paramedics and the lifesaving equipment, is the first step in saving lives, whether at a terrorist incident, an accident or, often, in case of illness."

Galet was born in Montreal and received a degree in fine arts at McGill University. In 1964, she moved to Toronto with her husband David Galet, went on to earn a master's degree in special education at OISE and worked as a psychometrist, testing children for learning and emotional problems.

Sandy Galet

In 1984, while on a visit to Israel, she saw Naot sandals and decided that she wanted to sell them in Canada. She and Corinne Lissoos formed Solemates, a wholesale distributing company for the sandals, which are now sold across Canada, and they opened a retail store, Prairie Dog, on Eglinton Avenue West. Last year, Galet sold the business to her partner.

In addition to her work, she is an active volunteer and a founder of Shaar Shalom Synagogue.

"I called together six people, went door to door and formed the synagogue in the living room of our house."

Galet says Magen David Adom is planning a trip to Israel in late October for the ambulance donors and others. It will be led by Sara Pachter, who has led 160 tours. A highlight of the trip will be to see the mobile intensive care unit they purchased, which is stationed in Kiryat Shmonah.

For more information about the trip, contact Magen David Adom at 416-780-0034, or 1-800-731-2848.

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Condolences

Last week, along with all Canadians and other freedom-loving peoples, we mourned the deaths of two Canadian soldiers in the southwestern outskirts of Kabul in Afghanistan. They were on routine patrol when the jeep they were riding in struck a landmine. Three other soldiers were also wounded in the attacks.

Sgt. Robert Alan Short, 42, a father of two from Fredericton, and Cpl. Robbie Christopher Beerenfenger, 29, a father of four from Ottawa, were killed instantly.

Defence Minister John McCallum announced the bitter news to a silent House of Commons. The deaths were "a painful reminder," he said, "that defending our values and doing our duty as a nation can come with a very high price."

The top Canadian officer in Afghanistan, Maj.-Gen. Andrew Leslie, the deputy commander of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force, or ISAF, tried to explain the loss in the only way he could.

"The mission we're on is a good one," Leslie said, "and we're helping people. We're protecting them from predators and terrorists who would like nothing better for us to either withdraw into our camps or to run away. And we are going to do neither. We're going to continue our duty here. We are not going to run away and we are not going to withdraw into our camp. I think most Canadians will understand that."

Maj.-Gen. Andrew Leslie is absolutely correct.

Most Canadians do indeed understand that.

We convey our deep sympathy and condolences to the families and friends of Sgt. Short and Cpl. Beerenfenger. We also convey our feelings of great pride and gratitude for all our armed services for "protecting [Afghanis] from predators and terrorists." For in protecting Afghanis, they are also protecting us.

Congratulations

The people of Ontario last week elected Liberal leader Dalton McGuinty as the province's next premier. We need not speculate upon the reasons for the results, nor do we have the expertise to do so. Suffice to say, Ontarians unambiguously opted for a change in their government by a very wide margin.

The broad issue of good governance in relation to the well-being of the daily lives and the secure futures for all Ontarians will always be our highest concern. But the narrower issue of seeking equity in education funding, as we have often written in the past, is also of key importance to us. Equity in educational funding is vital to a sustained, strong and positive future for our community.

We extend our congratulations to McGuinty and his party, and we pray that they will govern the complex affairs of Canada's most populous province with integrity, wisdom, compassion and fairness.

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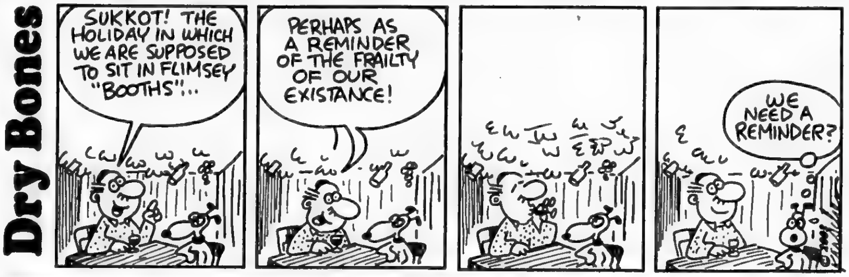
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Visit Israel

I am a child of Holocaust survivors, and I just returned from two weeks in Israel, the single most unique country in the world.

My decision to go to Israel, I must admit, was fraught with indecision and fear. I realize now there are two kinds of fear. The first protects you and the other is the kind that gets in the way. It makes you believe that you may be in danger when in fact you are just justifying your own complacency. Therefore, when I finally decided not to capitulate to Palestinian terror, my resolve to go turned into an unbelievable feeling of liberation. Fear should never fully rule the heart, and as I write this letter at 4 a.m., I proudly realize that I am a victim of only one thing: jetlag.

Go to Israel. It is as vibrant and confident as always, and a gift we cannot ignore.

Morris Samson
Thornhill, Ont.

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CJN failed its readers

I am a reader of your newspaper and mostly agree with your general standpoint. I also enjoy the news you have been bringing in to my home.

However, I cannot understand why a paper would publish an article that essentially forgives an outrageous, anti-Semitic demarche and practically grants an indulgence to anti-Semites to engage in further anti-Semitic activities ("Russian paper apologizes for 'anti-Semitic' article," *CJN*, Sept. 11).

Instead of studying the topic and trying to help those who want to do justice, *The CJN* published a mild article that finished with the words "the matter is closed."

Let me list some of the points made in the *Russian Canadian Info* article by Valery Serduchenko that you reported on:

- "It was the Jews who led the revolution of the last century and were in the forefront of perestroika."
- "Today's anti-Semitism has a moral justification."
- "A new bunch of Abraham's children has created a turmoil of privatization and has stripped the country to the underwear."
- "In conclusion, let me say this: Jews! Be on the alert! Do not puff out your bellies and cheeks. Serve honestly and worship the Gods of the nations who let you enter."

If you read the whole article, you will find more of these pearls.

Alexander Maryasin
Toronto

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A great loss

I humbly add my profound sadness to your obituary on one of Judaism's most significant thinkers, the late Emil Fackenheim ("A great loss to the Jewish people," *CJN*, Sept. 25).

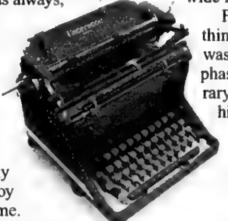
To this day, I return to my bookshelf to read his books again and again. As a Holocaust survivor, I live by his teachings that stress how "the Jewish people have an obligation to survive and never despair."

His 614th commandment – that Jews should not give Hitler a posthumous victory – embodies this idea and is always relevant, especially today, as we witness a worldwide increase in anti-Semitism.

Fackenheim was one of the most important thinkers of the last 50 years. His scholarship was impressive. In all of his writings, he emphasized the centrality of Israel in contemporary Jewish life. In *To Mend the World*, one of his most important works, he laid open to all the foundations of Jewish thought.

May his memory be forever a blessing.

Baruch Cohen
Montreal



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Condemns moral equivalency

Mel Shipman's characterization of Israeli policy toward Hamas as revengeful and petty (*CJN*, Letters to the Editor, Oct. 2) demonstrates his own lack of understanding of the current war between Palestinian terrorists, who seek to murder Israeli civilians, and the Israeli army, which seeks to capture and kill those murderers while avoiding civilian casualties at all costs. How can Shipman seriously put Hamas and the Israeli government on the same moral footing? Does he not comprehend that Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat is a menace to peace and that Hamas and other death cults seek to annihilate the Jewish state and purposely target the weak and defenceless, and woman and children?

Targeting members of Hamas and other death groups prevents attacks and keeps Israelis alive. Why Israel defends its people against Hamas is not, as Shipman believes, "incomprehensible." What is perplexing, though, is how Shipman could possibly seek to apply a moral equivalency between the Israeli government and the vile killers of Hamas.

Yehuda Anshel
Montreal

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Of Stone and Heart

By **LEN RICHMAN**

My mind was a complete blank. I moved the fingertips of both my hands slowly up and down the stone surface, over and over again, while continuing to look up, slightly pressed against it. Imperceptibly, a lump began to form in my throat. Still not focusing clearly, I was infused with a sense of awe.

* * *

Like others of my generation, I had read Leon Uris's *Exodus* in my youth and Israel became a dream. But life intervened, and the dream was deferred until I reached middle age.

Attaching a six-month leave to a one-year sabbatical from teaching at Quebec's West Island College, I found myself in Israel wearing an Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) volunteer uniform. In and out of uniform, on and off army bases, I was exposed to intense situations, incidents and opportunities beyond the usual tourist experiences.

The political conflicts, sustained violence and tension and dichotomies of perspective in Israel are reported regularly on our side of the world. I have no new wise analyses or ideas to offer. What is it I do want to share?

"Love at first sight" can really happen. The truly golden city of Jerusalem captured me instantly. My interval there, particularly in the Old City, was the closest I had come in years to knowing again the wide-eyed, open-hearted learning of a delighted child. Dominating Jerusalem's magical effect on me was a singular experience that still overwhelms me when I think of it, even at this distance in time and place. This is the first time I have attempted to articulate it.

We were fortunate to have assigned to our volunteer unit a young woman named Hedda. Comfortable in Hebrew, French and English, trained by the army specifically as a guide for IDF volunteers, she took us through Jerusalem's Old City and a week later, to Masada. A blue-eyed, dark-haired Sabra with dancing freckles around her nose, she had patience, perception and a rich knowledge that she imparted with much enthusiasm.

We wandered through the Christian, American and Jewish quarters. Wearing our uniforms put us at a disadvantage. We were only allowed to skirt the periphery of the Arab section's labyrinth of narrow streets. Tourists were able to move around more freely.

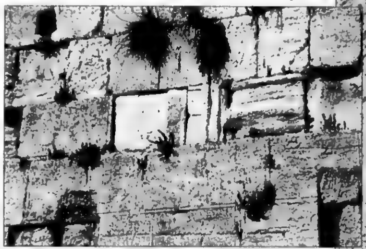
After roaming through alleys and buildings preserved since antiquity, we paused at the top of the Old City walls and then began to descend the countless stone steps leading to the Western Wall. Halfway down, we stopped for a security check.

I stood, scanning a wide scene. To the left was the steeple of a church I could not identify; to the right, the minaret of a mosque. Glinting in the sun was the Dome of the Rock. (Interestingly, I would later have an uncomfortable clash there with two Arab women after my wife had joined me overseas and I was taking pictures as a tourist, *not* in uniform.)

Leading to the wall below was the largest plaza I had ever seen, filled with people walking, talking in groups or standing alone thoughtfully. Little children skipped about or held onto their parents' hands as soldiers patrolled the entire expanse, including the roofs of nearby buildings. I could see a tapestry of colour and a variety of clothing. Men wearing prayer shawls and women with kerchiefs covering their heads were divided by a narrow, low partition of cloth and wood.

Arriving at the bottom of those smooth, worn steps, I walked across the square. My 20-year-old soldier attendant and friend, Avi, told me I had to put on one of the kippot available in boxes at the entrance to the wall. He would be going to an alcove on the left side for private prayer and would meet me later.

Of course, I had known about the Western Wall, a 2,000-year vestige of Herod's Temple. I had read about it and met people who had visited it. I could understand its significance to practising Jews and its symbolic import for Jews in general. Yet I never had any special attachment to it, regarding it with the same rational recognition as I would China's Great Wall or the Berlin Wall. I was totally unprepared for my reaction.



Donning our kippot, Avi and I separated, he to the left, me straight toward the wall. Standing directly in front, only vaguely aware of the men and boys in prayer on either side of me, I looked straight up at its imposing height. My eyes settled on the bits of paper stuck in the grey stones' narrow crevices: worldwide hopes, dreams, thanks, remembrances, petitions scrawled on tiny scraps and placed in those small openings.

When I finally turned away, my face was wet. I couldn't fathom why this happened. I remember thinking, as I returned the kippah to its box and walked across the expansive plaza in a haze to rejoin my companions, "Is this what is meant by a profound pilgrimage of the spirit?" I knew I had made a kind of unbroken connection to the arduous past – my own or my birthright's. Perhaps both.

As I write this now, I think that Israel for me was like an archeological dig, land and structures waiting until the propitious instance to unearth certain revelations. There was never a piercing moment of eureka in what I have recounted here, only a quiet wonderment.

Attempting to come to terms with being a Jew, especially in Canada, on my terms, not someone else's, had occupied me from late adolescence. I grew up in a modern Orthodox environment and moved to the Reform movement after I got married. Jerusalem and my meeting with that wall of stone, and a week later, the rock of Masada, were not threatening to me or a reminder of the current anxieties in Israel. The monuments were alive and inspiring, bringing me to a juncture in which I felt a rather elusive recognition, a vague acceptance taking shape, an acceptance that was until then dormant and buried under a lot of clutter.

There are puzzles still not completely resolved. And yet, some of my persistent bewilderment from the time I was a young man is not so much of a dilemma anymore.

Yes, the romantic reading of *Exodus* a long time ago had changed for me. Yes, I could no longer view Israel as "a light unto the nations," having discovered its people were just like people in other nations. Somehow, though, I glimpsed a personal light of clarification, something I had been seeking most of my life. Dreams are often manifested in the most unexpected ways.

It would soon be time to return the uniform, and return to my part of the world.

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An Israeli soldier prays at the Western Wall. **[RNS/Reuters photo]**

Praying in Hebrew

Norma Baumel Joseph in Montreal

Lately, some of us have spent an inordinate amount of time in synagogues using books in a foreign language: Hebrew. Many of us resort to the translated page in English or French, but I believe that act misses the quintessential nature of prayer.

Don't get me wrong. I recognize the logical need to understand prayer. If we are to pray, we should know the meanings of the words. If prayer is composed of praise of God, thanksgiving and petitions, how can we appropriately participate if the words are unintelligible? Perhaps we should make a New Year's pledge to study prayer this coming year. If prayer requires knowing, aren't we compelled to seriously study the text – not once a year but in a consistent and conscientious way? I make such pledges often, but my lifestyle like yours prevents execution.

Consequently, the translation allows us some form of comprehension. But consider what it misses. The ritual of prayer is more than mere understanding. It is a "transcendental" blend of the rational and the spiritual. It is embodied and pious, hallowed and revered. Rituals often carry their own meaning through physical action itself. We are so enamoured of the cognitive that we often confuse understanding with experience. But the challenge of prayer goes far beyond the clarification of phrases. It involves performance: singing, swaying, sitting, standing, remembering, smiling, crying, moving and being moved. All our senses are committed – as we should be. Each utterance binds the individual to community, a community of those present and those who are not present. There is something awesome in using Hebrew. Reciting the phrases evokes centuries of ancestors and automatically links us to them.

I am not making the absurd claim that we do not have an obligation to understand the words. Nor am I opposed to the use of English. The sages stated in tractate Sofrim that it is appropriate to translate the prayers for those, such as women, who cannot understand them. I am appreciative of those wonderful men and women who translated and composed *tekhinnes* (petitional prayers) in Yiddish. Our heritage is richer for their efforts.

But I am proposing that we learn to use more Hebrew so that prayer will find its way into our hearts and spirits – our *neshamah* – as well as our minds.(I thank my parents for my competence in Hebrew.)

When we recreate prayer books without Hebrew, or stop challenging ourselves to work through the biblical, talmudic and medieval texts that constitute our prayer books, we lose out. We privilege only one part of our nature and lose a connection with our own religious perception, practice and history. If all we can do is recite prayers in English, we have lost the connective tissue of our heritage.

Taking chances with liberals

Jean M. Gerber in Vancouver

"Why do liberals hate Israel?" my Shabbat guest wanted to know. He was not a gung-ho neo-con, but a thoughtful young Israeli visiting for the summer. He comes from a modern Orthodox family (they love scotch and jazz) and is planning to enter a hesder program that combines yeshiva study with army service. He intends to volunteer for the paratroopers.

This question was posed to us because we are considered by most to be very small-l liberal regarding the Middle East. What could I say? The premise underlying his question is that Israel has been abandoned by western liberals, who have totally embraced the Palestinian version of history and recent events, and may oppose the very existence of a Jewish state.

I assured him I didn't think this was true. The answer, I said, was complicated and began with early, rosy and unrealistic expectations of Israel and the Jews, and more realistic assessments of Israel's accomplishments were possible, indeed evident, in many quarters in North America.

My Shabbat guest is not alone in feeling that Israel must look elsewhere than to western liberals for support in its struggles. And where are many looking? To the other extreme – to North American fundamentalist Christian groups that have embraced Israel and the Jewish people. Now this really scares me.

Recently, Vancouver was the scene of a rousing meeting that featured Bridges for Peace (BFP) leader Charles Wagner, who has lived in Israel for the past 26 years. I salute him for putting his body where his heart obviously lies. Still, I take little comfort from his enthusiasm and even less from his theology of the Jewish state.

The argument put forward by BFP and other fundamentalist Christians goes like this: the Bible – which he described (oh, dear) "as accurate as the morning newspaper" – clearly gives only the Jews, descended from Isaac, title to the Holy Land. All others are usurpers of this unique promise. There is no such thing as a Palestinian people; Arabs have no claim to land in the God-given territory between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River. Rather than respond to terrorism with more terrorism, they argue, Jews and Israelis condemn killers such as Baruch Goldstein, while Muslims celebrate them as martyrs.

Wagner had harsh words for Islam as a religion, but he said he sees the creation of Israel as a fulfillment of the biblical prophecy of the ingathering of the exiles, which, in evangelical fundamentalist circles, is regarded as a precursor to the second coming of the messiah.

Wagner's argument unsettles me for several reasons. First, it imprisons Jews in someone else's theology. We have barely extricated ourselves from the idea that Jews killed God (absolved of this by Vatican II) only to be caught up in another theory, this time of messianic expectations. The corollary to this "ingathering" is that Jews will convert once they see the "second coming" – or maybe just before, depending on your interpretation of Revelation. Can we not see that one theological prison is as bad as another? Suppose we don't gather in all the exiles, or the messiah does not show up next week, month or year. Will it then be our fault?

Second, I find it hard to welcome such unconditional love, if that is what is being offered, when it comes with such disdain for another sister religion, Islam. Misguided as its fanatics are, Islam is a religion that is open to other interpretations. One of the rules of interfaith dialogue is that you don't dis the other guy's religion. I find this as lacking in the fundamentalist interpretations of Islam as I do anti-Semitic interpretations of Judaism.

Wagner's visit was sponsored by the Jewish-Christian Friendship Circle, part of our local Israel Action Committee. There are some fundamentalist tenets that I cannot accept here at home, so why should I accept their support abroad?

I believe very strongly in making alliance with mainstream Christian denominations. We share a belief in democracy, personal freedom and social support networks. If they misread Israel, we can show them the truth. If we want to influence public policy, we must enlist mainstream denominations and, more importantly, political decision makers.

For that, I'll take my chances with liberals.

It's also a keychain

Stuart Slayen in Winnipeg

My wife and I have been struggling with household clutter since the day we moved into our house. I don't think either of us ever threw out a piece of paper or obsolete possession when we were single. I know we haven't since we've been married. (And we are now the proud parents of two pack-rat toddlers.)

Three years ago, we recognized the problem and decided to have a garage sale right away to help get rid of our retired briefcases, battered tea saucers, 12 dog-eared Robert Ludlum paperbacks and other assorted junk. True to our promise, we did have a garage sale – two weeks ago.

While searching through boxes, cupboards and closets, we stumbled across some of the hidden Judaica that's found in most Jewish homes. I'm not talking about kiddush cups, mezuzahs and other items of ritual and spiritual significance. I'm talking about the strange, kitschy, sometimes ugly stuff that leaves you wondering.

For example, we have an acrylic bottle opener with a poorly sketched vista of the Old City of Jerusalem encased within. In case you can't recognize the view while you're opening your Moosehead, the bottle opener is adorned by the words "Old City." A useless item, you say? Nonsense! It's also a keychain!

We also have a metal, wall-mounting keyholder that spells "Jerusalem." The horizontal word hangs from a tiny chain. Attached to the J, the R, the S, the L and the M are little hooks where you can hang your keys. (Why are there so many key-related Jerusalem tchatchkes? Perhaps because it's a gated city?)

We also have four coffee mugs that say "Happy Chanukah." It's a well-known fact that the real miracle of Chanukah was that the Maccabees only had enough coffee for one pot, but it lasted for eight days. And, according to some historical sources, the Hasmonean battle plans were designed over a latte.

I look at this stuff and I laugh. The bookends shaped like menorahs. The pencil holder with a picture of the kotel. Whose idea was this stuff? While perhaps I could be convinced that King David secretly wanted a fine hotel named after him, I'm having trouble believing that he dreamed of keyholders, bottle openers and shot glasses being designed to celebrate the Holy City. If that was the vision, then the Tower of David would have included a gift shop from day one.

But not all of the Jewish articles around our homes are destined for mockery and storage. In fact, it's important that each Jewish home have a variety of lovely items: kiddush cups, havdalah sets, chalah covers and others.

And the items should be beautiful. The book of Shmot tells us: "This is my God and I shall worship him with beauty." I'm no scholar, but I'm not aware of a passage that reads: "Thou shalt hang thy car keys on a Jerusalem keyholder," nor one that promises: "He who opens a brewski with an old city bottle opener shall have a place in the world to come."

Jews are advised to engage in *hiddur mitzvah*, the beautification of the commandment. In other words, it adds value to a mitzvah when the act and its tools are esthetically pleasing. A beautiful kiddush cup and candle holder enhance Shabbat. A striking seder plate beautifies Pesach. A shiny, creative menorah can add an additional spark to Chanukah candlelighting.

In my view, Sukkot allows us to engage in *hiddur mitzvah* in a way that no other holiday can. The fresh lulav and aromatic etrog bring pleasant smells and greenery to Sukkot. The bare walls of the sukkah are decorated lovingly by children. And as an autumnal harvest celebration, the holiday itself symbolizes a type of beautification of the world – a time when the leaves burst into a symphony of colours, a time to appreciate – and be a part of – beauty and simplicity.

May you have a beautiful Sukkot.

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The Kirshner File

The Yom Kippur War, 30 years later

Something seemed amiss on that pleasantly warm evening in Jaffa on Friday, Oct. 5, 1973. One after another, friends who had been invited to my post-Yom Kippur farewell party on Oct. 6 phoned to cancel, saying they or their husbands had suddenly been called up for military duty. My bride of a year, Etti, wondered what was happening. Was a crisis brewing in the Middle East? We went for a stroll on Jerusalem Boulevard, which cuts through Jaffa. As we walked, we saw Israeli army vehicles racing up and down that tree-shaded thoroughfare. Very unusual, we thought.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

Early the next morning, we were awakened by the roar of aircraft. I rushed to the balcony and saw two Mirage jets streaking across the sunny sky. Etti, an Israeli who had lived through the anxiety and joy of the Six Day War, said, "It's war." I was shocked by the finality of her observation, though I knew that the situation in the Middle East had recently been tense. In September, the Israeli Air Force had shot down 13 Syrian MIGs in a swirling dogfight over the Mediterranean Sea. We wandered into old Jaffa. By the minute, the roads swelled with military traffic. There was a mood of urgency in the air. Now I feared the worst. Back home, we tuned in to Kol Israel's two o'clock news broadcast. What we heard crushed us: Egypt and Syria had attacked Israeli positions in the Sinai Peninsula and the Golan Heights. Israel had launched counter-attacks. The Yom Kippur War had begun.

At that moment, when sirens in Tel Aviv wailed, I decided to postpone my departure to Canada. In Israel's hour of duress, I would remain in Jaffa. Having arrived in Israel as a temporary resident in 1971, I had been scheduled to leave Tel Aviv on Oct. 9.

Little did we know that Egypt and Syria, which had lost territory in the 1967 Six Day War, had been preparing for war for the past 10 months. Israel had received warnings from several sources, including King Hussein of Jordan, that Anwar Sadat and Hafez Assad were gearing up for an offensive.

Israel had factored in the possibility that Egypt and Syria would try to regain the Sinai Peninsula and the Golan Heights. But Israel had concluded they would not be ready to attack until the mid-1970s. In any case, Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Dayan believed that Egypt, which had fought the War of Attrition with Israel from 1967 to 1970 along the Suez Canal, was simply incapable of neutralizing the Israeli Air Force, which could block an Egyptian reconquest of the Sinai.

Israel's attitude, a mix of complacency and arrogance, may have been due to Egyptian bluster. Since 1971, Sadat had been threatening to wrest the Sinai back from Israel. In May 1973, Israel had girded itself for an Egyptian offensive that never materialized. Still, Israel's chief of staff, Gen. David Elazar, had ordered a partial mobilization. Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir took that incident into account when she learned that the families of Soviet advisors in Cairo and Damascus had been evacuated, and that the Egyptian army near the canal had reached a high degree of preparedness. In the runup to these ominous developments, Israel was preoccupied by a diversion in Austria in which Palestinian gunmen had commandeered a train carrying Russian Jews from Moscow.

On Oct. 5, the evening my friends called to cancel their appearances at my party, Elazar came into possession of alarming data that suggested that Egypt and Syria were poised to strike Israel. He asked the cabinet for permission to mount a pre-emptive air attack against Syria and to order a general mobilization. Dayan and Meir demurred, but permitted the call-up of 100,000 reservists, according to Chaim Herzog in *The Arab-Israeli Wars* (1982). In the early hours of Oct. 6, the chief of Israeli military intelligence, Gen. Eli Zeira, informed Dayan and Elazar that war would break out that day on both fronts.

By consensus, Egypt and Syria initiated hostilities to seize the Sinai and the Golan and to force an internationally imposed diplomatic settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute. Sadat had offered Meir a package deal to defuse the conflict, but she had rejected it.

Sadat chose Oct. 6 to launch Operation Badr for two reasons: Israel's defences on Yom Kippur would supposedly be at a low ebb, and it coincided with advantageous tides and currents in the canal. Egypt's armed forces, commanded by Gen. Ahmed Ismail Ali, struck hard. Two thousand guns opened fire as waves of aircraft bombed airfields, bases, radar stations, artillery sites, missile emplacements, fortifications and observation posts along the Bar-Lev Line, which ran the length of the canal. Having softened up the Israelis, 8,000 infantrymen stormed across the canal. Facing this onslaught was a small Israeli force that had only recently been reinforced.

On the northern front, the Syrian army, under the command of Gen. Yussef Chakkour, unleashed a force of 1,500 tanks, supported by 1,000 artillery pieces and MIGs. The Syrians were met by a smallish Israeli garrison that could field approximately 170 tanks.

In Sinai, on Oct. 8, Israel launched a counter-attack. At a press conference in Tel Aviv, Elazar exuded confidence: "We will break their bones." Israel's riposte was remarkably unsuccessful. Firing shoulder-mounted Sagger missiles, Egyptian troops decimated Israeli tank columns. Egyptian ground-to-air missiles downed many Israeli Phantoms, Skyhawks and Mirages.

On the Golan, the Syrians advanced like a juggernaut. Syria captured Israeli army headquarters in Nafek, overran the settlement of Ramat Magshimim, pushed toward the escarpment overlooking the Sea of Galilee and took an important position on Mount Hermon. My cousin, Yaacov (Yanky), a Skyhawk pilot, was shot down by a SAM missile in the first desperate moments of the war. He was rescued after bailing out of his burning plane. Several days later, his left hand swaddled in a bandage, he married his high school sweetheart, Amira, in a poignant ceremony in Haifa. Shortly afterward, he returned to battle, no worse for wear.

The first week of the war went badly for Israel, and at one point, Dayan despaired that the "Third Temple," an oblique reference to Israel, was in danger of falling. Fighting tenaciously in Sinai, Israel decisively defeated the Egyptians in a massive tank battle – one of the largest in history – on Oct. 14.

Gen. David Elazar

Egypt had launched the attack at Syria's behest. The Syrians had been under great Israeli pressure. On Oct. 9, after Israeli settlements in the Galilee were hit by Syrian missiles, Israel bombed strategic targets inside Syria. They included the ministry of defence in Damascus. By accident, Israel struck the Soviet cultural centre in the Syrian capital. During a visit to Damascus in 1975, I caught a glimpse of the ruined Soviet facility.

Having more or less beaten back the Syrians on the Golan, Israel arranged bus tours to the Golan battlefields for reporters. After a briefing at Kibbutz Ginossar, our bus made its way up the steep road to the Golan. Looking out the window, I saw formations of Israeli jets sweeping across the Sea of Galilee and was jolted when an artillery shell exploded not even 100 metres away. The bus stopped at El Al, the Syrians' furthest point of penetration. I was shocked by the grim sight. The pebbled field was strewn with the burnt, bloated corpses of Syrian soldiers, some in grotesque shapes.

Having regained the initiative in the Sinai, Israeli troops, commanded by Gen. Ariel Sharon, stormed across the canal into Africa, thereby cutting off Egypt's Third Army. It was a turning point in the war, but Israel sustained serious casualties in fierce fighting at the "Chinese Farm." Hostilities on the Egyptian front ended on Oct. 24, after Israel's capture of Suez and compliance with a United Nations truce.

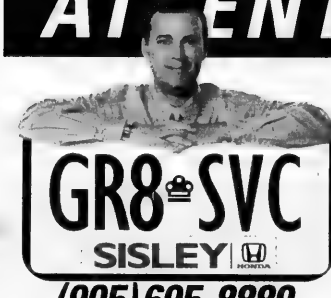
On the Golan, the tide of war shifted in Israel's favour. Israel drove back the Syrians and inflicted blows on a Jordanian armoured brigade and an Iraqi tank division. Israel also recaptured Mount Hermon. Syria agreed to a truce with Israel on Oct. 22, but a war of attrition, lasting until the spring of 1974, ensued on the Golan.

Far out in the Mediterranean Sea, Israel engaged Syria and Egypt in the world's first missile battles on the high seas. Israel gained the upper hand in these historic encounters.

In the midst of the war, the United States replenished Israel with planes, tanks, armoured vehicles and munitions. From a sidewalk on Allenby Street in Tel Aviv on Oct. 14, I looked up at the cloudless sky and saw mammoth U.S. Hercules aircraft ferrying in supplies. It was an exhilarating moment I will never forget.

The war, which caught Israel almost by surprise, was an intelligence failure for which Israel paid dearly. Israel eventually regained its footing, but it is debatable whether Israel scored an outright victory. Some commentators claim it ended in stalemate, particularly on the Egyptian front. Observers concur that Egypt and Syria fought better than in the Six Day War.

Extremely costly in terms of Israeli lives lost (more than 2,500 soldiers were killed), the war was a watershed. It shattered the political status quo, enhanced the role of the United States in Mideast diplomacy, prompted Egypt to sign a peace treaty with Israel, led to Egypt's rapprochement with the United States, ruined the careers of Meir and Elazar (who died prematurely) and brought Yitzhak Rabin, the former chief of staff and ambassador to the United States, to the fore of Israeli politics. Thirty years on, the war still reverberates.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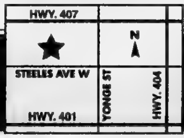

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Greater Toronto Area

Adath Israel welcomes new associate rabbi

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

As part of his previous job as Rav Hamachsher (supervisor of kashrut) for the Philadelphia branch of the Conservative movement's Rabbinical Assembly, the new associate rabbi of Adath Israel Congregation oversaw four Chinese vegetarian restaurants, three of which were in Chinatown.

"It was lots of fun," Rabbi David Seed recalled in his new office in Adath Israel, where he became associate rabbi in August. Now, he says, he is looking forward to new challenges, particularly given the size of the 1,800-family congregation in North York.

"I saw this as a wonderful opportunity," said Rabbi Seed, who spent the last eight years as spiritual leader of Congregation Beth El in Yardley, Pa., a synagogue with about 250 families. He joins Adath Israel's senior rabbi, Rabbi Steven Saltzman and rabbi emeritus, Rabbi Erwin Schild, who have not had an associate rabbi for six years.

Rabbi David Seed

Pastoral duties are only one aspect of Rabbi Seed's work. He will also be focusing on youth and young families.

"[There are] all sorts of opportunities that haven't been able to be addressed because there hasn't been the staff," said the rabbi. "It's a challenge, but it's also very exciting to address a lot of these needs."

He hopes to fill one niche by creating a program for expectant parents. "It's a nice opportunity for people going through the same stuff in their life to connect with one another."

Rabbi Seed also hopes to connect members by inaugurating a chavurah program of small, informal study groups.

On a personal level, he is enthused about Adath Israel's central location in the Jewish community. In Philadelphia, he said, the community is very spread out, translating into long commutes – from 20 minutes up to two hours one way – for his three children to get to school and for him to go to local rabbinic meetings. "Here, things are much more accessible. It's a whole new life for us."

And, even though Toronto is only a 10-hour drive from Philadelphia, it's "still a new country with new customs, new words and new rituals," he said, noting that he recently saw the roof at Skydome open and close at a Blue Jays game.

A 46-year-old native of New London, Conn., Rabbi Seed was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) in 1983 and graduated the following year with a master's degree in social work. Prior to that, he received a bachelor's degree in Jewish history from JTS and a bachelor's degree in political science from Columbia University.

Although he started out working for the Jewish federation in Atlanta, he has spent all but the first two years of his career in congregations, first as an assistant rabbi in Cleveland and then Milwaukee, before moving to Philadelphia.

Rabbi Seed says he comes from "a typical American Conservative family." His mother, a schoolteacher, and father, a pharmacist, attended synagogue "somewhat regularly," although they were not shomer Shabbat.

A former Camp Ramah camper and staff member, the rabbi worked for USY on Wheels, a summer travel program affiliated with the Conservative movement's youth arm, United Synagogue Youth. His wife Lori, who earned her master's degrees in Judaica and social work at JTS and Columbia, also worked for the program and, more recently, taught cooking at Philadelphia's Ramah Day Camp.

Rabbi Seed credits Ramah for his involvement in religious life. "It was the first place I saw what it was like to experience Judaism and Shabbat in that kind of setting, where Judaism was really a daily part of your life, not something you'd make a special effort to participate in. I found it very appealing."

One of the reasons he became a rabbi, he said, was to share his Jewish knowledge and love of Judaism the way his mentors at Ramah and religious school did with him.

TERRY FOX RUN: On the afternoon of Sept. 25, more than 200 Grade 5 students from Associated Hebrew Schools' Kamin and Posluns campuses converged at Westmount Collegiate in Thornhill, where they walked approximately 25 laps around the track in support of the annual Terry Fox Run. This is the 12th year the school has participated. The students expect to raise more than $15,000.

Zareinu provides a high school for girls

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

During the summer, Guitti Perman, 13, was a little nervous about going back to school.

"I'm going to be in school from 9 o'clock until 5:20, and my classes will include Hebrew, English, math, Chumash and the parshah of the week," Guitti said.

For most children attending Jewish day school, this statement would be part of a simple end-of-summer conversation. But for Guitti, verbal exchanges are an achievement. Guitti has cerebral palsy, a condition that affects body movement, speech and co-ordination.

Guitti Perman

An inability to effectively control her body's actions efficiently and problems with speech have meant Guitti has had to struggle at every stage of her development. Learning to walk and talk have been momentous achievements for the young member of the Lubavitch community.

In June, the teen graduated from elementary school, and in September, she and three other girls began to attend classes at the new Zareinu High School, located at Beth Jacob High School.

Guitti attended Zareinu Educational Centre for nursery and kindergarten until she was six years old. However, lack of a peer group prompted her parents to have her attend the Hugh MacMillan Rehabilitation Centre and then a special needs program in a public school, for a short time.

Guitti may not always have been easy to understand, "but she's definitely vocal," her mother Chaya Perman said. When she was in public school, Guitti made it clear that she wasn't comfortable in that environment.

"She wanted to be like her seven siblings, including her twin sister, in a school where she would learn about her own community."

When the Permans found out that there was a group forming at Zareinu that was age- and cognitive-appropriate, they re-enrolled Guitti in the Zareinu elementary school program.

"She became a changed child when she moved there," Perman said. "It's good for her self-esteem and confidence."

At Zareinu Educational Centre, Guitti participated in the Dynamic Method of Kinetic Stimulation (MEDEK), a type of physiotherapy used to strengthen gross motor skills in babies and children who have movement disorders that result from neurological dysfunction.

Perman believes MEDEK helped Guitti reach a level of achievement that would not have otherwise been possible.

As a baby, Guitti was treated by Chilean physical therapist, Ramon Cuevas in Caracas, Venezuela. The family moved to Toronto to continue the treatment with Esther Fink, who heads the program at Zareinu. Guitti's father, Rabbi Moshe Perman, remained in Caracas where he works in the Lubavitch community. He travels back and forth to Toronto.

Guitti usually accompanies her mother to their neighbourhood Chabad synagogue on Saturdays. "She learned to daven at school," Chaya Perman said.

In addition to Hebrew studies, Guitti has speech and occupational therapy integrated into her daily curriculum. Emotional support is also offered to families coming to terms with caring for a child with special needs.

As Guitti enters her adolescent life and begins to have a greater understanding of self, it's important to have professionals help her cope with her differences, her mother said.

Eventually, Zareinu is planning to provide a physical location for high school boys, said Randy Spiegel, executive director of the school.

In the meantime, the boys go to other schools. Spiegel hopes that by September 2004-05, another Zareinu facility will be available elsewhere in the community.

Zareinu currently has 70 full- and part-time children enrolled at its Bathurst Street location and many others participate in their outreach programs. Spiegel said there are about 130 children in the Jewish community who could benefit from in-house programs and another 300 from Zareinu's outreach services.

"The direct cost of therapeutic and educational services is $25,000. However, the school charges $16,750 for a full-time child," Spiegel said, adding that the difference comes from the money raised through fundraising, UJA Federation funds and Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) money.

"We're pleased with the relationship between the school and the York Region CCACs," Speigel said.

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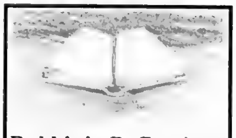

Rabbinic Reflections

The scene in synagogues on Sukkot, with lulavs shaking all over, is colourful to say the least. It's even sometimes comical. The lulav is not meant to be used as a spear, but you have to keep your wits about you to prevent yourself from getting a sharp tip in the back of the head – or worse.

The essential mitzvah of Sukkot is to pick up a lulav along with the etrog and hadassim and aravot, the four species. Once we have them in our hands, holding them all together in the manner in which they grow, we have fulfilled the mitzvah – even without shaking the lulav. However, some believe shaking the lulav, not just picking it up, is itself a mitzvah – an enhanced mitzvah.

In addition to simply shaking the lulav, we actually incorporate the shaking into the *Hallel* at different spots during the prayer.

When we shake the lulav – a colourful and fruitful example of the goodness we have – during the *Hallel* – a full-voiced song of thanks to HaShem for all the good and joy we have – we join the song with the object, both of which communicate joy, simchah and thanks.

We shake the lulav when we say the following verse from *Hodu*: "Give thanks to HaShem for He is good, His kindness is forever." It is a positive, thankful verse, so it makes sense to combine the joyful symbol of the lulav with it.

But then we shake the lulav at the end of *Hallel* in a verse that actually doesn't seem to fit the theme of *Hallel* at all: "Ana HaShem" – "Please Hashem, save us." We actually shake it twice, because the verse is repeated. And it is not a happy or songful verse. It is desperate, pleading with God to help us through our difficulties. It seems to belong more to Yom Kippur than to a yom tov. Certainly it is not a verse in which to shake the lulav, the symbol of thanks for what we have, given that it is asking for what we don't have.

So why do we do shake the lulav then?

Hallel communicates joy, not utopia. We can have joy and be thankful for our bounty while being aware there is much we lack. We can be thankful for what we have, while wanting what we don't have. In fact, maybe our appreciation for what we have grows when we realize what we don't have. And truthfully, are we not always in a state of wanting?

The lulav symbolizes the joy in what we have, so we shake it in the joyful verse – "Thank HaShem for He is Good" – and we shake it again in the pleading verse – "Please HaShem, save us." Perhaps we even shake it a little harder for the joy of what we have, recognizing what we lack. We don't need utopia to be thankful. We can still lack and be thankful.

Chag Sameach.

Rabbi Tradburks is spiritual leader of Kehillat Shaarei Torah in Toronto.

Outraged by Muslim distortions

***The Trouble With Islam: A Wake-Up Call for Honesty and Change*, by Irshad Manji, Random House, $22.95.**

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Bernard Baskin

This is an explosive book – an outspoken condemnation of Islamic fundamentalism and its mistreatment of women, its derogation of Jews, its unwillingness to come to terms with modernity. Timely, passionately argued, outspoken and courageous, it has quickly become a bestseller. Undoubtedly, many readers recall when Salman Rushdie became the subject of an edict ordering his death after his novel *The Satanic Verses* was viewed as heretical to Islam.

Manji is angry. "Pick a Muslim country, any Muslim country, and the most brutal humiliations will grab you by the vitals. In Pakistan, an average of two women every day die from 'honour killings,' often with Allah's names on the lips of the murderers. In Malaysia, a Muslim woman can't travel without the consent of a man. In Mali and Mauritania, little boys are seduced into slavery by Muslim hustlers. In Sudan, slavery happens at the hands of Islamic militias. In Yemen and Jordan, Christian humanitarian workers have been shot point-blank. In Bangladesh, artists who advocate for the rights of religious minorities have been locked up or driven out of the country altogether. It's all documented."

Manji encountered virulent anti-Semitism at the religious Muslim school she attended in British Columbia, where her parents had immigrated from Uganda. In *The Trouble With Islam*, she wonders if many Muslims know the degree to which Islam is a "gift of the Jews." Ideas such as the unity of God's creation, humans' innate capacity as God's creatures to choose good, the purposefulness of our earthly lives, the infinity of the afterlife – these and other blessings of monotheism came to Muslims via Judaism.

"This discovery blew my brain because it suggested that Muslims need not be steeped in anti-Semitism. If anything, we have reason to be grateful rather than hateful to Jews."

Where the state of Israel is concerned, Manji is filled with praise. Israel, she says, brings more compassion to colonization than its adversaries have ever brought to liberation.

About the war of 1948, she makes clear that Palestinians left of their own accord, fully expecting to return once the Jews had been driven into the sea. On the other hand, she says the hundreds of thousands of Jews who were expelled from Arab lands didn't languish in refugee camps because Israel absorbed and integrated the vast majority of them. She also indicates that Israel has granted citizenship to 98,000 Palestinians under a family reunification effort. "What have Arab governments by and large done for Palestinians?"

Manji points out that Israel is the only country in the Middle East to which Arab Christians are voluntarily migrating. There they thrive, achieving much higher university rates than the Arab Muslim citizens of Israel and enjoying better overall health than Jews themselves.

Manji opposes the idea of taking multiculturalism to the extreme. She wonders why forced clitorectomy shouldn't be abolished. She asks why a father or mother would threaten death to a daughter who chooses to marry outside the religion. And why should a Muslim cabbie who rapes a mentally disabled woman get off under the rubric of cultural sensitivity?

She is outraged that "too many Arab Muslim intellectuals, journalists and politicians tell their audiences that Jews are Nazis because they siphon the blood of non-Jewish children for religious observances. Known as the blood libel, this fiction was itself a favourite calumny against Jews in the Nazi publication *Der Sturmer*."

She notes another, almost insane, calumny: an Israeli project to share farming technology with Egypt was reported in the Egyptian press as a plot to hand toxic seeds and carcinogenic cucumbers to unsuspecting farmers. The Israelis were also accused of selling chewing gum that threw ladies into spasms of lust and genetically modified their husbands' sperm. She writes, "All of this from a 'moderate' Arab country that has had a peace treaty with Israel since 1979!"

The Trouble With Islam is a courageous call to Muslims in the West to use their precious freedoms to move out of mind-numbing rigidity. Manji offers a practical program for empowering women in the Islamic world, for sprouting a pluralism of ideas and for promoting respect for religious minorities.

Manji, who is a TV personality, feminist, lesbian and media entrepreneur, calls herself a Muslim Refusenik, a person who "refuses to join an army of automatons in the name of Allah."

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Jewish Life

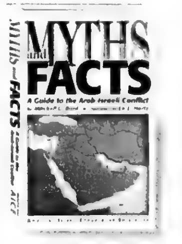
What does *hudna* really mean?

MYTH:

Palestinian terrorist groups agreed to a ceasefire to advance the Middle East peace process envisioned by the road map peace plan.

FACT:

This past June, Islamic Jihad and Hamas agreed to a *hudna* in response to demands from then-Palestinian Authority prime minister Mahmoud Abbas to stop their attacks on Israel so he could fulfil his obligations under the road map peace plan. The agreement was interpreted in the western media as the declaration of a ceasefire, which was hailed as a step forward in the peace process. While any cessation of violence against Israeli civilians is to be welcomed, it is important to understand that what the terrorist groups agreed to is very different in the Muslim context than the benign way it has been portrayed.



The media and some political leaders portray a *hudna* as a truce or a ceasefire designed to bring peace. Though the term *hudna* does refer to a temporary cession of hostilities, the cessation can be used to regroup, gain strength and trick an enemy into lowering its guard. The term comes from the well-known story of the Muslim conquest of Mecca. Instead of a rapid victory, Muhammad made a 10-year treaty with the Kuraysh tribe. In 628 AD, after only two years of the treaty, Muhammad and his forces concluded that the Kuraysh were too weak to resist. The Muslims broke the treaty and took over all of Mecca without opposition.

The current *hudna* with Islamic terrorist organizations is no different. Hamas has used the tactic to gain military advantage no fewer than 10 times in 10 years (Washington Institute for Near East Policy, June 2). The Hamas charter openly rejects the notion of a peaceful solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict, and the group has given no indication it has changed its views. On the contrary, Hamas spokespeople have been quoted in news reports as saying they will not give up their weapons, that they will continue to resist "illegal occupation," and that they believe the "violent awakenening from a few weeks or months of quiet" will "reaffirm Palestinians' belief in the intifadah as the only option for them." Even the *hudna* declaration itself asserted "the legitimate right to resist the occupation as a strategic option until the end of the Zionist occupation of our homeland and until we achieve all our national rights." Hamas contends that all of Israel is occupied territory. This is why U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell called Hamas an "enemy of peace" just before the *hudna* was declared, and said "the entire international community must speak out strongly against the activities of Hamas."

Not all Palestinian terror groups agreed to the *hudna*, and violence continued after the supposed ceasefire. Israeli intelligence found evidence the Palestinians were exploiting the ceasefire to reorganize their forces. They recruited suicide bombers, increased the rate of production of Qassam rockets and sought to extend their range.

The road map explicitly calls on the Palestinian leadership to do more than just achieve a cessation of hostilities. They are obligated to disarm and dismantle terrorists and the terrorist infrastructure.

Source: Myths & Facts Online: A Guide to the Arab-Israeli Conflict *by Mitchell G. Bard, http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org.*

Sukkot sites for kids

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

Question: How do you make a lulav shake? Answer: Take three scoops of mint chocolate chip ice cream, add milk and blend. Pour into a tall glass and garnish with a stalk of celery and a wedge of lemon. That's how to make a Lulav Shake! **[http://makeashorterlink.com/?F3A1656F5]**

The Jewish Highway

OK, now that I've got your attention, let's look at some Sukkot sites for kids.

First about the holiday itself. Children can learn about the holiday (and how to really make their lulav shake) at several sites written just for them, such as Virtual Jerusalem Holidays **[http://207.168.91.4/vjholidays/sukkot/kids.htm]** and TorahTots. **[http://www.torahtots.com/holidays/sukkot/sukkot.htm]** Teachers will appreciate the holiday backgrounders and activities provided by the Jewish Agency for Israel. **[http://www.jafi.org.il/education/festivls]**

Once you know it all, match your wits against the Sukkot IQ quiz. This clever test doesn't wait until you've completed all 16 questions to tell you how you're doing. It praises when you choose correctly and seems to take just a bit too much pleasure taunting you when you slip up. **[http://makeashorterlink.com/?G13B22AF5]**

If your kids have access to a sukkah, here are some decorating ideas for them.. Instead of stringing up yet another paper chain, follow the instructions at VJ Holidays to create a harvest-time "food chain" by using cranberries, crabapples, popcorn, peppers, onions and small eggplants. **[http://207.168.91.4/vjholidays/sukkot/decor.htm]** The Shema Yisrael Torah Network has Sukkot-related drawings pages that can be printed out and coloured in. These are traditional pictures showing the construction of a sukkah and men and boys shaking the lulav and etrog. **[http://www.shemayisrael.co.il/yomtov/sukkot/skpages.htm]** You can download a page from the Jewish Theological Seminary's Kids' Corner site where you'll find a young woman shaking her lulav. **[http://learn.jtsa.edu/topics/kids/egalpos/imgthree.shtml]**

How many board games have you ever played that call for "a die, a copy of a Jewish Bible and access to your pantry"? That's what you'll need to play the ingenious Kitchen Table Harvest Game that you can print out and play in your sukkah. This game has spaces on its board that refer to verses in the Tanach where foods are mentioned. For example, if you happen to land on the square that says "Proverbs 15:17," look up the verse and you'll find the quotation, "Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith." Then go into your kitchen to look for some herbs (or if applicable, an ox). The first person to collect 10 food items is the winner. **[http://learn.jtsa.edu/topics/kids/together/sukkot/]**

Is there someone you'd like to get in touch with this holiday, but you have left it to the last minute? That's no problem if you send them a holiday e-card. Choose from a selection of eight different online cards that you can personalize with your own message. Your e-card can even include Sukkot-appropriate songs such as *Ma Tovu* (How Goodly are Thy Tents) and *Shibolet Basadeh* (The Sheaf in the Field). **[http://www.holidays.net/sukkot/cards.htm]** (Although I liked this site, it seemed to spawn a lot of pop-up ads on my browser. If that annoys you, stay away.)

It might be a few years before your kids are ready to build their own real sukkah, but in the meanwhile, there are plenty of miniatures that they can tackle crafted from shoe boxes **[http://makeashorterlink.com/?O53E23AF5]** or Popsicle sticks. **[http://www.geocities.com/amynealw/sukkot.htm]**

But if you are going to put all that time and effort into making a sukkah, why not follow the lead of the kids at the Hebrew Academy of Tidewater in Virginia Beach, Va.? Make it an edible sukkah. With building materials like graham cracker walls, a pretzel-stick roof and cereal decorations, who could go wrong? **[http://www.chadiscrafts.com/fun/ediblesukkah.html]**

The fourth grade kids at Stamford, Conn.'s bi-cultural day school took up the edible sukkah challenge and created an even stranger array of structures that you can browse through at their site and use as your own inspiration. **[http://makeashorterlink.com/?J28D32AF5]** Scroll down their page to find a question that I presume has been perplexing rabbis for millennia: "I wonder what blessing you say on eating a sukkah."

Have a very happy holiday.

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Reena program helps develop staff for agency

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Alana Starr, 19, says for the first time in her life, she's excited to wake up at 7:30 a.m.

Starr is participating in Reena Foundation's first Learn and Earn program, a 15-week course that provides participants with six weeks of instruction and nine weeks of placement – six weeks of which are paid – in a Reena facility.

Joe Persaud, supervisor of training and development at Reena, said the program was conceived as a way to create staff for the agency, which is dedicated to integrating adults with developmental disabilities into society.

At the end of the 15-week period, successful participants are guaranteed an interview for a part-time position at Reena, Persaud said.

"If they want to continue their studies in the developmental field, they can do so while working for us, and after six months of part-time work, they can apply for a full-time position at Reena."

Most of the courses are taught by internal instructors and include medical pharmacology, life planning, first aid, CPR and crisis prevention.

Outside specialists teach such courses as behaviour management and back care, which is necessary for lifting and transferring patients, he said.

Starr said she realized she wanted to work in the developmental field after completing a high school co-op placement in an elementary school classroom for students with special needs.

"The kids loved the attention I gave them; it opened my eyes," says Starr, who plans eventually to get a teaching degree and teach students with special needs.

The Reena program is in a classroom setting, she said, but the students are immersed in the agency. "The clients come in and visit us and we get to know them."

The 17 students in the current group range in age from 19 to their mid-50s, and come from all walks of life. "We are all so committed to the course that someone takes a two-hour bus ride to get here. I certainly have never been happy to wake up at 7:30 a.m., but I can't wait to get in."

Persaud said they plan on running another course in the spring, and it is available upon interview to anyone interested in working in the developmental field but does not have the appropriate training.

For more information, call Persaud or Fiona Ott at 905-889-6484.

Lindsay Rayman (left) and Alana Starr study a manual as part of Reena's Foundation's Learn and Earn program.

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ON THE STREET– For many visitors to Israel, nothing surpasses the flavour and vitality of outdoor shopping. Check out the friendly pedestrian mall in picturesque Zichron Ya'akov, just south of Haifa or in Rishon Le Tzion. Both cities are famous for their historic wineries. Then venture as far north as you can go for Metulla's outdoor bargains. On your way back south, check out the antiques on Haifa's Massada Street. And don't forget to bargain. It's expected.

ARTISTS QUARTERS – High quality artwork is a staple of most Israel shopping tours. The artists' quarter in Tzfat (Safed) is enveloped in the city's mystical history. There's a thriving artists' district in Tel Aviv's sister city of Jaffa and an entire village for artists in Ein Hod, near Haifa.

One final tip, there's an 18% Value Added Tax (VAT) on most purchases, which will be refunded at the airport before you leave the country as long as your purchase and an invoice are packed in a transparent sealed bag.

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Despair and hope work hand-in-hand in Kishinev

Toronto's Jewish community is involved in a new initiative to revitalize the Jewish community of Kishinev - capital of the republic of Moldova, formerly known as Bessarabia, part of the former Soviet Union – a community that has struggled through anti-Semitic pogroms and abject poverty for decades.

UJA Federation will be asked to assist the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) in its efforts to raise the funds needed to create a dynamic new Jewish campus in Kishinev featuring a $2 million (U.S.) Jewish community centre complete with educational, cultural, and health facilities.

"There was an old synagogue in Kishinev, which for years was being used as nothing more than a car repair shop," says Gerry Goldenberg, a participant on a recent UJA Federation fact-finding mission to Kishinev. "Now, the JDC has bought back the shul and is going to rebuild it as a new Jewish community centre complete with educational, health and fitness facilities. It will be a great place to rebuild the minds and bodies of Kishinev's Jews."

"The Jews have always suffered there," says mission participant, Mendy Sharf. "If you went back in time to 1880, the buildings would look the same as they do today. The JDC is trying to reach the children, to educate them, to make them optimistic about life as a Jew. This new Jewish campus is an essential ingredient in doing just that."

"It was such an incredibly powerful experience, being in Kishinev, especially in light of its amazing history," says Allan Brown, who chaired the mission. "We saw elderly Jewish people living on as little as a $14 a month government pension, and the buildings were in terrible shape, and yet, there is hope. That is why we went – to see how we could assist them in revitalizing their Jewish community. Despair and hope work hand-in-hand in a place like Kishinev. This new Jewish campus will reawaken the dormant Jewish spirit that exists there."

In the 18th century, Kishinev's story was very different when it was a flourishing Jewish center. By the turn of the century, Jews owned a score of factories employing thousands of Jewish workers; there were 16 Jewish schools with 2,100 students; and 70 synagogues.

However, things changed drastically in 1903 when, on Easter Day, 49 of its Jews were massacred by frenzied mobs. Hundreds more were seriously injured; thousands were left homeless and property damage was measured in millions of gold rubles. In 1905 a second pogrom claimed the lives of another 19 Jews. All the while, government endorsed anti-Semitic propaganda fanned the flames of this ongoing anti-Jewish hatred.

The devastation of the Jewish community of Kishinev was completed by the Nazis and their Moldavian cohorts who, together, annihilated 53,000 of the 65,000 Jewish inhabitants of the city.

Communism brought ever more difficult restrictions to the remaining Jews: in 1961 - bar mitzvahs were forbidden; in 1964, all synagogues were closed, except one - the one which is used today; Jews were harassed and imprisoned on false charges.

A resident of Kishinev stands in front of a memorial to the Jews killed in the 1903 pogrom.

"I never imagined that there were any Jews in the world who could live in such poverty," says Harry Gorman, another mission participant. "I asked some of the families I met why they didn't just move to Israel. Many of them are frail and unwilling to travel, some are even afraid of living in Israel. As bad as the situation is for these people, without the JDC and the Jewish Agency (UJA Federation's overseas partners) they'd have absolutely nothing. This new community centre is a start. Hopefully, it will lead to a much brighter future."

Backing Israel is everyone's responsibility

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." - Edmund Burke

Mark Waldman

COMMENTARY
By MARK WALDMAN

We live in a very confusing and unsettling time. Although we have lived through an era when Jews stood out for their enormous contributions to society, broke barriers and experienced unprecedented equality, we are now starting to see levels of anti-Semitism rise around the world. However, it is a disguised anti-Semitism in the form of anti-Zionism. It may not be fashionable to hate Jews, but it is acceptable to hate Israel and everything associated with it. Of no coincidence is the fact that Israel is very vulnerable today, both economically and physically. The grim reality is that we Jews and our Jewish homeland, Israel, are a small minority in a world that does not seem to distinguish between good and bad or right and wrong.

Education is a priority

We live in a world where, as proven by Goebbels, the Nazi propagandist himself: "If you tell a lie enough times, it becomes accepted as truth, and, the bigger the lie, the more likely it is to be accepted." This is the philosophy to which our opponents adhere. There are few nations and people we can count on, so we must count on ourselves. Fortunately, things are not all bad. We do have some friends out there such as the Americans and certain segments of our society. The challenge is to educate those around us. A poll recently conducted by the Canada Israel Committee (CIC) found that 63% of Canadians are not very familiar with the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians. A further 58% do not believe - or are unsure as to whether Israel is a democracy. It should come as no surprise then that 83% of Canadians think that our government should remain neutral in the conflict. We must never lose sight of the fact that our opponents dwarf us in numbers and in their passion and conviction.

The battle is ours

Israel may be stronger militarily than the Palestinians, but there is another war being fought and that is the media war in the court of public opinion. A recent poll in *The Globe and Mail* asked who would be responsible if the Road Map failed. 65% of the respondents blamed Israel. What was interesting about the results was that over 33,000 people responded in less than 24 hours, more than twice the average number for *Globe* online polls. Clearly, our opponents did a much better job of mobilizing votes. We need to work smarter and harder than our opponents and we need to gain a renewed sense of conviction if we are to have a fighting chance. Many of us are critical of Israel's poor image in the media, or the lack of support from our government on issues that matter most to us. We traditionally look to the community advocacy organizations to fight our battles for us and, if they fail, we blame them. It is time to stop that game and to take responsibility for our collective well-being. Each of us has a voice and we must use it.

Israel is a personal priority

If I had to guess what I would be doing with my life when I was in university, doing work on behalf of the Jewish community would not even be on the list. Over time I got involved with UJA Federation, which rewarded me by providing greater roles of responsibility. I was afforded several opportunities to go on some great missions to Israel. I also started reading about the history of anti-Semitism and then it finally sunk in one day. I came to the realization that ours is the most privileged generation of Jews to ever live and yet my generation was taking for granted so much of the rich heritage for which our ancestors struggled and even died. We must be active in protecting the Jewish identity that we have been given. I knew that we could not simply expect others to stand up if we weren't willing to do so ourselves. It must always start with yourself. So I put my business career on hold and decided to take on as many projects as possible to benefit the local community and the State of Israel. I am privileged to work with some very committed volunteers, philanthropists and leaders from North America, Europe and Israel. I have learned a lot from these great individuals about how the American Jewish Community has achieved so much and how we can do the same here.

Take the first step

Part of the reason the American government is such a good friend to Israel is because American Jewry is engaged at a grass roots level. Individuals take the time to get to know their local politicians face to face. They make sure they support the candidate who supports Israel and the Jewish community, and they make political contributions to those candidates. It is also crucial that we reach out to journalists. They don't deliberately write biased stories. Often they lack accurate facts which we should provide. Fortunately, the infrastructure will be created here in Canada to facilitate these activities thanks to the hard work of the Israel Emergency Cabinet and the generosity of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and other Canadian Federations. If we do not reach out first to educate with our message, our opponents will educate with their message. The first step is to make sure that you are educated about the facts. One of the best sources of information about the Israel-Palestinian conflict is *Myths and Facts* by Mitchell Bard www.us-israel.org/jsource/myths/mftoc.html. You can also subscribe to the Daily Alert for the best summary of daily news on the conflict at www.jcpa.org/daily/index.html. The next step is to get involved and do something, anything. There are two important sides to advocacy. There is the proactive side of educating others and there is a reactive side where we monitor and respond to what is being said and done by the media, politicians, and our fellow citizens. Both are equally important. If each of us does one little thing we will see change. I urge everyone to make the sacrifice for the next generation and for the generations who sacrificed so much before us.

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Reflections on the Yom Kippur War

Our community's extraordinary commitment to Israel

By DANIEL HOROWITZ

The more things change, the more they stay the same. In this, the 30th anniversary year of the Yom Kippur War, that axiom best sums up Toronto's Jewish community when it comes to supporting Israel during its most precarious and vulnerable times.

Murray Koffler, Chair of UJA Federation's 1973 Campaign, addresses close to 1,000 donors at Toronto's Skyline Hotel, just after the end of Sukkot.

(Photos courtesy of Ontario Jewish Archives)

Today, members of Toronto's Jewish community are coming to Israel's aid with the same dedication, passion and commitment as their predecessors three decades earlier. UJA Federation Campaign 2004 has already raised $33 million to preserve Israel's vital social services, fight a worldwide wave of anti-Semitism and answer those who preach anti-Israel hatred.

Perhaps no one remembers that remarkable show of support in 1973 more than Murray Koffler, who chaired the UJA Federation campaign when war broke out.

"That was the most successful campaign in the history of Toronto at the time, and I remember we were acclaimed throughout North America as the most successful city per capita," says Koffler of the six-week campaign in 1973, which raised an unprecedented $26.5 million.

"I remember the mood of Jewish Torontonians back then as if it were yesterday," says Koffler. "We were all fired up with nervous excitement. In fact, maybe I was even a bit too fired up at the time, but, in the end, I think that unbridled enthusiasm helped matters."

Koffler and Gerry Halbert, Chair of that year's Campaign Cabinet, remember such a furious flurry of activity among donors that many took out loans to donate to the campaign, while others even spoke of mortgaging their homes to help Israel.

"It took a great deal of planning, and it took Murray's unyielding determination, drive and vision, to make that campaign the success that it was," says Halbert, who remembers working what seemed like endless hours to implement Koffler's plans. "We would meet every day to stay on top of things. We'd speak on the phone constantly, and when we thought we were finally finished for the day, we were suddenly back in another meeting about one issue or another."

As Campaign Chair, Koffler's philosophy for success was simple and to the point.

"He told everyone that he wanted – and expected – donors to triple their donations from the previous year," recalls Halbert. "Then, that night, in a meeting at Murray's home, six million dollars was raised on the spot in no time. Less than 12 hours later, at the first Major Gifts meeting held at the Skyline Hotel, with close to 1,000 people on hand, another $8 million was raised. Not a bad 12 hours when you think about it," Halbert adds with a grin.

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Koffler recalls that session in the Skyline's main ballroom as one of the campaign's highlights.

"Absolutely," says Koffler. "I remember that we had Israel's Finance Minister at the time, Pinchas Sapir, and an Israeli general at that parlour meeting. Because it was held on *Shmeni Atzeret* (the first day after Sukkot), I had an Orthodox, Reform, and Conservative rabbi there to perform services. After that, Sapir spoke beautifully about how much Toronto was doing for the people of Israel. Then, we canvassed people on the spot. We'd call their name; they'd make a pledge. I'm quite sure that nobody left that room that entire day."

According to Steve Ain, a Past Executive Vice President of UJA, it was clear to anyone in attendance that they were going to be part of a unique experience.

"It was incredible," says Ain, who at the time was a young employee of Canadian Jewish Congress. "UJA drafted me on the spot to help out. I didn't even know how to fill out a pledge card, but man, did I learn quickly."

"There was such an outpouring of support and concern. All kinds of people would do any task – without complaining – to get this campaign going. We had one guy whose job it was to drive around to people's homes and businesses to collect the money, to clean up the previous campaign's outstanding pledges. I remember seeing shoeboxes full of cash coming in to the office. I can remember working 15 or 16 hours a day, non-stop, but it was such an important thing to be part of for a young guy. It was a remarkable experience."

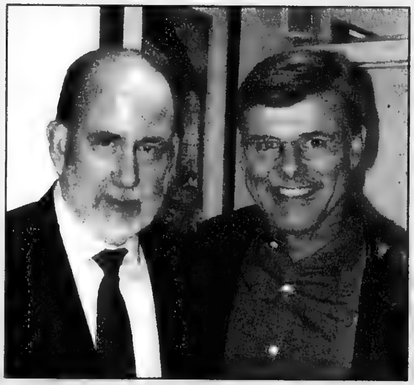
"We really saw what Toronto's Jewish community was all about back then," says Koffler. "Perhaps the greatest testament to Toronto was that Minister Sapir, until the day he died, would often refer to Toronto's Jewish community as a role model and a true success story. All the various divisions of donors came through with flying colours that year – whether it was the pharmacists, dentists, those in fashion, or the Women's Division. Toronto came through for Israel then as they continue to do today, some 30 years later."

Pinchas Sapir, Israel's Finance Minister in 1973, addresses UJA Federation donors at Toronto's Skyline Hotel.

Iran is the biggest terror threat

By WENDY LAMPERT

U.S. foreign policy expert Michael Ledeen sees Iran as "the driving force of international terrorism," and believes President George W. Bush should have gone after it before attacking Iraq.



U.S. foreign policy expert Michael Ledeen with UJA Federation Campaign 2004 Chair Richard Venn at a recent briefing.

The author of *The War Against the Terror Masters* recently told UJA Federation donors that Iran is "months" away from assembling and testing nuclear weapons.

Ledeen believes that toppling Iran would have a major impact on Islamic fundamentalism and terror. "The only way to resolve the situation is to defeat the terror masters," namely Iran, Syria and Saudi Arabia. He said Iran, which created Hizbollah and provides money, training and weapons to many terrorist groups, is likely where Osama Bin Laden and Saddam Hussein are hiding today.

Ledeen praised the Bush administration for its willingness to take action against terror by invading Iraq. "Every U.S. President since Jimmy Carter has declared a war on terror. But it wasn't until September 12, 2001 that a President actually decided to wage a war on terror," he said. But he noted that George Bush is moving too slowly. "The U.S. spent too much time catering to international opinion before actually going to war."

"Spreading freedom around the world sometimes requires the use of force. We have to take initiative before the terror masters do," he said.

Ledeen compared the current state of anti-Semitism to the pre-World War II era. "In the 1930s and 1940s, what led to catastrophe was that the little things got by," he said. "The world is facing a similar situation today, culminating with the terror attacks on September 11, 2001. You cannot let any of the little things go by. You have to fight every single time."

Ledeen was one of several guest analysts featured during UJA Federation's Israel Today Speaker Series.

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Chai Dancers celebrate their 25th anniversary

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

After 25 years as director and choreographer of the Chai Dancers, a dance troupe for people 55 years and over, Teme Kernerman says she has accomplished what she set out to do.

"I wanted to prove that an amateur seniors group could perform in a professional framework," says Kernerman, who formed the group as part of the 55+ department of adult services at the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre.

"I thought long and hard before I started the group because I wanted the dancers to be respected for what they could do, not for who they were," said Kernerman, founder and first full-time director of the dance department at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre, and a former supervisor of the 55+ department at the BJCC.

Participants – currently the group is made up of 10 women but men are welcome – do not have to audition, says Kernerman, but they do need folk dance experience.

"It is a serious commitment. We practise for two hours twice a week and we work hard, but we get a lot of satisfaction. It is a labour of love; we plan our lives around rehearsals," she says.

In order to be able to perform for different types of audiences, they have a repertoire that includes Scottish, Latin American and Israeli dances. "We dance at synagogues, retirement homes and schools, and we've performed at Mel Lastman Square for Israeli Day.

"Several years ago, we were even in a dance scene that I choreographed in the movie *Last Wish*, with Patty Duke and Maureen Stapleton," Kernerman said.

Anita Budman, a member of the Chai Dancers, said that since becoming a stage performer she looks at dancers with a different eye. "Only other dancers know how much work is involved in planning a production."

Kernerman said she has had dancers who have remained with the group until the dancer felt it was too difficult to perform.

"Recently, a second generation dancer joined us. Her mother danced at least 10 years until she started going blind. I led her onto the stage for her last performance."

She said that when they perform for children, the children often giggle when they first come on stage. "They realize quickly, however, that it is something to watch. Their body language changes and they become involved in the dance. They see that it is an accomplished group with something to offer."

Adult audiences are also "quite amazed at how accomplished we are," said Budman. "It is a tight performance within a professional framework. Teme does not settle for sloppy work."

The Chai Dancers perform *Lucero de La Manana*, a Mexican dance done with shawls.

In choreographing the dances, said Kernerman, "I take a traditional folk dance and I change it so that when it is on stage it creates an interesting visual picture for the audience. We rehearse it again and again, and I often go over it my mind."

Kernerman, who 34 years ago, initiated Rikudiyah, the annual children's Israeli dance festival put on in conjunction with UJA Federation Board of Jewish Education, says that dance is definitely for people of every age.

"My [motto] is 'to dance is to live – believe it.' It has always been my love, my passion and my therapy.

"People can be having a bad day, but when they come and dance for two hours they realize they can cope. They have the dancing, the music and the people – it is everything good combined."

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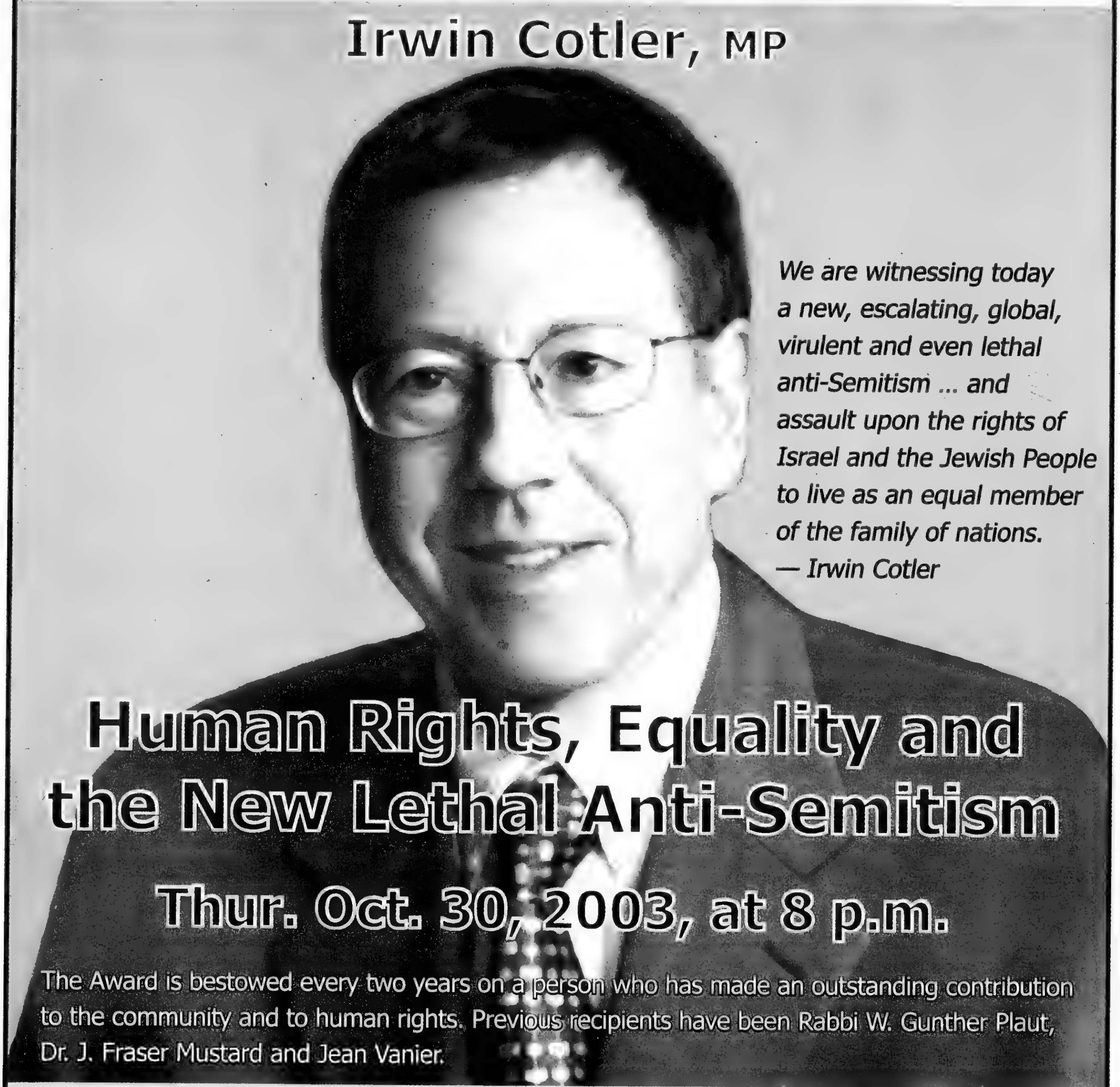

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New in the Jewish day schools for 2003-2004

ASSOCIATED HEBREW SCHOOLS OF TORONTO

Mark Smiley

In July, after serving as headmaster of Hillel Day School of Metropolitan Detroit for 16 years, **Mark Smiley** assumed the position of director of education at Associated. Smiley is a graduate of AHS, Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) and the University of Toronto. He completed a doctorate in education and Jewish studies. He continues to serve as a faculty member of the Day School Principal's Training Program at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

The Hurwich Education Centre, which is home to the Danilack Middle School campus, recently completed a $7-million refurbishment.

BIALIK HEBREW DAY SCHOOL

A building expansion was completed, which increased the school's size by almost 40 per cent. The school has opened a second gymnasium, a lunch room, a science laboratory, an expanded library and eight different classrooms.

BNEI AKIVA SCHOOLS

Frank Samuels

Frank Samuels, who has a master's degree in English education and a diploma in community relations, has been appointed general studies principal at the Bnei Akiva Schools of Toronto, Yeshivat Or Chaim and Yeshivat Ulpanat Orot. Samuels was the past principal of the Hamilton Hebrew Academy and also served as general studies principal of the Johannesburg-based Yeshiva College of South Africa. He immigrated to Canada with his family in 2000.

EITZ CHAIM DAY SCHOOLS

Rabbi Yehoshua Steinman is the new general studies principal. He is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University with a master's degree in communicative disorders. He received his smichah from the New Israel Rabbinical College of Toronto and previously worked as the principal of the P'tach School of Baltimore.

LEO BAECK DAY SCHOOL

Sharon Levy

After teaching in the middle school for five years, **Sharon Levy** has been appointed middle school co-ordinator. Along with her teaching duties, Levy will provide support and guidance to teachers at Atkinson and Holy Blossom campuses. She will also assist in the organization and management of middle school curricular and co-curricular programs.

Desmond Bender

Desmond Bender has been appointed to develop and deliver a new civilizations program in the middle school as an enrichment to the middle school curriculum. Bender is a graduate of the York University Jewish Day School Principal's Certification Program, Part 1, and has been teaching in the school for the past 10 years.

PAUL PENNA DOWNTOWN JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

The school opened its doors to its permanent location in the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre at the corner of Spadina Avenue and Bloor Street.

TORONTO JEWISH ACADEMY OHR MENACHEM

Rabbi Yisroel Dovid Goldstein

The new principal, **Rabbi Yisroel Dovid Goldstein**, qualified as a rabbi at the Rabbinical College of Canada. He has taught in elementary and secondary schools in Brooklyn and Queens in New York, N.Y., and worked as a camp and educational director at summer camps in the United States and Russia. After qualifying as an emergency medical technician, Goldstein has been a volunteer with Hatzalah for the past 3½ years. Most recently, Rabbi Goldstein was principal and executive director of the Ohr Menachem Yeshiva Day School in San Francisco, Calif.

Bob Plestch

Retired elementary public school principal and trustee **Bob Plestch** has also joined the school to provide a new curriculum that will emphasize mathematics and science, as well as special instruction for those who excel.

ZAREINU HIGH SCHOOL

In order to continue its elementary special education and therapeutic services, Zareinu has opened a high school program for girls 13 to 16 years old, located at Bais Yaakov High School. The students receive specially adapted programs in English and Hebrew studies and are included in Bais Yaacov classes for any subjects that will allow for successful inclusion.

New in the supplementary Jewish schools

BETH ISRAEL HEBREW ACADEMY

A new Hebrew program will be opening on Sundays at Bakersfield Public School and a junior kindergarten will begin at Alexander Mackenzie High School in Richmond Hill.

DOWNTOWN JEWISH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

This September, the DJCS reopened in the renovated Miles Nadal JCC at the corner of Bloor Street and Spadina Avenue. The school will have access to new classrooms and a state-of-the-art theatre.

TORAH TOTS PRESCHOOL

This year, the school has included a Montessori segment in the junior kindergarten/early childhood education class. The school also provides a traditional approach and hands-on technique in presenting Judaic stories, Shabbat and holidays. All areas of the curriculum are covered, including math principles, skills and problem solving, science, geography, history, art and music.

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Meir Panim: Relief and Comfort For Israel's Poor

By Debbie Maimon

For 8-year old Eli Shevach of Kiryat Malachi, lunchtime is the most difficult hour of the day. He tries not to stare as his classmates savor their hot lunches while he picks at the piece of dry bread he brought from home. Sometimes there is a thin paste of butter or jam on the bread which makes it easier to swallow.

But the lump in his throat is a different matter. It seems to grow bigger as he watches his classmates bite into the mouth-watering food in their lunch containers. It is all he can do to restrain himself from grabbing for their leftovers before they toss them in the garbage.

"With over 20% of Israel's citizens living below the poverty line, hunger is a daily reality for many of our children." Mr. Gluck, Eli's principal, says. "The economic crisis has plunged countless household into desperate straits."

He repeated what Eli's teacher told him about a daily scenario in her classroom that moved her to tears.

"At lunchtime, many of the children from the poorest homes sit around listlessly, with nothing to eat. The luckier ones are eating hot soup, pasta, rice, baked potatoes….And these poor kids look on with sad, hungry eyes. You want to cry for them."

Other teachers report that poverty is so rampant in some homes that the needier students can not even look forward to a nourishing hot meal when they come home later in the day.

"Lack of proper nutrition was taking its toll on their physical and emotional health. The situation was reaching emergency proportions in this town," said Mr. Gluck. "Until Meir Panim came into the picture."

A charitable social-service organization that sponsors food kitchens for the needy as well as hot lunch programs for thousands of hungry schoolchildren, Meir Panim opened its Kiryat Malachi branch early last year.

Every day, the organization serves hot meals free of charge to hundreds of diners. In addition, the soup kitchen prepares 1,700 hot school lunches a day, providing all of Kiryat Malachi kindergarteners and elementary schoolchildren with tasty, healthful meals for a nominal fee. In cases of extreme need, even that small fee is waived.

While the harsh realities of Israel's current economic crisis mean hunger and privation in countless homes across the country, Meir Panim has brought a measure of blessed relief to families in Kiryat Malachi, as well as a number of other cities: Jerusalem, Haifa, Kiryat Arba-Hebron, Acco and Eilat .

"They've accomplished miracles," Mr. Gluck said. "All of our children now enjoy a least one hot, nutritious meal a day in school. The difference this has made in the lives of children like Eli is just incredible. On every level—in terms of their self-esteem, all-around health, better learning, better spirits—they are different children."

A new central Meir Panim kitchen will be opening shortly in Ofakim to serve Israel's southern region. This new branch will prepare 10,000 hot nourishing meals daily for needy students in Ofakim, Kiryat Gat, Beer Sheva, Yerocham, and Dimona.

Ties That Bind

Meir Panim, which means "a friendly face," was established in 2000 by David and Rifka Zilbershlag in memory of their son, Meir, who died of a rare eating disorder. The couple's dream was to ease the suffering of thousands of families in Israel who cannot afford even basic food staples.

The program's first initiative was to open a soup kitchen in the heart of Jerusalem. Five other branches opened the following year in Haifa, Kiryat Malachi, Kiryat Arba-Hebron, Acco and Eilat. Thanks to the support of generous donors, Meir Panim was able to open four additional branches this year, in Ofakim, Dimona, Beer-Sheva and Kiryat Gat.

Plans are afoot to establish a hot lunch program for schoolchildren in every city with a Meir Panim soup kitchen. To date, such programs are already operating in Jerusalem, Kiryat Arba-Hebron, and as described above, in Kiryat Malachi.

The clientele at Meir Panim soup kitchens include new immigrants, the unemployed, the elderly and the handicapped, and those who for any number of reasons have fallen on hard times. Victims of terror, bedridden and ill individuals all have their meals delivered to them by Meir Panim volunteers.

What motivated Zilbershlag, who is the editor of the Hebrew-language newspaper Bakehila and the owner of a media and public relations firm, to throw himself into such an unconventional enterprise? He says he drew his inspiration for his humanitarian work from Judaism's core values.

"One of the things which kept Jews together in bad times is the belief that all Jews are responsible for one another. Chessed, kindness, is the tie that binds. It has the power to unite a fragmented community."

Without Shame

Zilbershlag stresses the importance of eliminating the sense of shame associated with accepting food from a soup kitchen. To make dining in Meir Panim a pleasant experience, he designed the soup kitchens to resemble comfortable and homey restaurants instead of charity-dispensing outfits. The tasteful furniture, and aesthetic food arrangements, caring service and not least, the excellent quality of the food, make the needy feel like honored guests instead of paupers.

In addition to combating hunger, Meir Panim sponsors free medical and legal aid to the indigent, to immigrants, or to those who lack the strength or the know-how to look after their own rights. A corps of volunteer physicians and attorneys provides vital services to Meir Panim "clients" in these situations.

Meir Panim has been an invaluable source of aid and comfort to victims of terror. When terrorists struck Hebron several months ago in the "Friday Night Massacre," and after the bus bombings in Jerusalem and shootings in Netanya, Meir Panim's volunteers sprang into action, providing meals free of charge for the victims, their families and the mourners sitting shivah.

The Power of Giving

For Meir Panim's founders, the capacity to "think big" has spawned yet a third program, Power of Giving (Koach Latet). This remarkable enterprise consists of a national aid center which collects a huge array of second-hand household appliances and merchandise for repair and recycling. Volunteers clean and restore the items to working condition, for the benefit of needy families throughout Israel.

"With more and more people living in poverty, families are sometimes desperate for things as basic as refrigerator, stove or washing machine," explained Zilbershlag. "Sometimes they don't even have a bed for a child, a table and chairs, or a heater for the wintertime."

In the short span of two years, fifteen Power of Giving branches have opened throughout Israel, rescuing many families from grinding poverty and near-destitution. The generosity of the community and of idealistic businessmen has led to the establishment of POG centers in Jerusalem, Safed, Chatzor, Yokneam, Netanya, Petach Tikva, Kiryat Arba, Kiryat Malachi, Kiryat Gat, Beer Sheva, Eilat, Yeruham, Migdal Haemek and Kiryat Shmona.

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Thursday, Oct. 9

BATTLE ON CAMPUS

An opportunity for parents and students to learn skills to deal with racism on university campuses at a screening of **Martin Himel**'s documentary *Confrontation at Concordia* with keynote speaker **Yoni Petel**, B'nai Brith outreach coordinator in Montreal, and testimonials from students at Concordia and York universities. 8 p.m. Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

Monday, Oct. 13

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Rabbi Moshe Shulman will lead a discussion of Chapter 3 of Kohelet. 8 p.m. at Beth David Synagogue. All welcome.

Tuesday, Oct. 14

TO YOUR HEALTH FAIR

Beth David Sisterhood offers an opportunity to learn about natural approaches to health from experts on chiropractic, infant and adult massage and naturophathy. The presentation will include "Slowing the Age Process," "Cancer Prevention" and "Keep Mom & Baby Happy With a Massage." Raffle and food sampling. 7:30 p.m. Guests $5.

Wednesday, Oct. 15

ADATH ISRAEL EVENTS

Dynamic Singles invite singles 21-35 to meet the new associate rabbi, **David Seed**. 8 p.m. Refreshments in sukkah. Free. For more information, call **Rachel** at 416-635-5340.

General meeting of Adath Israel Sisterhood at 8 p.m. **Libby Ellyn** and her mother, **Lorna Yuffe** discuss "What it is Like to be Jewish In Their Home Country, Trinidad." $7. All welcome.

Both events at 37 Southbourne Ave.

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If you are in your 20s, 30s or 40s and interested in meeting other women, helping others and just having fun, Jewish Women International, Tikvah chapter, invites you to an evening of Sukkot hopping, laughs and a great time. Call **Lori Zosky** at 416-636-3675 or **Lorynne Schreiber** at 416-630-5348 for more information.

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Call **Gail** at 905-294-9706 for information on the Jewish Women International, Markham chapter, monthly meeting.

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AISH 20s EVENTS

Experience the beauty of the changing leaves at a Thanksgiving Hike with **Rabbi Rand**, Monday, Oct. 13. Meet at Aish HaTorah, 949 Clark Ave at 8 a.m. On Wednesday, Oct. 15 enjoy an evening of sushi and music in the sukkah at The Village Shul. 8 p.m. Bring musical instruments and join the jam session. To register, call **Michal** at 905-764-1818, ext. 225 or email mtaviv@aish.com.

SUKKOT UNDER THE STARS

Shir Libeynu Congregation will observe the mitzvot of eating in the sukkah and shaking the lulav in the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre sukkah Thursday, Oct. 16 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Bring your own food and drink. Family and friends of all ages welcome. Call 416-465-5488 for more information.

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tion dinner, Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m. with gueat speaker **Lillyan Goldstein**, partner with Cityscape of the Gooderham Worts Historical District. Members $30, non-members $35. Prepaid reservations required by Oct. 14. Call 416-781-3511.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITES

Melton Mini School has a few spaces in their morning and evening classes. To register for this interactive, text-based series, call **Loretta Tanenbaum** at 416-789-7400.

Join **Mekorot Institute of Torah Study** for text-based study: "The Ten Commandments: An Introduction to Torah Study" with **Rabbi Jay Kelman**, Mondays, Oct. 20-Dec. 1, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Associated Hebrew Schools, 18 Neptune Dr.; "Hebrew Language & Biblical Texts" with **Hilda Weil**, Mondays, Oct. 20-Dec. 15, 8-9:30 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue; "Miracle Makers: The Eliyahu and Elisha Stories" with **Shoshana Lockshin**, Wednesdays, Oct. 22- Nov.12, 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the offices of Heenan Blaike, 200 Bay St.; and "Parenting in Traditional Sources" with **Aviva Silverman**, Mondays, Oct. 27 to Nov, 17, 9:15-10:30 a.m. at 68 Theodore Pl. For information and registration, visit www.mekorot.ca or call 416-398-1510.

There are still a few spaces available to learn conversational Yiddish the easy way, at **Adath Israel Congregation**. Register now by calling **Louis Gula** 416-495-0919.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service information/registration: **Shawna Sidney** 416-638-7800, ext. 215.

Adolescent Social Skills: An eight- session group for teenagers 12 to 16 who are having difficulty making and keeping friends due to inappropriate or immature social skills. Begins Thursday, Oct. 23 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at 4600 Bathurst St., the Lipa Green Building. Introductory night for teens to experience the group is Thursday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m.

Parenting the Difficult Teen: A six-session group for parents of teenagers who are presenting difficult behaviours such as truancy, delinquency, defiance and possible addictions. Begins Thursday, Oct. 30 at the Lipa Green Building. From 7 to 9 p.m. (No meetings Nov. 13 or Nov. 20.)

Teen Anger Management: A six-session group for teenagers 13 and up to help them learn to deal with their anger in appropriate and acceptable ways. Begins Thursday, Oct. 30, from 7 to 8:30, at the Lipa Green Building.

FOR SENIORS

Naomi Bell will present a musical lecture, "The Shtetl: A Portrait in Song," Thursday, Oct. 9, 2 p.m. at the **Forest Hill Place Retirement Residence**. Call Susan to reserve a seat, 416-785-1511.

Canadian-American Active Retirees in Israel meets Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2:30 p.m. at 4600 Bathurst St., the Lipa Green Building, room 421. For seniors interested in opportunities to have a hands-on experience in Israel this winter. For more information, call 416-665-2482.

Lunch & Learn In Retirement's opening meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 15, at noon, at Holy Blossom Temple. **Rabbi Jason Rosenberg** will discuss "Seniors, Synagogues and Expectations." $1. Bring a dairy lunch. Drinks served.

The Association of Jewish Seniors' general meeting will take place on Thursday, Oct. 16, 9:30 a.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. **Simon Rosenblum,** director of public policy at Canadian Jewish Congress, will discuss "The Crisis in Home Health Care in Ontario." For more information, call **Tammy** at 416-635-2860.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the boardroom at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Call 416-630-9444 for information.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. Oct. 9, an evening of discussion; Oct. 16, an update on the situation in Israel from **Eitan Glaser** of Jewish National Fund; Oct. 23, bingo; Sunday, Oct. 26, Simchat Torah celebration. **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 416-630-5771.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Casino Niagara, Oct. 13 and Oct. 30, Casino Rama, Oct. 22, Nov. 5. Sunday dance, Oct. 26, Nov. 2. Trip to Blue Mountain, Collingwood, Nov. 4. Bridge every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 1 p.m. Bingo every Tuesday at 1 p.m. Membership open. Call 416-395-7881.

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Israeli Club Etrog for Hebrew speakers meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Oct. 14, **Mickey Lewin** in concert; Oct. 21, anniversary party (purchase tickets in advance). For more information, call **Anna**, ext.110.

WAGMAN CENTRE

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Sukkot Tea, Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 3:30 p.m. in dining room. Members free, guests $2. To register, call **Rivka**, ext. 2272.

Noon concert at Roy Thompson Hall, Thursday, Oct. 16 with the **Vocal Point Chamber Choir**. Bus leaves Wagman at 10:30 a.m. and returns at 2 p.m. Members $2, non-members $5. For more information, call **Bobbie**, ext. 2273.

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BATHURST JCC

Bathurst Jewish Community Centre and Koffler Centre of the Arts, 4588 Bathurst St. 416-636-1880 or www.bjcc.ca.

"Lines Painted in Early Spring," Oct. 9 to Nov. 30 at the Koffler Gallery: works by **Gerald Ferguson, Ben Reeves, Carmen Ruschiensky** and **Francine Savard**. Curated by **Patrick Mahon**. Opening reception, Thursday, Oct. 9, 6 to 8 p.m. Curator's talk, 6 p.m.

Koffler Salon Concert Series presents a "Robert Silverman & Friends Chamber Concert," Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m. with **Mayumi Seiler**, violin; **Tom Wiebe**, cello; **David Harding**, viola; and **Robert Silverman**, piano, artist-in-residence at the Koffler School of Music. For more information or to purchase tickets, call ext. 228.

The Travellers, Thursday, Oct. 30, at 8 p.m. at the Leah Posluns Theatre. Tickets $30 in advance, and $35 at the door. Call ext. 228 for more information.

The BJCC presents a preview evening of *The Producers* on Wednesday, Dec. 10. For tickets and information, call **Marni** at ext. 271.

Fall programs offered at the Koffler Centre for children and adults include ballet and jazz, dance, drama, Nashir Choir, visual arts – including ceramics, painting, calligraphy, photography and drawing – and music – including private piano, flute, violin, guitar and band.

November pre-natal class meets for two intensive Sunday sessions, Nov. 16 and 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a break for lunch. Cost is $136 + GST per couple, and includes two complimentary BJCC health club passes. $25 deposit required to reserve a spot. To register, call ext. 390.

The Family Place @ The Jewish Discovery Museum has new and exciting weekly programs for children under five. For more information, call ext..390.

For a complete list of programs, pick up a program guide at the BJCC or visit their Web site (see above).

MILES S. NADAL JCC

Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211 or www.milesnadaljcc.ca.

"Judaism: The Basics" – everything you've always wanted to ask about Jewish holidays, practises and ideas in an informal lunchtime monthly program. Tuesday, Oct. 14, 12-1 p.m., **Rabbi Yossi Sapirman** of Beth Torah Congregation discusses "Kashrut: Jews & Food." Bring a bag lunch. Drinks provided. PWYC, $5 suggested donation.

Introduction to Painting and Drawing with Annex artist **Sally Glanville** begins Tuesday, Oct. 14 for 6 weeks. 7- 9 p.m.

Two-Day Hebrew Marathon, Sundays, Oct. 26 and Nov. 2, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Beginner Hebrew six-week program, Tuesdays, Nov. 4 -Dec. 10, 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Yiddish for Beginners, eight-week program, begins Monday, Oct. 27, 7:30 - 9 p.m.

The Modern Jewish Short Story: A Survey Through Many Lands, six-week begins Thursday, Oct. 30, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Good Age Club: Oct. 2, 1 p.m., program planning meeting followed by 25-cent-a-card bingo; Oct. 16, Visit a Sukkah, 2 p.m.

RABBI RISKIN ADDRESSES STUDENTS: Students of Ulpanat Orot and Yeshivat Or Chaim had the opportunity to meet and study with Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, chief rabbi of Efrat, Israel, during his recent visit to Toronto.

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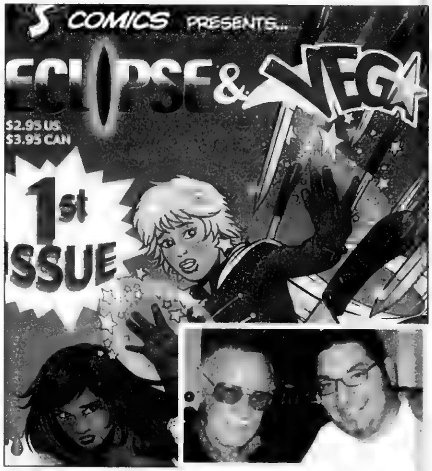

The first issue of *Eclipse & Vega* and (inset) Saul Colt (right) with Stan Lee, creator of Spiderman.

Saul Colt believes that comic books should get more respect.

The creator and publisher of *Eclipse & Vega*, a comic book series featuring two female superheroes, also runs a comic book shop on the Internet at www.ssscomics.com.

Colt, who has been passionate about comics for as long as he can remember – his favourite childhood comics were *Batman*, *Spiderman* and *Daredevil* – believes it is an artform not taken seriously enough.

"There are enormously talented people in the industry, and anything that gets kids reading is valuable," he says. "Comics help kids learn to put ideas together on paper.

"They are not only for young kids. Comics are suitable for everyone. Movies such as *Road to Perdition* and *Men in Black* have been based on graphic novels."

Colt, 31, says he thought of the idea for *Eclipse & Vega* while planning to publish a Web guide for comic book collectors. "I designed the characters as tour guides and then decided to incorporate them into a comic.

"I've always wanted to write, but if I wrote and produced a movie script, it would cost thousands and thousands of dollars. A comic book can be produced on a reasonable budget," he says.

Although he does not do the actual drawings, he has full control, "almost like a director. I write each panel and describe exactly what is going on.

"Before introducing a character I develop a profile so I am not guessing while I am writing. I know all about the character ahead of time."

His stories are based on the real world, he says.

"I keep a notebook of things I could possibly put into my stories. When I was writing my first edition, I saw a knife-sharpening truck. I hadn't seen one in years, and decided to write it into the script."

His comic recently attained notoriety when it appeared on the CBS show *Yes, Dear*, a show about two sets of young parents living in the same house.

"I had been at the San Diego Comicon convention to promote my comic. A lot of producers attend the convention in order to find material.

"One of the CBS producers liked my characters and my ideas, and decided to write the comic into the show [which aired Sept. 29].

"The premise was that some characters travelled to the convention and while there, stood in front of my booth. Someone even played me standing behind the booth. I'm very excited about the show; it's a tremendous opportunity."

Colt plans on travelling to other comic conventions – he will be a guest this month at the Las Vegas comic convention – to promote *Eclipse & Vega*, and he will continue promoting it on his Web site.

But he is not quitting his day job. "I still work in the family business, Dennis Colt Packaging, while my wife Cheryl, does a lot of the marketing for my comics."

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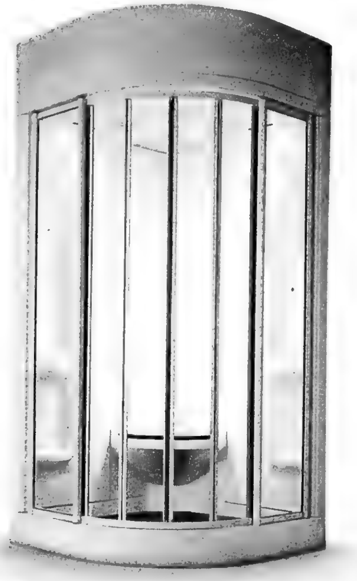

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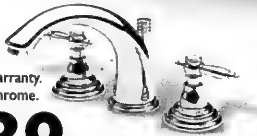

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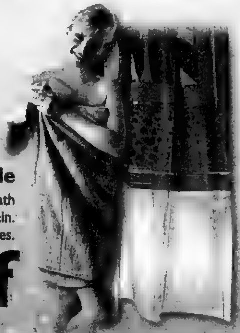

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Community advocacy agencies restructured

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The cabinet, created in the spring of 2002, is concerned about the community's response to a surge in anti-Semitic incidents and the growth of anti-Israel agitation on campuses. The cabinet is chaired by Gerry Schwartz and Larry Tannenbaum of Toronto and Stephen Cummings of Montreal. Other cabinet members include Israel Asper, Brent Belzberg, Julia Koschitzky, Stephen Reitman and Ron Stern. The cabinet hired GPC International, a government and public relations firm headed by Hershell Ezrin, to review the work of community organizations and recommend possible areas of change.

"The work of establishing the new organization is certainly an ongoing task, but in passing this resolution [creating CIJA] we have sent a message that the Jewish community is entering a new era and will work actively with current and new resources to meet the challenges of today," said Shoel Silver, president of UIAFC.

"The goal of CIJA is to strengthen communal relationships with public bodies and provide the community [with] co-ordinated mechanisms for widespread grassroots involvement on a national scale," the UIAFC said in a statement.

CIJA will likely consist of a board of 18 to 22 people, including members of the emergency cabinet.

Finkelstein said that while details have yet to be finalized, she believes "the emergency cabinet will continue to function in an oversight capacity until [CIJA] is running and it will morph into CIJA."

The CIJA board will be chosen on the basis of geographical representation, gender and age to ensure it is inclusive, Finkelstein said.

Canadian Jewish Congress, which receives its funding from UIAFC, welcomed the creation of CIJA. "It is a positive move for the Jewish community as I believes it will strengthen community's established organizations and increase resources and make our efforts to combat anti-Semitism, intolerance and anti-Israelism more effective," said CJC president Keith Landy.

Landy would not directly address rumours that consideration was given in recent months to drastically altering Congress' governing structure.

"There have been negotiations where UIAFC has recognized the importance of a strengthened, democratically-elected CJC," Landy said, adding Congress will "look to streamline the processes" by which it is governed.

Shimon Fogel, chief executive officer of CIC, said the agency is currently in the midst of a 30-day transition period to implement changes to its governing structure.

As to the CIC's day-to-day operations, Fogel said he has been told CIC will receive a larger budget and will be expected to share services. "I'm not sure what that means," he said.

Fogel speculated CIC staff will continue to make policy recommendations, now to the new CIC board, and those suggestions will be related to the CIJA board for approval.

Fogel said the CIC should benefit from a more co-ordinated approach to Israel advocacy. One of the issues confronting the organization in recent years has been that other organizations "have crept into the Israel file."

With an enhanced budget, CIC will also be able to increase the number of educational missions to Israel involving parliamentarians and their staff, he said.

Outgoing CIC chair Joseph Wilder said he couldn't "agree with everything in the new setup. In fact, I'm not even sure precisely what the new structure is going to be. But I do know that as a result of the [emergency] cabinet, the resources we've always needed are finally going to be available for the very crucial work we do. So, if I agree or not, it is far less important than getting the job done right, which is crucial to all of us."

"I'm willing to watch progress and see how it works… The [emergency] cabinet has stressed that is is only going to be involved for a three-year period on a governance basis and presumably the present form of governance is a temporary, emergency measure."

Thomas Hecht, a member of the CIC national board and former chair of CIC Quebec, said the process leading to change should have been more "transparent." While there is need for an organizational restructuring, too much of the discussions took place behind closed doors, he said.

Hecht said he was still in the dark whether the CIC national board still exists and he wondered whether "the Jewish community would agree with the [GPC] report, in terms of restructuring and policy. I don't know if the Jewish community of Canada would agree with some of the remedial measures."

The cabinet members, he continued "are well-intentioned. I think it's the federations who are taking over and the heavy hitters in the federations who will have control of advocacy."

Asked to comment on Hecht's concerns, Finkelstein said "there are different ways of consulting." Much consultation has involved the federations, which fund the national organizations, and there has been discussion with CJC and CIC on budgetary matters, she said. "There's been quite a bit of openness in terms of what we're doing."

Restructuring community organizations has been on the agenda for close to 20 years, Finkelstein said. The cabinet "took a strong stand" and is "supported by the community… These donors have chosen to work through our system and that's going to [include] a variety of inputs," including employing their personal connections to promote Jewish advocacy, she said.

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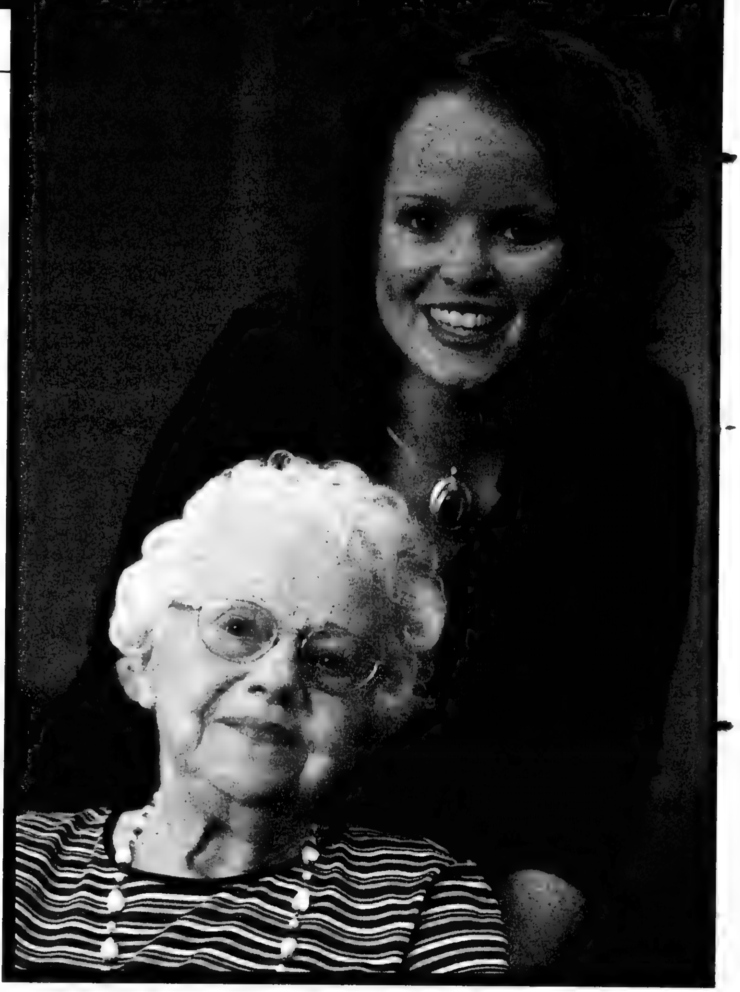

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Coast to Coast

'Refusenik' pilots a case study in news judgment

According to Reports

By **PAUL MICHAELS**

Just before Rosh Hashanah, the protest by a group of Israeli retired and reserve pilots against targeted killings of Palestinian terrorists created a sensation in Israel. It was also reported by the international media. While undoubtedly a valid news item, even if it discomfited many of Israel's defenders, the amount of attention paid to the story varied widely, raising interesting questions about news judgment.

When the story broke on Sept. 25, the *Globe and Mail* merely ran a brief *New York Times* wire service item in its mid-front-section "World in Brief" column, while the *National Post* did not cover the pilots at all. *The New York Times* ran a report by correspondent Greg Myre on its inside pages.

Turning to television, CTV National News placed the report on the "refusenik" pilots, by its new Mideast correspondent Janis Mackey Frayer, near the bottom of its newscast, while CBC's *The National* made it the lead item, a decision that says a lot about the CBC's sense of proportion.

Nevertheless, CBC's Mideast correspondent Adrienne Arsenault dealt fairly and sensitively with the story itself.

"It's hard to overstate the effect of this protest," Arsenault said. "In a land whose very survival is dependent on its armed forces, pilots are revered as the elite. A break in their ranks is considered a dangerous blow to the entire country's morale."

Arsenault also interviewed two pilots who opposed the protesters. One, who challenged the moral argument about opposing actions in which innocents can also become victims, said: "We [also] have to think what will be the casualties of innocent people on our [Israeli] side if we want to be able to hit these terrorists in Gaza."

The second pilot, while generally sympathetic to the protesters' moral position, took issue with the propriety of their actions: "My only problem is that it became a political statement and when pilots in the military are [making] political statements, it's a problem. It's not good."

Arsenault pointed out that of the 27 protesters, only nine are still on active duty. This fact was also noted by CTV's Lloyd Robertson during his introduction to Frayer's reports, but absent from many other news reports on the issue.

The pilots' professional status was further clarified in a Sept. 28 *Ha'aretz* editorial, which said that of the small number who are still in the air force reserves, "not one was ordered to carry out a mission whose legality he questioned and whose execution he refused." The paper, well known for its left-leaning views and frequent criticism of Israeli government actions, firmly rebuked the protesters for "acting irresponsibly and in a way that may cost the public heavily."

But while the pilots came in for immediate censure from the Israeli media and government, their protest also served to highlight the moral debate taking place within Israel. In a telephone interview, Israeli journalist and Mideast analyst Jim Lederman remarked about the "extraordinary spectacle" of seeing "a humanitarian streak that you would not find in any other air force in the world."

George Jonas' column in the *National Post* (Sept. 29) summed the whole issue up it well: "The debate [over the pilots' action] whichever side one takes, underlines the difference between the Jewish state and its opponents. Having a moral dilemma requires a moral capacity. This is why Israelis have qualms while their enemies [like Hamas] have none."

Paul Michaels is director of communications for the Canada-Israel Committee.

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Montreal man with Nazi past lied to enter Canada, court rules

By **DAVID LAZARUS**
Staff Reporter

Walter Obodzinsky has become the second Montrealer whose concealment of his past as a Nazi collaborator could lead to his denaturalization and deportation from Canada.

But whether Obodzinsky, 84, lives long enough to be expelled from Canadian soil is open to question.

The Federal Court of Canada, in a case dating back three years, ruled late last month that Obodzinsky, a resident of St. Leonard who became a Canadian citizen in 1955, arrived in Canada in 1950 under false pretenses by hiding the fact he collaborated with the German army and was a voluntary member of a Nazi-controlled police unit in German-occupied Belarus that murdered civilians and Jews.

Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) and the Justice Department's war crimes unit in Ottawa hailed the Sept. 19 ruling, but both acknowledged the process involved in stripping someone of their citizenship and deporting them in such cases can last years.

Obodzinsky's trial, which began in July 2002, capped a long, sometimes frustrating process that seems to be the hallmark of such cases. For two years, his lawyers sought to have the case stayed for health reasons (Obodzinsky has had several heart attacks), using up assorted appeals until proceedings finally got underway 15 months ago.

In his ruling, Judge François Lemieux wrote that "Obodzinsky obtained his Canadian citizenship by fraud, false declarations and deliberate concealment of essential facts."

Obodzinsky is a native of Mir in Ukraine (now Belarus), where he joined an SS unit that, in late 1941, massacred 1,500 of the area's Jews.

Lemieux wrote that while there was no direct evidence connecting Obodzinsky directly to killing someone, "oral and documentary evidence shows that the defendant was party to the perpetration of atrocities."

Now that the Federal Court has ruled in his case, there is no appeal of the decision. But according to Terry Beitner, the war crimes unit's director of general counsel, the ruling could be subject to "judicial review" if the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration decides to revoke Obodzinsky's citizenship, the next step before deporting him.

Vladimir Katriuk, the other Montrealer found to have hidden his Nazi past in order to enter Canada, is still on Canadian soil almost five years after the Federal Court also ruled against him.

The delay is due to an achingly slow process in such cases, said Jack Silverstone, executive vice-president of CJC.

Besides Katriuk, other cases awaiting final resolution include those of Helmut Oberlander, whose case is still under judicial review, also five years after the Federal Court ruled he lied to enter Canada; Wasyl Odynsky, almost four years since a similar ruling; and Michael Baumgartner, three years after a similar finding.

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פון אַלעק סילווער

ווי אַלע אַנדערע יִדישע ימים טובים האָט דער סוכּות יום־טוב זיין אַלטערטימלעכע געשיכטע, זיינע מנהגים און צערעמאָניעס. סוכּות איז אויך אַ קאָמבינאַציע פון אַ גאַנצער ריי פייערונגען. פון די עלטסטע צייטן איז סוכּות געווען דער פריילעכסטער פון אַלע ימים טובים. אין די צייטן פון בית המקדש איז דער יום־טוב סוכּות בכלל און שמחת בית השואבה בפרט געפראַוועט געוואָרן אויף דעם פראַכטפולסטן שטייגער. אונדזערע חכמים זאָגן, אַז ווער עס האָט נישט געזען די שמחה בית השואבה, דער האָט אין זיין לעבן קיין שמחה נישט געזען. אין דעם יום־טוב, וועלכער פאַלט אויס אין דער צייט ווען מען זאַמלט צונויף די תבואה פון די פעלדער אין ארץ־ישראל, פלעגן די בני ישראל מער עולה־רגל זיין ווי אין אַנדערע ימים טובים. די פייערונגען אין ירושלים זיינען געווען שיין און אימפאָזאַנט.

סוכּות איז אויך אַ דערמאָנונג פון די צייטן, ווען דאָס יִדישע פאָלק האָט געוואַנדערט אין דער מדבר נאָך יציאת מצרים און געוווינט אין געצעלטן. גאָט האָט באַפוילן דורך משהן, אַז „די קינדער פון ישראל זאָלן זיצן אין סוכּות אין דעם יום־טוב פון זיבעטן חודש״.

טויזנטער יאָרן שוין, אין זייער אייגן לאַנד און אין גלות, בויט דער יִד די סוכּה און וווינט אין איר אַכט טעג. דאָס דערמאָנט אים, וואָס אונדזערע אור־עלטערן זיינען אַדורכגעגאַנגען אויף זייער וועג צו פרייהייט. אין אונדזערע צייטן דערמאָנט די סוכּה, אַז מען קען זיך נישט פאַרזיכערן מיט שטיינערנע ווענט און שיינע פאַלאַצן. מעגן די בנינים זיין ווי שטאַרק, אויב איז אין זיי נישטאָ קיין פרייד, קיין צופרידנקייט, זיינען זיי גאָרנישט מיט גאָרנישט. מעגן די ווענט זיין די מעכטיקסטע, קענען זיי נישט איינהאַלטן דעם געדראַנג צו פרייהייט. מעגן די וווינונגען זיין די שענסטע, אויב עס איז נישטאָ אין זיי קיין שלום בית, קיין צופרידן פאַמיליע־לעבן, קענען זיי דעם מענטשן נישט גליקלעך מאַכן.

דעריבער ווערט סוכּות אויך אָנגערופן דער דאַנקבאַרקייט יום־טוב. אין די צייטן פון בית המקדש האָבן יִדן געדאַנקט גאָט פאַר די פרוכטן און תבואות, וואָס זיי האָבן איינגעזאַמלט. אין די שפעטערע יאָרן האָט דאָס יִדישע פאָלק פאַרבינדן די דאַנקבאַרקייט מיט דער האָפענונג אויף שיבת ציון. אין אונדזער דור האָבן מיר ווידער דערלעבט די צייט ווען די יִדן אין מדינת ישראל זאַמלען איין די תבואה אין זייער אייגן לאַנד און דאַנקען גאָט אין דעם חג האָסיף.

פאַר אונדז, קאַנאַדער יִדן, איז עס אויך אַ צייט פון דאַנקבאַרקייט. די פרייהייט, וואָס מיר האָבן אין אונדזער לאַנד ברענגט אַריין אַ צופרידנקייט אין די יִדישע רייען. אין דעם לאַנד קאַנאַדע האָט דער יִד גלייכבאַרעכטיקונג. ער איז אַ מיט־בירגער צוזאַמען מיט אַלע אַנדערע מינדערהייטן. ער דאַרף נישט מורא האָבן פאַר אומגערעכטע געזעצן און פאַר פאַרפאָלגונגען מצד דער רעגירונג. און פאַר דעם איז דער יִד דאַנקבאַר.

דער יום־טוב סוכּות, וועלכער פאַרבינדט די פייערלעכקייט פון די ימים נוראים מיט דער פרייד פון שמחת תורה, איז נאָך אַ רינגל אין דער קייט פון יִדישער עקזיסטענץ. צוזאַמען מיט אַלע אַנדערע ימים טובים איז סוכּות אַ וויכטיקער טייל פון אונדזער לעבן. אַזוי לאַנג ווי דער יִד וועט זען אין דער סוכּה אַ צוזאַמענבונד פון דער פאַרגאַנגענהייט מיט דער קעגנוואַרט, וועט זיין צוקונפט זיין פריידיק און גליקלעך.

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CJC urges Liberals not to act rashly on EETC

Continued from page 3

"I'm very disappointed," said Jewish education funding activist Georgeanne Burke of Molinari's loss. "The Jewish community came out strongly for her, but she just got caught up in the red tide."

David Young

Caplan fended off a spirited challenge in Don Valley East from Paul Sutherland, a popular Toronto municipal councillor, winning by more than 8,000 votes.

In Eglinton-Lawrence, Mike Colle defeated Tory candidate Corrine Korzen by a nearly 2-1 margin. Nevertheless, Korzen made history by being the first Orthodox Jewish woman to seek a seat at Queen's Park. The riding has a sizeable Orthodox population in the Bathurst-Lawrence area, with many of them signed-up members of the federal Canadian Alliance.

In St. Paul's, which is about one-fifth Jewish, incumbent Michael Bryant coasted to victory by more than 13,000 votes. Julian Heller, a Jewish lawyer and longtime NDP activist, polled 6,740 votes.

And in Vaughan-King-Aurora, Liberal Party president Greg Sorbara, who's on record as supporting some form of relief for parents of children in private schools, easily defeated his nearest Tory opponent by more than 15,000 votes.

The Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress and UJA Federation of Greater Toronto sent a statement Friday morning after the election congratulating McGuinty.

"We look forward to working with the new government in the months and years ahead on a wide variety of issues. The concerns of the Jewish community are not dissimilar to those of Ontarians at large – health, education, poverty, tolerance and security," said region chair Ed Morgan.

Congress acknowledged that in the past, it has had "serious differences with Mr. McGuinty and his party on the issue of public funding for religiously based schools.

"We strongly encourage him to think long and hard about the situation of Ontario's non-Roman Catholic families who want faith-based education for their children. It would be most regrettable if the government were to act rashly in eliminating the EETC without any alternative in mind.

"We are hopeful that when the cabinet meets it will come to understand that an Ontario which supports only one faith-based school system in effect supports religious discrimination," Morgan wrote.

CJC added it hopes McGuinty will make fighting discrimination a priority.

"We urge Premier-elect McGuinty to keep an open mind on an issue of such deep concern to our community. The time to solve this decades-old problem is now," CJC said.

DENTIST VOLUNTEERS IN ISRAEL: Toronto dentist Steven Brown treats an 8-year old boy in Jerusalem as part of his recent volunteer stint at the DVI (Dental Volunteers for Israel) clinic. Brown worked with an Israeli pediatric dentist, as well as volunteer colleagues from Norway and France, treating Jewish and Arab patients.

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Survivor chosen to represent spirit of multiculturalism

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Ibolya Grossman, a Hungarian-born Jewish woman who survived the Holocaust with her baby and escaped the 1956 Revolution, was one of three immigrants selected to inaugurate Canada's first annual Multiculturalism Day this past summer at a ceremony in Ottawa.

The three presenters were chosen to represent all Canadian immigrants. They are part of the "Passages to Canada" speakers bureau, which sends immigrant community leaders into schools and communities to talk about their experiences and journey to Canada.

The bureau is part of "Passages to Canada," an educational initiative developed by the Dominion Institute that aims to provide Canadians with a greater understanding of the contributions immigrants make to Canada.

The other two speakers were Enrique Robert, a human rights lawyer who escaped from El Salvador and initially shoveled snow to make ends meet in Canada, and Dudley Laws, a social activist and community leader who came to Canada from Jamaica and worked at first as a welder.

Ibolya Grossman stands with her son Andy Reti at the launch of his new book *The Son of an Extraordinary Woman*.

Grossman's husband, parents and sisters were killed by the Nazis. During the war, she and her young son were in the Budapest ghetto and she was once jailed for six months for trying to escape.

Grossman, known as Ibi, came to Canada in 1957, first to Winnipeg.

Not knowing any English, she immediately enrolled in language classes and a year-and-a-half later, she and her teenage son moved to Toronto, where she first worked as a cleaning woman at the Toronto Western Hospital and then as a clerk at the Bank of Montreal, where "my study of English paid off," she says.

In 1958, she married Emil Grossman.

After her retirement, she became a volunteer at the Hospital for Sick Children and the Holocaust Centre of Toronto, and she joined the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, where she enrolled in a creative writing class.

Grossman also recorded her experiences in a 1990 autobiography, *An Ordinary Woman in Extraordinary Times*. She was subsequently awarded the Joseph Tanenbaum Prize in Holocaust literature by the book committee of Toronto Jewish Congress and has spoken to numerous groups and schools.

Her book is used as a text in courses at York University and the University of Toronto.

Recently, her son Andy Reti published a book, *The Son of an Extraordinary Woman*, which will be featured at this year's Toronto Jewish Book Fair. In it, he describes his experiences coming to Canada and describes what hardworking immigrants can accomplish in a democracy.

Grossman will be a speaker during Holocaust Education Week. On Nov. 2, she and son Andy and grandson David will present a program at Kehillat Shaarei Torah Synagogue titled "Three Generations Speak About the Holocaust." On Nov. 3, she will appear at Indigo Books, Music and Café at 55 Bloor St. West.

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On Campus

UWO students concerned about Palestinian club

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Jewish students at the University of Western Ontario are concerned that the founding there of a branch of Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights (SPHR), the group connected to the violence at Concordia University in September 2002, could signal a change in the political climate on their campus.

On Sept. 25, the club brought in controversial speaker Norman Finkelstein, a political science professor and author of the book *The Holocaust Industry: Reflections on the Exploitation of Jewish Suffering*. Finkelstein, a son of Holocaust survivors who is considered by many, including B'nai Brith Canada and Canadian Jewish Congress, to hold anti-Semitic views, discussed the "roots" of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict before an audience of more than 600 people.

But on the whole, Western has been less political than other Canadian campuses, said Paul Rakowski, past president of Western's Jewish Students' Union (JSU) and co-chair of its Israel Action Committee.

JSU president Gary Diamond, who has met with his counterpart at the Muslim Students' Association, speaks optimistically of "sustainable relations" and a possible joint humanitarian program.

Although there have been other political speakers besides Finkelstein on campus, Rakowski said there is only a small contingent of student activists who are "not at the same level" as their counterparts at some other schools.

"The situation is a lot more civil here," he said. "You might have a group of pro-Israel and pro-Palestinian students yelling at each other. That's as bad as it gets."

Rakowski and others from the JSU met with representatives of Western's student council to express their concerns following club week, when the Palestinian human rights group handed out anti-Israel literature.

Among the material students objected to was an accusation that the "U.S. and Israeli interests… neatly converge in seeking the destruction of not only the Palestinian movement, but of the Palestinians as a people."

Rakowski says SPHR is "infamous for creating a climate of hate."

Fortunately, he said, Western has "clear guidelines" on activities that are acceptable for a ratified club. Conditions for deratification include committing an illegal offence and damaging the student council and university's reputation.

Rakowski was among an estimated 100 Jewish students who attended the lecture to monitor and/or challenge Finkelstein. In a letter to Western's daily student newspaper, the *Gazette*, Rakowski wrote that Finkelstein "categorically blamed Israelis" and "not once did he make any significant reference to Palestinian terrorism, an incontrovertible hindrance to the peace process and the trigger of so many hard-line Israeli policies."

Alana Getzler, a second-year student and the JSU's Holocaust awareness commissioner, wrote to *The CJN* that she has never "encountered such malevolence in a supposed academic forum.

"In his whole two hours of enlightening his audience with fallacy and myths," Getzler wrote, "Finkelstein not once mentioned… any type of wrongdoing on the Palestinian behalf, nor did he mention any type of right doing on the Israeli behalf."

His lecture, she said, was not "just pro-Palestinian. It was anti-Israel. There's a difference… There was hatred in his speech."

She said SPHR – which co-sponsored Finkelstein's talk with the political science and anthropology departments, as well as the Undergraduate Political Science Association – is a "hate club. The JSU is interested in programming to make people aware of Israel's situation from our viewpoint, and I think the Muslim Students' Association and Arab Students' Association are doing the same thing."

The Finkelstein event and resulting fallout, particularly an editorial cartoon in the Sept. 30 *Gazette*, has shocked some Jewish students.

The paper's editor-in-chief, Emmet Macfarlane, said he received four or five in-person complaints and three or four letters about the offending cartoon, which depicted two young women. One, with a somewhat confused expression says, "I objectively disagree with some of the policies of the Israeli government," and the other, with an angry face and a t-shirt bearing the term "Rage-a-holic," points an accusatory finger and says, "Anti-Semite!!!"

The cartoon, Macfarlane believes, was making a legitimate point about emotional reactions. "I think there are members of both sides who are intelligent and want to debate in an honest, open way."

Had controversial, pro-Israel academic Daniel Pipes – who spoke at Western in the spring – been the recent speaker instead of Finkelstein, the characters in the cartoon would have been reversed, he said.

The *Gazette* "has never taken a position on the [Middle East] conflict," Macfarlane said. "We just focused on cries for censorship."

There has always been active debate at Western, he said. "We're proud, as Western students, that there's never been any type of violence."

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CORRECTION

In the article "Hashomer Hatzair gets new shlichah" (*CJN*, Oct. 2), Shlomit Flexer was identified incorrectly as being Canadian-born. She is a sabra, but moved to Winnipeg with her family as a young child. *The CJN* regrets the error.

Sukkot – a time to be creative

By RIVKA TAL
Special to The CJN

Sukkot comes on the fifth day after Yom Kippur and lasts for seven days. During that time, we construct and spend time in a sukkah, to remember the protection God gave the Jewish people for the 40 years they spent travelling in the desert.

Right after we break the Yom Kippur fast, my husband and kids are outside the kitchen door putting up the sukkah, which will be our home for seven days. The whole neighbourhood is at it, too, and you can hear pounding until late at night. The atmosphere is electric. A neighbour might come over to borrow a saw; we borrow staples for our staple gun. The Jerusalem Municipality sets up distribution points around the city for the free distribution of *schach*, tree branches to top the sukkah (the trees are trimmed just before Sukkot to ensure ample supplies).

Then there are the decorations. This is a serious affair. Years ago, the kids decided that the decorations must be in the same place each year, so they get out last year's pictures to study placement. The sukkah is big: 30 feet by about five feet, so there are a lot of walls and ceilings to decorate with arts and crafts projects from years ago along with this year's artwork. Favourite themes for decorations include the 12 tribes of Israel and the seven species of the Land of Israel. I'm not allowed to peek until the sukkah is completely decorated and furnished with tables and chairs, pull-out couches, rugs and lighting. After days of work, the rest of the family calls me in for an inspection and I invariably get misty eyed at the sight of our beautiful sukkah.

As for me, post-Yom Kippur, I'm busy in the kitchen: defrosting and cooking and baking and freezing and defrosting once again. The week-long holiday presents many opportunities to welcome guests for festive meals and/or home baked goodies and hot or cold drinks, depending on the weather. Enjoy!

POMEGRANATE SALAD

The pomegranate is one of the species for which the Land of Israel is noted. Many people even hang pomegranates from the ceiling of their sukkah. This salad can serve either as a first-course or a light dessert.

3 medium pomegranates
¼ cup oil
juice of ½ lemon
pinch of salt
1 tsp. sugar
melon halves

Open pomegranates and section. Remove seeds, carefully taking out any of the bitter, white pith. Place in a bowl. Combine oil, lemon juice, salt and sugar. Pour over pomegranate seeds. Chill. Fill melon halves with the prepared seeds.

NUT-DATE STUFFED CHICKEN BREASTS

This dish is easier to make than it may seem at first glance and looks and tastes very special. Dates are also one of the Land of Israel specials that are appropriate for Sukkot. Use any of your favourite nuts, even though pistachios are a perfect foil for the subtle sweetness of the dates. A kitchen shears makes it much easier to cut the dates – dip it into a glass of water when necessary. Makes 8-10 main dish servings.

4 whole large chicken breasts, skinned, boned and halved lengthwise
3½ oz. pistachio nuts, shelled and roughly chopped
3½ oz. dates, cut into small pieces
1 tsp. cinnamon
¼-½ tsp. crushed red pepper
½ tsp. cumin
½ cup vegetable oil
½ cup semi-dry white wine

Preheat oven to 350. Lightly grease a shallow, rectangular baking dish.

Place chicken pieces, boned side up, between two layers of clear plastic wrap. Working from centre out, pound chicken lightly with a mallet to make pieces about ¼-in. thick. Peel off wrap.

Combine nuts, dates and seasonings in a small bowl. Place 1 tbsp. of mixture in the centre of each prepared chicken piece. Tuck in sides and roll up like a jelly roll, pressing to seal well. Transfer to baking dish. Repeat with remaining pieces.

Drizzle with vegetable oil and wine. Cover with aluminum foil. Bake for approximately 1 hour or until tender.

Remove from oven. Either serve immediately or chill in refrigerator for at least two hours, then slice crosswise with a sharp knife for a "pinwheel" effect.

CHOCOLATE CHERRY BARS

Combine two favourite tastes in one tempting bar cake.

3 cups flour, sifted
2½ tsp. baking powder
1½ cups margarine
1½ cups sugar
6 eggs
12 oz. chocolate chips
2 cups canned, pitted cherries, well-drained and quartered (check for pits!)

Preheat oven to 325. Lightly grease a 13x9x2-inch pan. Stir flour and baking powder together. Set aside. Cream margarine and sugar together until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add flour mixture and mix well. Mix in chocolate chips and cherries, combining well. Spread evenly in pan. Bake for 35-45 minutes or until golden and starting to pull away from the edges. Score into bars when hot; cut when completely cool. Makes about 40 bars.

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Candy sukkah sweetens the holiday

By LISA J. SOLOMON
Special to The CJN

I have been thinking a lot about roots lately. About where I would like to settle with my daughter, buy a house, adopt a puppy. Because when we left our hometown of Atlanta eight years ago, I didn't know how long our adventure would last. I didn't know we would live in small but charming apartments, first in calm, rainy Portland, then in frenetic, sunny Los Angeles. And that after a while, the temporary nature of our dwellings, and so much time spent far away from where we started, would pose a question of its own. Where do we belong?

It seems the core ritual of Sukkot, building the sukkah, has something to say about just that. According to tradition, this temporary, four-walled structure with a roof of branches open to the sky is a reminder of the Israelites' huts in the desert, as they wandered from place to place for 40 years. But Michael Strassfeld says in *The Jewish Holidays, A Guide & Commentary,* the sukkah also highlights one of the themes of the holiday – the impermanence of our lives.

Strassfeld explains that in a talmudic debate over the meaning of the sukkah, Rabbi Akiva says, "The Sukkah makes us realize what sheltering is all about," and that our permanent homes, with glass windows, high walls and locked doors, are not where true security lies.

Strassfeld adds that Rabbi Akiva's view is that carrying our dishes and our food outside to be eaten in a portable, shaky structure reminds us that "we must be able to carry a sense of shelter with us wherever we go because to become too rooted in one place makes us inflexible."

And if the wind rattles the walls, or raindrops interfere with dinner, Rabbi Akiva feels the sukkah teaches us that "no one can protect his or her spirit from all of life's contingencies."

Beth Shir Shalom, the small synagogue my daughter and I discovered a few years ago not far from our apartment, has a special Sukkot ritual that deliciously honours the rewards of temporary but open, creative shelters. Each year, in the back parking lot, near the Sukkah they build and the small petting zoo they invite, they fill a long, folding table with boxes of graham crackers, tubs of frosting, and bowls and bowls of candy. And the children gather round to build graham cracker sukkot held together by chocolate and vanilla mortar and brought to joyous life with stripes of licorice roofs, marshmallow windows and walls decorated in red, yellow, green, blue and orange fruit-shaped candies.

They lick their fingers and make a terrific mess, but they each build something closer to a sugar-coated memory than a long-lasting house.

After the rabbi and cantor say the prayers and sing in the real sukkah and my daughter and I leave carrying her thickly frosted sukkah, I feel grateful for having been there, and for balmy evenings in the California air. And when we step inside our apartment, turn on a small light and take one bite of the candy-coated roof and then another, and watch the moon hang in our porch window while the chocolate layers dissolve in our mouth until the sukkah is no more, I understand the heart of home, permanent or not, beats in these moments.

FROSTED CANDY SUKKAH

1 lb. box honey graham crackers
1 16-oz. container chocolate frosting
1 16-oz. container vanilla frosting
assortment of colourful candies of your choice. (We used red licorice vines, gummy bears, candy hearts, marshmallows and dots.)

With a small, child-safe utensil (plastic knife or spreader works well), frost the flat sides of graham crackers before constructing. Then layer bottom, top and side edges of cracker with frosting to help walls stand. (Hint: It also helps to put a line of frosting on the part of the plate where you plan to erect your sukkah.) Stick crackers to one another and the plate, carefully, pressing gently. The frosting will hold better with time as it hardens.

Gently layer candies onto or around the structure to your own design specifications. Sukkot are meant to be decorative, so the more colour the better! Take a picture, eat and enjoy! Builds 7-8 sukkot using 3-4 crackers per sukkah.

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Not exactly quiet, but still...

By ZE'EV SCHIFF
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

Analysis

Three weeks after the last suicide bombing, as I write, it's clear that Israel has been showing more caution in its use of targeted killings of Hamas and Islamic Jihad leaders.

That's not to say that the government has backtracked from its decision to strike at those who carry out acts of terror and also at leaders of the terror organizations. But it seems the government is not interested in being seen by the public and by the world as being responsible for violating the "quiet" – which is not really quiet, neither on the Palestinian side nor the Israeli side, since there are targeted killings. Nevertheless, as of last Friday, three weeks have passed without any suicide bombings.

Things are also happening in Hamas. It has been several weeks since any Qassam rockets have been launched from Gaza, a fact that does not merit much attention because the firing of mortars from Gaza continues and has even intensified. Some people say Hamas has decided to suspend attacks against what the group itself calls "Israel within the 1948 borders," and to not strike at civilian targets.

Terror attacks in the territories will continue, since Hamas considers the settlers to be soldiers, not civilians. If what Hamas is saying is true, it can be seen as an interesting development, on the condition it heads in a positive direction. In the meantime, Hamas continues to smuggle arms, fire mortars from Gaza and attempt to smuggle explosives from Gaza to the West Bank via Israel.

Hamas, not only Israel, has no faith that the partial calm will not suddenly be shattered. Their leaders in Gaza are looking for hiding places for fear of a sudden targeted killing. Among other sites, they are looking for apartments in Gaza high-rise buildings. Evidently, they are relying on Israel to exercise caution and not do what Hamas does at every opportunity – intentionally target civilians.

Conversely, Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat's attitude toward acts of terror shows no change. Once again, there are numerous reports that aside from the diplomatic flag he is flying, Arafat is also bearing the flag of terrorist attacks against Israel. In so doing, he plays into the hands of the Sharon government. Were there to be a sudden large-scale terrorist attack while Arafat continued to disrupt the stabilization efforts of Ahmed Qureia's government after having already brought down Mahmoud Abbas' government, it's a virtual guarantee that the Israeli cabinet would take action against him, notwithstanding the UN General Assembly resolution calling on Israel not to do so.

One group of the Tanzim understands that if they do not prevent terror attacks, they will bring about Arafat's removal. But since the Tanzim have turned from a single organization into a cluster of armed gangs, it's all too possible the tone will be set by groups from Nablus and Jenin that have been penetrated by Hezbollah members with links to the Iranian Republican Guards.

The current reality – in other words, the evasion of implementing reforms or the fight against terror, and Arafat's continued rule – has frozen any chances for a renewal of negotiations. There is no chance the government of Israel will agree to talks with a leader that Washington, several European states and even some Arab states (albeit not publicly) consider the heart of the problem.

Washington would be prepared to push for a renewal of negotiations on the basis of the road map peace plan if it were persuaded the Qureia government had begun to fight terror, that it had real control over all the security agencies and groups, and that it was carrying out the reforms it's expected to implement.

Washington is no longer willing to show patience for Arafat, but even in regard to Qureia, Washington and road map co-sponsors (the UN, Russia and the European Union) are adopting a forceful tone.

This survey tells no lies

By SERGIO DELLAPERGOLA
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

Analysis

The recently published results of the large-scale National Jewish Population Survey (NJPS) in the United States were expected to spark controversy. Such surveys are conducted every few years to provide the Jewish public with comprehensive data that about the direction of the community.

But in his article about the survey's results ("A Jewish Recount," *New York Times*, Sept. 17), J.J. Goldberg violated every rule, not only of professional criticism, but also of cultural discourse.

Goldberg is the editor-in-chief of the *Forward*, the famed Jewish weekly published in New York, and he is known for his anti-establishment attitudes. Beyond that, he has no professional training that might support his claims that "flawed figures" were published in the new survey or that the survey is the product of "ideology, ego [or] incompetence."

I choose not to discuss the power-driven skirmishes between Jewish community leaders who have opposing interests or the American Jewish media's role in these conflicts. It is more important to note that the technical advisory committee to the survey included first-rate scholars and people of integrity, such as the former president of the Population Association of America and the former deputy director of the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

The decline in the number of American Jews, from 5.5 million in 1990 to 5.2 million in January 2000, is not an absolute truth – due to the margins of error that are inherent in every statistical survey – but it is definitely a possibility in light of recent trends in Jewish demography and identity that can be seen in this survey and others conducted during the same time period.

The average number of children born to Jewish women between 40 and 44 years old is 1.9 – about 10 per cent below the minimum required for population replacement. And due to the increased intermarriage rate, the number of children raised in Jewish environments of any sort is much lower.

In a single decade, the median age of American Jews rose from 37 to 42. There is hardly any doubt that the mortality rate among American Jews is now higher than the percentage of children whose parents decide to give them any kind of Jewish identity.

According to another nationwide survey, the American Jewish Identity Survey released by the graduate centre of the City University of New York, there were 5.35 million Jews in the United States in 2001 – a figure that is also lower than this survey's 1990 estimate.

Besides the aging of the population, the second factor in the decline of the Jewish community is the decreasing desire of Jews to identify as such.

The surveyors found that 4.3 million Americans identify themselves as Jews – in addition to about 100,000 residing in institutions (old-age homes, prisons, etc.) and another 800,000 whose first answer to the question was that they had no connection to Judaism – but subsequently were found to be of Jewish descent.

Perhaps it was a mistake not to ask these 800,000 apathetic respondents if it was very important to them to be Jewish, or to ask them if they fast on the Fast of Esther. This might have revealed some interesting links between the margins of the Jewish community and the criteria needed to define Jewish identity. It may be assumed that in most instances, there would have been a lacklustre response.

It can therefore be argued – in contrast to what Goldberg wrote – that the survey's partial disregard of the marginal cases actually creates a more positive picture.

Another big disagreement concerns the intermarriage rate. According to the 1990 survey, 52 per cent of people who were raised as Jews and married between 1985 and 1990 married non-Jewish spouses. When one extracts from this calculation the "born Jews" who married non-Jews and also left Judaism, the figure drops to 43 per cent.

Which is the correct method of calculation? Each produces its own particular results. There is no question of errors or lies here – only of professional comprehension.

What happened, according to the survey, in January 2000?

If we also include in the calculation those Jews who have in the meantime converted to Christianity, we will find that the intermarriage rate rose in the last decade from 52 to 54 per cent, and if we don't include them (since they are, in any case, lost to Judaism), we find that the rate increased from 43 to 47 per cent.

What's more, the new survey raises an optimistic point about the Jewish community's improved ability to strengthen itself and keep its children within its embrace through educational initiatives. Indeed, the American Jewish population is not under threat of extinction.

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Warnings of complacency – 30 years after Yom Kippur War

By LESLIE SUSSER
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Analysis

JERUSALEM — Thirty years after the traumatic Yom Kippur War, Israel's military superiority over the Arabs is greater than ever.

That, at least, is the assessment of Tel Aviv University's prestigious Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies. In its annual report, the think tank cites the quality of Israel's weapons systems and the U.S.-led victory in Iraq as reasons for a major strategic shift in Israel's favour.

But the report acknowledges that Israel still faces major threats from terrorism and non-conventional weapons.

And some analysts warn the report's talk of Israel's superiority and strategic gains could lead to the same type of complacency that cost Israel so dearly in the 1973 war, when it was caught unprepared by a joint Egyptian and Syrian attack and suffered heavy losses in the first few days of fighting.

After its initial setbacks, Israel's ultimate victory – the war ended only after the Soviet Union threatened to intervene to stop Israeli tanks from rumbling into Cairo and Damascus – was as impressive as its success in previous engagements with the Arab nations.

Still, Arab countries consider the war a victory, and many Israelis consider it a defeat of sorts – primarily because it punctured Israel's aura of invincibility after the 1967 Six-Day War.

The shock of the Yom Kippur War left deep scars on the national psyche that still affect Israelis today.

Foremost among them is a gnawing anxiety that the nation's leadership is so locked into a "conceptzia" – a shared strategic concept that determines their worldview – that they may be misreading reality and ignoring opportunities for peace. Some warn that the Jaffee Center's assessment reflects a similar, misplaced confidence.

Commenting on the report's claim that Israel is now better off strategically than ever before, the military analyst for *Ma'ariv*, Amir Rapaport, observed wryly that "the last time we boasted that things were never better was in the autumn of 1973."

One of the Middle East's main problems is its instability, Rapaport said. "What seems crystal clear today could change totally tomorrow," he warned.

The report highlights the fact that in Iraq, the United States and its allies needed just four military divisions to defeat 23 Iraqi divisions. That, the report says, drove home to the Arab states the huge disparity between the quality of modern Western armies and their own.

That has two major implications for Israel, the report says:

- By defeating Iraq, the United States wiped out the biggest Arab army in the Middle East and nullified the possibility of an eastern-front coalition of Iraq, Syria and Jordan, united against Israel;
- Since Israel has many of the same capabilities as the U.S. military – not just American or Western weaponry, but superior control-and-command systems, real-time intelligence gathering facilities and so on – the allied victory enhanced Israel's own deterrent posture.

Shlomo Brom, a former deputy head of planning in the Israel Defence Forces and one of the report's authors, notes that Israel's standing army is not only larger than the U.S. force used in Iraq, it has many of the same battle systems.

Therefore, he concludes, the one remaining eastern-front foe – Syria, which is weaker in land forces than Iraq was – "would have no chance in a military confrontation with Israel."

Brom says the war also helped Israel's strategic posture by enhancing U.S. deterrence, underlining the Arab world's fragmentation and increasing pressure on Iran, Syria and Hezbollah to stop fomenting violence against Israel and the West.

But the Jaffee researchers acknowledge that some of Israel's new strategic gains depend on whether the United States manages to stabilize Iraq or whether it gets bogged down. If the latter happens, some of Israel's gains could be wiped out, they say.

Still, Brom says the eradication of the eastern threat provides a rare opportunity to downsize the Israeli army. There is "a window of opportunity to review the IDF's real needs," he says.

Brom says the IDF should now be asking whether it really needs so many tank divisions. And he suggests that the IDF could save huge sums of money by shutting down production and development of Israel's own Merkava 4 tank, considered by many experts to be the most advanced in the world.

But the defence establishment remains unconvinced, arguing that scaling down land forces could encourage an enemy to attack. Thus, despite its cost and the cuts in next year's defence budget, the Merkava project is still on.

The Jaffee report suggests that, given the changed strategic situation, Israel should focus less on threats from conventional weapons and more on developing sophisticated methods to counter terrorism and unconventional warfare.

The second big issue for Israel is unconventional weapons. Ephraim Kam, Jaffee's deputy director, says Iran is only three to four years away from producing a nuclear bomb and is emerging as Israel's "next main problem."

Kam says Iran is not only closer than ever to nuclear capability, but there is a significant increase in Iran's involvement in terrorism against Israel.

Yoram Schweitzer, another Jaffee researcher, takes the point a step further, warning of the threat of terrorists armed with unconventional weapons.

The war in Iraq did nothing to advance the fight against international terror, he says. "Al Qaeda still has significant and proven capabilities of carrying out mass terror. But unless bin Laden the man is liquidated, Al Qaeda will not be defeated. And Al Qaeda could target Israel too."

Jaffee says Israel has 538 warplanes, nearly 4,000 tanks, 8,000 armoured vehicles, about 630,000 soldiers, 1,348 field guns and 236 helicopters.

Syria can more or less match this for size, but not quality. And Egypt, which also has Western weaponry, lacks Israel's sophisticated command-and-control and intelligence systems.

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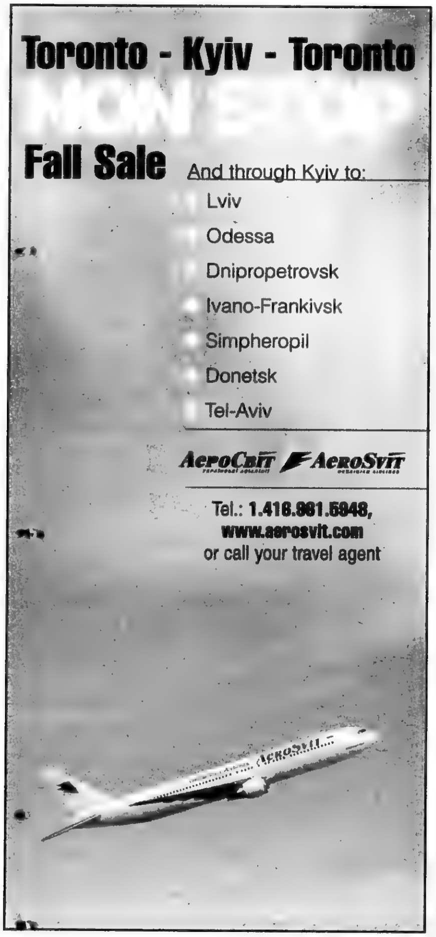

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"I think our triumph is that we have succeeded in internalizing terror so that it does not overly affect our lives," said Justice Minister Yosef "Tommy" Lapid, in one of the week's rosiest assessments.

For the Palestinians, too, the year has resulted in few gains. Arafat was repeatedly maligned by the White House, and a new Palestinian Authority (PA) prime minister, Mahmoud Abbas, contributed little to the Palestinian cause before bowing out.

Now the Palestinian issue has shifted to the back burner in Washington, as a result of the George W. Bush administration's preoccupation with Iraq, where the United States has to contend with its own "occupation."

Though many in the West continued to champion the intifadah as a "freedom movement," Palestinian terrorism has helped shift the Palestinian cause somewhat closer to Al-Qaeda in the eyes of some observers.

The PA's outgoing security minister, Mohammed Dahlan, says that change was not lost on him.

Considered a favourite of Washington but ousted in Arafat's latest government shuffle, Dahlan told the Associated Press this week, "We did not understand 9/11 in a correct and fundamental way that would have allowed us to help the national interest of our people, to bring back the international legitimacy of our authority."

Dahlan was a veteran of the first intifadah, which started in 1987 and lasted six years and had a much higher ratio of Palestinians dead to Israelis killed. Now there are three dead Palestinians for every Israeli killed, a startlingly low figure by the standards of most counterinsurgency campaigns.

While the PA's political and economic infrastructure is in shambles, many in the West Bank and Gaza believe they are prevailing.

Jailed Palestinian leader Marwan Barghouti says Palestinians have no alternative but to go on fighting.

"To die is better than living under occupation," he said in Tel Aviv district court last week in closing statements in his trial for complicity in 26 counts of terrorist-related murders.

Many Israelis believe not enough was done to keep Arafat to his Oslo-era pledge of renouncing violence.

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The Week in Israel

Sept. 29

- Outgoing Palestinian Authority Security Minister Mohammed Dahlan criticized the use of violence by his fellow Palestinians. "We did not understand 9/11 in a correct and fundamental way that would have allowed us to help the national interest of our people," he said.

Sept. 30

- Israel spends more than $560 million (US) a year on Jewish communities in the West Bank and Gaza, on top of the $500 million it spends to defend them, *Ha'aretz* reported.
- Most Israelis are pessimistic about the future and see no hope of peace with the Palestinians, according to a new poll conducted by *Yediot Achronot*. Two thirds predict the intifadah will continue or worsen in the coming year, while 43 per cent said they are in "despair" about the country's future.

Oct. 1

- Israel is considering using Aqaba, Jordan, and Port Said, Egypt, as alternatives to domestic ports paralyzed by the public sector strike against the government's austerity budget.

Oct. 2

- Soldiers killed an Islamic Jihad commander in the West Bank and safely detonated a car rigged with explosives near Nablus. It was the third interception in recent weeks of a potential car bombing.

Oct. 3

- Iran is responsible for the fate of missing Israeli navigator Ron Arad, Defence Minister Shaul Mofaz said. He also said that efforts to release Arad would continue, parallel to negotiations for the release of reserve army colonel Elhanan Tennenbaum and three Israeli soldiers kidnapped three years ago by Hezbollah whom the army has declared to be soldiers who died in action whose burial place is not known.

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French Jews mobilize opposition as Le Pen kicks off his campaign

By PHILIP CARMEL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Analysis

French far-right leader Jean-Marie Le Pen's campaign for the leadership of a key region in southern France has local Jewish community leaders worried.

The problem, they say, is that Le Pen's National Front has a real chance of winning the first-round voting next March, which would lend legitimacy to Le Pen's anti-Semitic politics.

Launching his campaign aboard a boat in Nice's harbour two weeks ago, Le Pen said he would run for the presidency of the Provence-Alpes Côte d'Azur region – also known as PACA – an area with large Jewish communities in Marseille, Nice and other cities.

"This is not just a Jewish issue," said Zvi Amar, president of the Marseille Consistoire, a Jewish community group. "Le Pen threatens the whole of French society, not just the Jewish community."

Amar, a national vice-president of CRIF, the umbrella organization of French Jews, said he doubts whether Le Pen could actually be elected president of the PACA region, but added that there is a strong possibility the far-right leader could top the polls in first-round voting, when a plethora of other candidates could divide the opposition vote.

"That would show the strength of the National Front base in the south of France, where the movement has had strong roots now for a long time," Amar said.

In the national presidential election last year, Le Pen got the most votes in the PACA region in first-round voting and more than a quarter of the votes in the region in the second-round runoff against incumbent President Jacques Chirac. Nationally, 18 per cent of voters cast their votes for Le Pen.

Le Pen, 75, is taking part in what may be his last major election fight, and the election represents a final chance to achieve legislative power in a region that has traditionally had a strong right-wing base.

With its large immigrant population, particularly in and around Marseille, the PACA region has given the National Front a platform to espouse its openly racist policies.

Marseille also is home to France's second largest Jewish community, at 70,000 people. The Jewish communities in Marseille, Nice and along the Côte d'Azur shoreline have not been targeted by National Front campaigns, but Le Pen's record of anti-Semitic statements is cause for alarm among the region's Jews.

Le Pen has described the Holocaust as a mere "detail in World War II history," has accused Chirac of being "in the pay of Jewish organizations" and has blamed Jews for erecting "invisible barriers within the French people."

In order to avoid division in the anti-Le Pen vote, Jewish leaders are urging candidates from small parties with minimal chance of victory not to run in places like the Provence region, asking them instead to lend their support to an agreed-upon centre-left candidate.

CRIF leaders raised the issue during a recent meeting with the Green party. A similar deal may be in the works with the centre-right Union for French Democracy.

That would leave Le Pen and Deputy Foreign Minister Renaud Muselier in a run against the incumbent president of the region, Michel Vauzelle of the Socialist party.

If all three qualify for the second-round runoff, Jewish leaders say the weaker candidate should withdraw.

"Only the strongest republican candidate should be allowed to run against Le Pen in the second round," said Clement Yana, CRIF president for the PACA region. "All republican votes should then unite to block Le Pen."

Whether or not French Jews can convince the candidates to go along with their scenario to block Le Pen is unclear.

The National Front has already had success in small towns in the south of France, with mayoral victories in Orange and the larger metropolis of Toulon. In each case, the National Front was able to play on a split in the opposition's vote in the second round.

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Comedian brings Evil Dead to life in musical

By DAVID SILVERBERG
Special to The CJN

George Reinblatt has turned comedy into a career, successfully crafting gut-busting lines for celebrities, comedy specials and musicals.

The 26-year-old Toronto resident is a hot commodity these days: he works at Montreal's Just for Laughs Comedy Festival as part of a writing team for guest celebrities such as Kelly Ripa, Howie Mandel, Rick Mercer and Joan Rivers; he played the warm-up comedian for the now-defunct CBC show *Jonovision*; and he wrote *Evil Dead: The Musical*, which returns to Toronto's Tranzac Club Oct. 16.

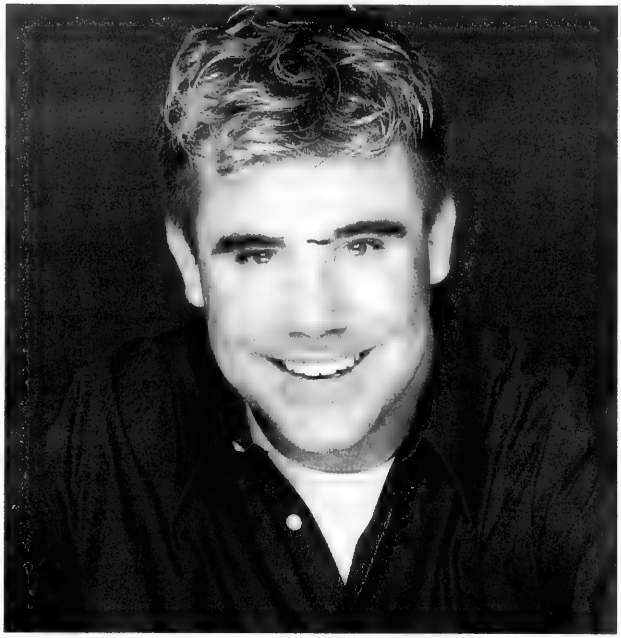
The satirical showing of the cult-classic *Evil Dead* films put Reinblatt's name in the *Globe and Mail* – bonus publicity, considering the musical sold out every night of its two-week run last August.

"There's been nothing like it," Reinblatt says about the reaction. Part of the show's appeal stemmed from its spoofs, although exaggerated horror screams and witty choruses attracted a large portion of laughs.

"I've always been a funny guy," he says. "But I'm still serious about writing funny stuff."

So it goes for comedy writers, who earn their living with wit and punchlines amidst deadline pressures. Before humour became his job, Reinblatt was a student at Queen's University. He would watch the school's cable access show *Studio Q* and yell at the screen, "This is awful!"

Deciding to do something about it, Reinblatt joined the show's writing team, shifting the news program into sketch comedy. The viewership skyrocketed, he says, and the taste of success inspired him to seek larger venues for his imagination.



George Reinblatt

His first job out of school was working as the "warm-up guy" comedy programs hire to excite the audience before the show begins. After doing that for the teen show *Jonovision*, Reinblatt decided he wanted to write. CBC recognized his talent and appointed him assistant to a scriptwriter.

"I have a TV mindset," he says.

But Reinblatt's dreams of TV shifted to a bigger venue, perhaps the Super Bowl of comedy writing: the Just for Laughs Comedy Festival. For the past two years, he and three other writers have written material for the celebrity hosts who grace the Montreal microphone. If you believe that Mandel or Mercer always write their own jokes, think again.

"We consider a comedian's style his voice," Reinblatt explains. "We try to fit the content with the personality."

Saturday Night Live regular Tina Fey, for example, trashed Canadian television during her cameo stand-up. Reinblatt says an audience expects that from Fay, "although she doesn't know so much about Canadian TV, which is where we come in."

In 2002, Reinblatt switched gears, and zombies and choruses became his summer fare when he collaborated with writer and director Christopher Bond on the script and music for *Evil Dead*.

"*Evil Dead* doesn't have boom-che jokes, but it's more of a vibe thing," Reinblatt says.

In other words, the satire ribs cheesy horror films and showy musicals. Song numbers include *Look Who's Evil Now* and *Do the Necronomicon*.

Rue-Morgue magazine, Canada's premier horror publication, praised the show: "Reinblatt delivers a powerhouse script chock-full of nods to the source as well as plenty of in-character extrapolations."

The humour is biting, with a heap of pop culture references to keep the audience's attention. While some lines fall flat, Reinblatt can't be blamed. After all, he says, "I'm the kind of guy who will laugh at stuff that no one's laughing at. And when everyone's laughing, I'm quiet."

After his success, does he want to cross the border to ply his trade in Hollywood, as most comedy writers do?

"I love it here in Canada," Reinblatt says. "Sure, I'd like for us to make better movies, but I appreciate Canadian TV and Canadian comedy."

Evil Dead: The Musical runs Oct. 16 to Nov. 2, tickets $20, at Tranzac Club. For ticket reservations, 416-723-EVIL (3845)

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Critical documentary focuses on Dayan, Rabin and Sharon

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Slaves of the Sword, History Television's three-part series on Israel, will be broadcast later this week, 30 years after the Yom Kippur War.

It's a critical exploration of three generals-turned-politicians who have played an enormous role in shaping Israel's destiny: Moshe Dayan, Yitzhak Rabin and Ariel Sharon.

Paul Jenkins' documentary, which will first be aired in back-to-back instalments starting Oct. 12 at 6 p.m., is serious and analytical. To be repeated individually on Oct. 13, 20 and 27, the smooth narrative is buttressed by interviews with family, friends, admirers and critics, as well as fascinating archival footage.

The title, however, is politically loaded. Due to Arab hostility, Israel has had to constantly defend itself. Is there any other country whose existence is perennially questioned and challenged? The title impugns the trio's motives and ignores their efforts to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict through diplomacy.

There are also factual mistakes and one major historical misinterpretation. Yet *Slaves of the Sword*, a British co-production with Canada's Alliance Atlantis Broadcasting, cannot and should not be dismissed as propaganda.

The episode on Dayan begins on a blustery note with a grinning Dayan stating there is "nothing more exciting than war." It is a misleading impression, conflating his macho inclinations with his genuine desire to come to terms with the Palestinians, as *Slaves of the Sword* itself acknowledges.

Dayan, who served as chief of staff and defence minister, shared David Ben-Gurion's bleak view that the Arabs were implacable enemies because Israel had "seized their land." But unspoken is the fact Israeli Jews have a historical right to Israel. They are not alien interlopers, as the French were in Algeria.

Dayan is portrayed as a daring but flawed soldier. He was complacent after the Six Day War, content with the territorial status quo. But his brilliant "Open Bridges" policy, which allowed the unhindered movement of Palestinians between the territories and Israel, lifted their standard of living, provided cheap labour to Israel, lowered Israel's profile as an occupying power and kept Palestinian nationalism in check for 20 years.

Yitzhak Rabin

Dayan did underestimate the military threat from Egypt and Syria. But it's not true Israel was caught "completely by surprise" in 1973. His reputation was irretrievably damaged by Israel's initial setbacks that year, but he salvaged his career by agreeing to be prime minister Menachem Begin's foreign minister.

Rabin fares better than Dayan in the documentary. Quiet and socially awkward, he was a brigade commander in the 1948 War of Independence. To open the besieged Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road, he ordered the evacuation of some 60,000 Arabs from Lod and Ramle. Today, it seems like an example of ethnic cleansing. Yet, in his memoirs, Rabin addressed the issue openly.

Though Dayan took credit for victory, Rabin prepared the armed forces for the Six Day War, and untainted by the ravages of the Yom Kippur War, he succeeded the discredited Golda Meir as prime minister. He saw the West Bank and Gaza as bargaining chips, but he gave in to settlers who sought to keep them under Israeli control.

For Rabin, the Oslo peace process was not just tactical. He understood the need for compromise, but also came to realize that the Palestinians, too, had a right to self-determination. He was seen as "a soldier in the army of peace," but he was also strategic and had a keen feel for harsh Mideast realities.

Emerging as the most controversial of the trio, Sharon comes across as disciplined and unruly, tender and tough. A clip of him shyly hugging his diminutive mother displays a soft side. But footage of him from the 1973 war with his head bandaged for the benefit of cameras shows a calculating person.

His meteoric rise to a generalship is duly charted. Wounded in the 1948 war, he achieved fame by commanding a 1950s strike force that carried out reprisal raids. As a general, he wiped out terror in Gaza and turned the tide in the Yom Kippur War. After leaving the army, he was instrumental in forming the Likud and in the building of settlements in the territories.

Also explored are Sharon's role in the war in Lebanon, his fall from grace after the Sabra/Shatila massacre, his hatred of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and his election as prime minister in the midst of the intifadah.

Near the end, an Israeli reporter cautions that Sharon's past may not be the key to his future. Food for thought.

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Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

As we turn the page into the New Year of 5764, Eye On Arts *presents its annual survey of what some people in the arts and literary community are reading.*

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Yiddish translator **Miriam Beckerman** reports that she's enthralled with *No Star Too Beautiful*, an anthology of Yiddish stories from 1382 to the present, edited and translated by **Joachim Neugroschel** (W.W. Norton).

"Ever since the book *A Golden Treasury of Jewish Literature* came out in the '40s, there hasn't been anything as good or all-inclusive as this," she said. "Most of the stories are 10 pages or less and it has a very good introduction.

"It's the kind of book that should be in every Jewish home because you can't read through all at once. You want to be able to pick it up from time to time. I just like the idea that I can open it anywhere at all and start reading."

The anthology offers selections by Canadian authors **Yehuda Elberg**, **Rachel Korn** and **Chava Rosenfarb**, Beckerman said. Her own translation of the Elberg story *Kvitl* is included in the upcoming 2003-04 edition of *Parchment*, due in November.

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Toronto novelist **Cary Fagan** recently reread **Moacyr Scliar's** novel *The Centaur in the Garden*, one of two titles by the Brazilian writer that Toronto-based Key Porter has issued in translation from the Portuguese.

"I really loved it when it first came out years ago," Fagan said. "It's about a Brazilian who is born half-horse and half-human, and Jewish; it's about his family life in Brazil. Scliar is a fabulist, to a degree – he's got that South American magic realism thing. He's touching and funny and original."

Fagan is scheduled to interview Scliar on Oct. 31 at Harbourfront's International Festival of Authors. His novel *The Mermaid of Paris* was published recently by Key Porter.

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The writing in **Nancy Richler's** *Your Mouth Is Beautiful* "is very clean and beautiful," says Toronto artist **Rochelle Rubinstein**, adding that the story – about a woman writing from prison to her daughter during Russia's revolutionary era – is compelling.

"The study of history through very personal description of someone's life is, to me, a great way to absorb the facts of history in a real, immediate way. I really enjoyed the descriptions of life in the Russian villages in the early part of the century and the emotional honesty about pain and sadness."

Some art works by Rubinstein are on view at the Lyndia Terre Gallery in Alton, Ont., until Oct. 26.

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Toronto lawyer-novelist **Morley Torgov** read an excerpt of **Jonathan Safran Foer's** *Everything Is Illuminated* in the *New Yorker*, then went in search of the full novel (now a Perennial paperback).

"It's a very funny, brilliant story about a young Jewish American who travels to the Ukraine to trace his family background. He ends up with a Ukrainian interpreter who has learned English from the backs of cans of sardines. Every time he chooses a word from the thesaurus, he inevitably chooses the wrong one. It's a comic gimmick but it works brilliantly."

Torgov is putting the finishing touches to a new novel – "my first mystery suspense thriller" – titled *An Hour to Kill*. His early novel *The Last Chance of Maximilian Glick* was recently reissued by Raincoast Books.

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Another Raincoast title – **Karen X. Tulchinsky's** *The Five Books of Moses Lapinsky* – has greatly impressed Toronto author **Cynthia Holz**.

The book taught her a lot about a dark chapter of Toronto's Jewish history, Holz said, and about the milieu of Jewish boxers. The story takes place in Toronto during the '30s and focuses on the infamous Christie Pits riot. The central character, Sonny Lapinsky, is a Jewish boxer.

"She did a wonderful evocation of the Kensington Market area in the '30s. I thought the characters were very strong and had a lot of heart. The writing was very forceful."

Holz's latest novel, *A Good Man*, was published by **Thomas Allen** earlier this year. She is due to read at the Toronto Jewish Book Fair on Nov. 16.

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Adam Fuerstenberg

Adam Fuerstenberg, editor of the Jewish literary journal *Parchment*, has found much to appreciate in Montreal writer **Joel Yanofsky's** *Mordecai and Me: An Appreciation of a Kind* (Red Deer Press). According to Fuerstenberg, it's a sort of comic romp through Richler's stomping grounds in search of insight into the literary legend's background and character.

"The book is very funny and he has very good insights – he catches the double character of Richler," Fuerstenberg said. "It's not a biography but it tells an awful lot about Richler.

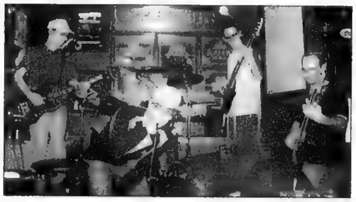
"The book is really chutzpahnik – it took real chutzpah to do this. Look at the title. But he pulled it off. He's having fun. He deserves a lot of credit."

The launch of the 2003-04 edition of *Parchment* is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 16, 11 a.m. at the Miles Nadal JCC.

Upcoming Events

Nathan Garnick

•**Yiddishland Cafe:** Fifty years after the death of Yiddish writer **Avrom Reisen,** the Yiddishland Cafe presents "What Is The Meaning?", an evening dedicated to his memory in both Yiddish and English. Performers are **Nathan Garnick**, **Michael Mandel, Nina Shapilsky** and **Jonno Lightstone**. It takes place at Workemen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. on Sunday Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m. Tickets $12. Call 416-256-1010 or 416-787-2081.



•**Shirayim Rocks: Shirayim**, the Toronto Jewish band that recently made the leap from bar mitzvah music to religious rock 'n' roll, rocks for Chol Ha'moed on Monday, Oct. 13 at 11 p.m. No Cover. Horseshoe Tavern, 370 Queen St. W. Toronto.416-598-4753.

• **Hands Extended: Ted Dykstra** and **Richard Greenblatt's** *2 Pianos, 4 Hands* has been extended for six more shows until Oct. 19. The Elgin Theatre, Toronto. 416-872-1212.

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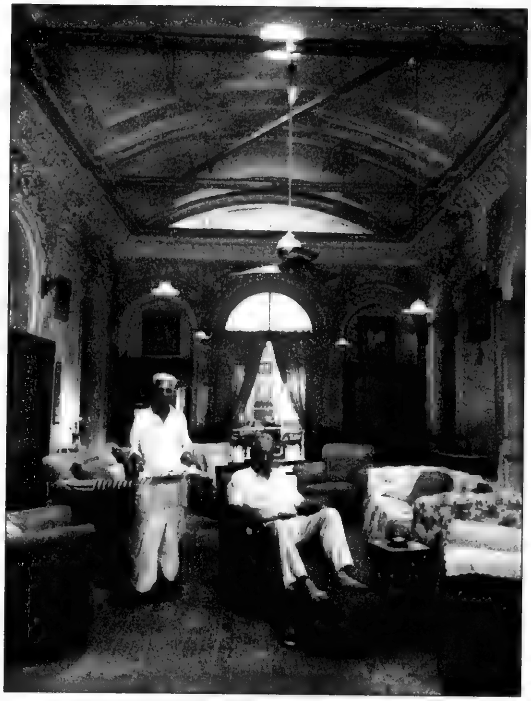
Diaspora distills the essence of Jews in the world

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Frederic Brenner has been around the world and back photographing Jews in the Diaspora.

Diaspora: homelands in exile (HarperCollins), his two-volume book set, documents the complexity and richness of Jewish communities in 40 countries and five continents.



Indo-Jewish merchant Moses Elias in his home in Calcutta.

Brenner began his quest in 1983 in Morocco, Tunisia, Ethiopia and Yemen, driven by the prescient premise that the communities there were vanishing.

"I felt a desire and a responsibility to document these permutations of survival in exile before they disappeared," he writes. "Photography was simply a means to that end."

On his subsequent travels to the Soviet Union, Western Europe, southern Africa, Latin America and Asia, Brenner was surprised by the sheer diversity of the Diaspora.

"The more I progressed, the more I was forced to abandon the myth of 'One People.' I was searching for what I believed in: continuity. I found only discontinuity. And the more Jews I met, the less I understood what a Jew looked like."

Through Brenner's eyes, the Diaspora unfolds through the medium of 262 stark, astonishing black-and-white photographs and through the writings of essayists like Jacques Derrida and Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi.

A sampler:

In the Atlas Mountains of Morocco, Brenner catches up with several elderly Jewish pilgrims, all men, at the tomb of Rabbi David Moshe.

On a remote Russian communal farm, a bundled-up middle-aged Jewish couple and their young son pose for the camera. On the left side of the photograph, an old woman lies in a bed.

In the Greek city of Salonika, whose vibrant Jewish community was virtually wiped out during the Holocaust, four Jewish men, frowns on their weathered faces, display telltale Nazi concentration camp numbers on their arms.

Moses Elias, a seemingly self-satisfied Calcutta merchant, sits languidly in his enormous living room, attended by a servant holding a tray. The photograph summons up imperial India.

Travelling through Yemen, whose Jewish community has been vastly depleted by emigration, Brenner finds a wizened jeweller and his grandson, both wearing flowing robes and kipas.

And in a strange picture, Brenner photographs four marranos – secret Jews – celebrating Passover in an attic in Belmonte, Portugal. Clad in white, they resemble ghostly apparitions.

Jewish hawkers have been selling souvenirs in front of Rome's St. Peter's cathedral for as long as anyone can remember. Fourteen of them pose stiffly for Brenner, showing off their kitschy goods against the magnificent backdrop of palatial buildings.

These are but a few of the intriguing photographs Brenner has taken during his peregrinations throughout the length and breadth of the Diaspora.

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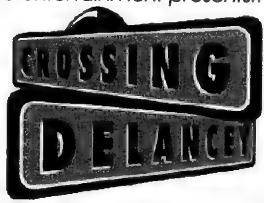
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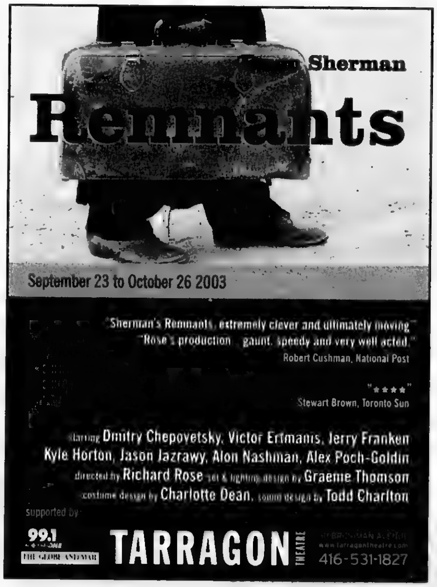
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Joint replacement surgery on the rise

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

For more than 30 years, Zahavah Kleinert suffered from knee pain and swelling.

She used ice packs, had the knee drained, wore a knee support and had arthroscopic surgery and therapy. Through the years, she began to limp and her condition continued to deteriorate until she found the crippling, constant pain of arthritis and loss of cartilage unbearable.

Six months ago, after a long wait, the 70-year-old grandmother, who lives an active life – she maintains a career, participates in sports and is an avid gardener – had what is known as a total knee replacement.

Dr. David Backstein

"I can now live without pain," she said. "It is not an easy procedure. It requires a real commitment to post-operative physiotherapy, but I have been able to go back to most of my activities."

She added that she is grateful to her orthopedic surgeon, Dr. David Backstein of Mount Sinai Hospital, who performed the surgery.

She said he explained to her that he had cut away the ends of the effected bones and replaced them with parts made of metal. A smooth plate of polyethylene plastic was fitted between the metal ends to replace the cartilage. The knee cap was also replaced with a polyethylene plastic button.

"The new knee has given me a new life," she said.

Kleinert is one of a growing number of Canadians who are undergoing joint replacement. The Canadian Institute of Health Information (CIHI) reports that part of the dramatic increase can be attributed to an aging population, with people living longer and wanting to remain physically active.

And although genetics probably plays a role in a joint wearing out, there has been an increase in surgery among younger patients in recent years, particularly baby boomers who have pounded their joints with sports activities such as jogging, football and other impact activities.

An x-ray before a replacement

Recently released statistics from the Ontario Joint Replacement Registry show that upwards of 20,000 hip and knee replacements are done annually in Ontario, out of more than 40,000 annually in Canada.

An x-ray of a replacement

Susan Warner, managing director of the registry, said that although baby boomers and an aging population account for much of the increase in recent years, improved technology and better implants are also factors.

In an interview, Backstein said that total knee replacement surgery (TKR), which offers reliable treatment for osteoarthritis, "provides an excellent improvement in quality of life for patients and it is highly cost effective for society."

He says that when thinking of surgery, it is important to consider the risks and benefits to the individual patient. "In general, we prefer patients who are at least 50 years old."

Backstein, 34, graduated from the University of Toronto Medical School in 1993 and has completed seven years of orthopedic surgery residency. In 2001, he was appointed assistant professor of surgery at U of T and earned a faculty appointment at Mount Sinai Hospital. He has worked on hip and knee reconstruction, with his research focusing on minimally invasive techniques.

He is also one of four winners of a 2003 John N. Insall Travelling Knee Fellowship, sponsored by the Knee Society, which starts in October. The winners of the international competition – who hail from France, Japan, Austria and Canada – will travel for one month to internationally recognized joint replacement and knee surgery centres.

Backstein said current data shows that "the longevity of total knee replacement is 80 to 90 per cent at more than 20 years in properly selected patients."

He advises that after surgery, patients should continue their active lifestyles, including swimming, cross country skiing, walking, golf, light tennis and bicycling. Activities to avoid after knee surgery include impact aerobics, running, jumping and basketball.

"The key to recovery is exercising and a healthy lifestyle," Backstein said, noting the healthier a patient is before the operation, the faster their recovery.

Speaking about the long waiting lists for surgery due to increased patient demand, he said waiting time for surgery depends on the surgeon, location in Canada and the severity of a case.

There is a shortage of orthopedic specialists in Canada. As well, there are budget constraints, difficulty obtaining operating room time and access to anestethists, as well as hospital beds and equipment, Backstein said.

He advised patients not to wait until they are in serious pain before getting a referral from their family doctor to consult with an orthopedic surgeon. For less severely damaged knees, partial replacements are also possible.

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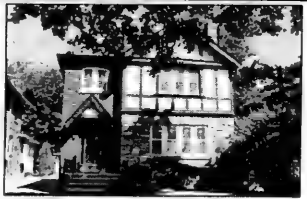

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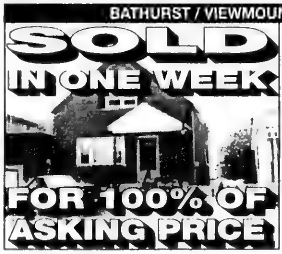

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GLICKMAN, Sadie – on Sept. 22, 2003, late of 155 Milwood Ave.
BAINE, Norman – on Sept. 23, 2003, late of 1131 Steeles Ave. W.
ROIZMAN, Boris – on Sept. 23, 2003, late of 116 Robert Hicks Dr.
KRAMER, Mykhaylo – on Sept. 24, 2003, late of 3174 Bathurst St.
FISHMAN, Tova – on Sept. 23, 2003, late of 80 Antibes Dr.
BITTON, Emma – on Sept. 26, 2003.
JACOBSON, Adele – on Sept. 26, 2003.
FISHMAN, Emma – on Sept. 26, 2003.
MUSCHKIES, Emma – on Sept. 25, 2003, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
HERMAN, Simon – on Sept. 27, 2003, late of 215 North Meadow Cres.
GOTLIB, Bernice – on Sept. 28, 2003.
SHULMAN, Ruth – on Sept. 26, 2003, late of 333 Clark Ave. W.
ZALAN, Suzanne – on Sept. 28, 2003, late of 260 Wellesley St. E.
EHRLICH, Ruth – on Sept. 29, 2003, late of 48 Tamarac Trail.
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PASKOWITZ, Sam – on Aug. 27, 2003, late of 216 Plains Dr. W.
EISNER, Philip – on Aug. 28, 2003, late of 8 Fernwood Rd.
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SEGAL, Ann – on Aug. 29, 2003, late of 429 Walmer Rd.
WAGMAN, Esther – on Aug. 31, 2003, late of 645 Castlefield Ave.
SOLOMON, Sid – on Sept. 1, 2003, late of 20 Speers Rd., #305.
COWAN, Farrel – on Sept. 2, 2003, late of 19 Elizabeth St.
PEARL, Sam – on Sept. 4, 2003, late of 53 Shalmar Blvd.
SHERMAN, Edna – on Sept. 4, 2003, late of 525 Balliol St., T.H.
DORN, Laura – on Sept. 4, 2003, late of 355 St. Clair Ave. W.
DICK, Abe – on Sept. 4, 2003, late of 3000 Bathurst St., #30.
SHER, Nathan – on Sept. 5, 2003, late of 111 Avenue Rd.
LYMAN, Sandra – on Sept. 3, 2003, late of 400 Walmer Rd., #2201.
STEIN, Mildred – on Sept. 4, 2003, late of 130 Ranee Ave.
GREEN, Lee – on Sept. 5, 2003, late of 880 Grandview Way, #30.
HERSHORAN, Edith – on Sept. 4, 2003, late of 10 Senlac Blvd., #346.
SEGAL, Rose – on Sept. 6, 2003, late of Lincoln Place.
KIRSH, Alex – on Sept. 6, 2003, late of 429 Walmer Rd.
SWITZER, Marna – on Sept. 8, 2003, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
MEROVITZ, Yetta – on Sept. 8, 2003, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
KALICHMAN, Sam – on Sept. 8, 2003, late of Toronto.
BIHARI, Imre – on Sept. 9, 2003, late of 605 Finch Ave. W.
AXLER, Lionel – on Sept. 8, 2003, late of 65 Skymark Dr., #1902.
FINE, Irving – on Sept. 8, 2003, late of 3800 Yonge St.
BARKAI, Uri – on Sept. 9, 2003, late of 7440 Bathurst St., #12.
LERMAN, William – on Sept. 10, 2003, late of 4455 Major MacKenzie Dr.
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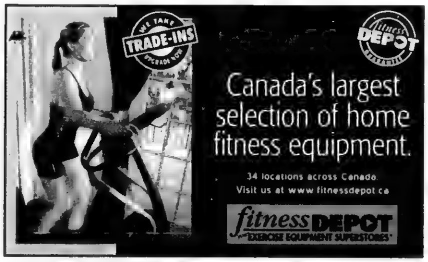
Himelfarb continues career in junior after pro tryout

By ADAM GRACHNIK
Special to The CJN

OTTAWA — When Eric Himelfarb skated off the Corel Centre ice in Ottawa this September, the doors to a pro hockey career locked behind him, but he left camp with the hope of earning a fresh set of keys.

Himelfarb, 20, did not sign a contract with the Montreal Canadiens – the team that drafted him 171st overall in 2001 – after he didn't have a particularly good year with the Barrie Colts of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) last season.

He still led the team in scoring and played in the all-star game, but by not signing with the Habs, the Thornhill native became a free agent.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The OHL star knew he was lucky to be granted an amateur tryout with the Ottawa Senators, one of the league's top teams. Working hard this summer, Himelfarb whipped his body into top shape, preparing to battle for a contract in an organization stacked with talent. He was up against the likes of star prospect Jason Spezza, also 20, who played 33 games for the Senators last season.

"I went on a tryout and lasted a lot longer," Himelfarb said about making it out of rookie camp and into training camp. "I have no regrets. I played as hard as I could."

When he left the capital, his name still didn't appear on any dotted lines, but if you read between the lines of what a Senators assistant coach says, the keys are dangling in front of him.

"He was one of our better players throughout the rookie tournament," Senators assistant coach Perry Pearn said. "People are going to know that he had a very good camp. If he winds up back in junior and has a terrific year, it's just going to mean that somebody else is going to be willing to give him that opportunity."

Pearn said Himelfarb's explosive speed compensates for his small size (5-foot-11 and 165 pounds). During the rookie tournament against the Carolina Hurricanes and Canadiens, he scored and wooed crowds at the Corel Centre with nifty passes and the ability to make plays happen.

Even though the Senators took only 48 players into main camp, which is far fewer than teams usually invite, his efforts were enough to get him the unexpected nod. In camp, he suited up with NHL stars Marian Hossa, Daniel Alfredsson and Chris Phillips to try for a chance at what players call "The Show."

"Watching guys that almost won a cup last year, you're kind of in awe," Himelfarb said. The speed is much faster and the difference in play between the OHL and the NHL is tremendous, he added.

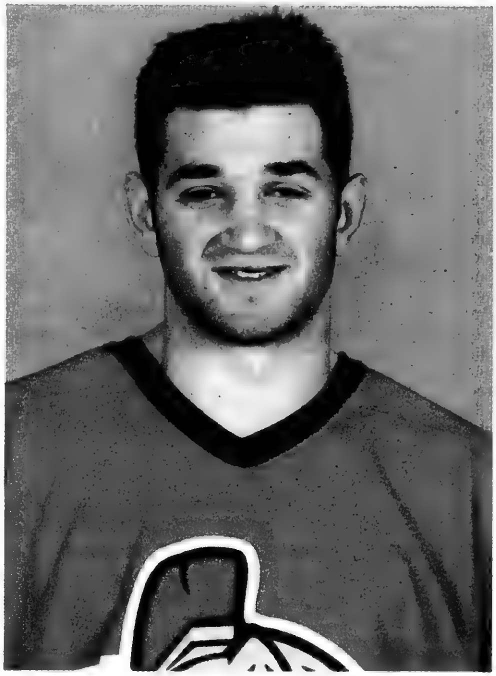
Wearing number 67, Himelfarb played for the white team in an intrasquad game. He centred a line between Senators regulars Vaclav Varada and Jody Hull.

Just minutes into the second period, he used his remarkable speed to pick up a loose puck at centre ice and walk in alone on net. After a little head fake, the known goal sniper missed the net wide right.

"It certainly would have helped him if he had finished off," Pearn said of the breakaway.

Himelfarb said he just couldn't get the puck up.

And while he's also known for his faceoff skills in the OHL, he had a tough time against NHL veteran Bryan Smolinski. Yet, on the first goal of the game, he won a faceoff draw back to Karel Rachunek, who fired a shot to score, giving Himelfarb the assist.


Eric Himelfarb

In the third, he skated into the corner with massive defenceman Zdeno Chara (6-foot-9, 260 pounds) who flattened him to the ice as the crowd gasped.

"Yeah, that didn't turn out too well for me. He [Chara] got the better of me," Himelfarb said, laughing.

Coach Pearn said going into the corner with Chara proved Himelfarb could battle and isn't afraid on the ice.

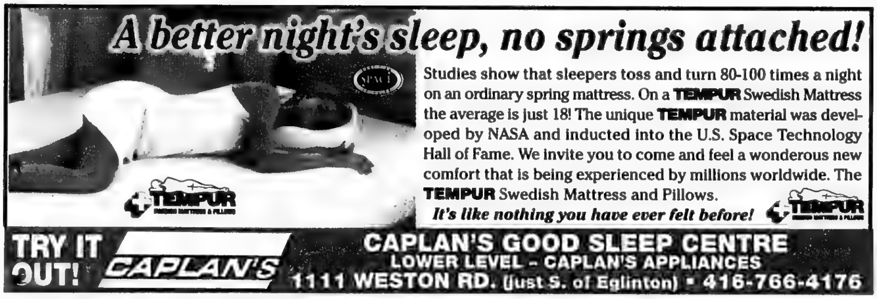
Pearn compared Himelfarb's story to that of Todd White, a small, quick player (5-foot-10, 194 pounds) who physically developed himself to get stronger. Pearn said White had been with two other NHL clubs (Philadelphia and Chicago) before catching on with the Senators – the type of journey Himelfarb might also take.

Himelfarb said he didn't do much socializing in Ottawa, but admitted he made a few trips to the casino over the river in Hull and went out with Spezza and goaltending prospect Ray Emery.

Himelfarb broke into the OHL as a fourth round pick of the Sarnia Sting. After three seasons in which he notched high scoring numbers, he was traded to Barrie in the summer of 2002. He had attended the Canadiens' rookie camp in September 2001.

After getting cut by the Senators this summer, he had the option of playing in the East Coast Hockey League, but instead chose to play for the OHL's Kingston Frontenacs, a team that obtained his rights after a trade with Barrie.

He knows he'll be watched and must shine to keep the keys in sight.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Sukkot: A sacred journey

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By JODI KOVITZ

When I was little, I looked forward to Sukkot every year. There was something wonderful about making streamers out of construction paper to hang in the sukkah. There was also something really special about sitting around the little hut with all of my tiny friends drinking apple juice out of minuscule cups. I always found myself incredibly sad when the sukkah came down.

During Sukkot, we build a sukkah to recall the portable shelters our ancestors used on their journey from servitude in Egypt to the hope of a better life in the promised land of Israel. For some of us, the practice might have traditional or historical significance. For others, it might be more spiritual, as a means of coming back to God or having His presence lead us to a better place.

For us 20-somethings, Sukkot might also be seen as representative of the movement in our lives. As a 25 year old, I am very comfortable drinking apple juice out of a tiny cup in my parents' house. I am safe here, and I am incredibly appreciative of the direction and support they provide as I make difficult decisions. I am comfortable in my blue living room and I am sad to leave it when the time comes, just as I am sad when the sukkah comes down.

But another part of me so badly wants to be in my own modest house, sipping wine rather than juice, continuing to make choices away from the safety of my childhood home and constant parental support.

Like a portable shelter or sukkah, that support might offer some protection, but not complete coverage as we move during our 20s from the safety of childhood to the unknown of adulthood. We face many questions about our relationships, careers and belief systems and how to practise and incorporate religion and/or spirituality into our lives. Due to our lack of experience in making adult decisions, we make our choices both confidently and tentatively. We feel grounded yet uprooted. We attempt to build stability, yet everything is shaky.

I have spent several years working through the process of figuring out who I am, who I want to be and what it will take to get me there. While this process is incredibly difficult, it has been extremely rewarding thus far. What I have learned is that it is only through the actual journey or processes of making difficult choices, that I have overcome my initial feelings of vulnerability and fear that accompany being a 20-something.

To me, Sukkot represents the beauty of the difficult journey into adulthood. It is wonderful to learn to trust yourself as you make difficult choices. It is hard to choose a career direction because there are so many. It is hard to pick a form of Judaism that is comfortable – because again, there are so many different Jewish options. It's the same with choosing a life partner – how do you know for sure?

But it is the process of trying on different hats that really matters. We will all make some great choices and some mistakes. But we will eventually learn to trust our judgment as we develop our priorities, ethical frameworks and life goals. It is the process of developing ourselves that is truly sacred.

If the ancient Israelites could have been flown first-class from Egypt to Israel, would we, as Jews in the Diaspora, treasure Israel and what it represents as much as we do today? I honestly don't think so. I wish you all a wonderful journey.

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Living Sukkot

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The sukkah is a mixed metaphor if there ever was one. On the one hand, it is a place of refuge and peace, *sukkat shalom*; and on the other, its frailty illustrates our vulnerability. This is especially true in the Canadian climate where rain (and even snow) can prevent us from using this temporary dwelling during the festival of Sukkot.

How do we teach this mixed message to young children? Do we shelter our students from the tension inherent in such a symbol by merely teaching about the holiday or do we expose them to this reality of our tradition by living the festival?

In this case, there is no better teacher than the holiday itself. It is probably no accident that in most Diaspora Jewish schools, the festival's intermediate days, Chol Hamoed, are not school holidays, while in Israel they are. In Israel, every street sings out Sukkot, with apartment verandahs and parking lots sprouting little huts, or men walking to and from the synagogue with lulav and etrog in hand.

Also in Israel, the vulnerability inherent in a harvest festival is even more apparent than here, depending on how much rain fell the year before. In Canada, it is less evident (except on certain parts of Toronto's Bathurst Street!), and the school must provide what the street lacks.

But even in school, Sukkot itself is its own best teacher. Living the holiday through prayer, song, the lulav and etrog, eating in the sukkah, studying in the sukkah – these are the best ways for children and adults to appreciate the mixed messages, the tension and the ultimate joy of this joyous festival.

The message of Sukkot that teaches us *simchat hachag* (the joy of the festival) – even when times are not so happy – is best learned by living the holiday, not by studying it.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

(Answers to the crossword are on page 50.)

Succot's Succor
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Across
1. Ritual fruit of Succot
6. Let you skim down winter slopes
10. British Harrier, for example
14. Sculptor Ernest
15. Red or longleaf
16. Mahler's Lied von der ____
17. Another Succot ritual plant
18. ____ of attrition can take its toll
19. Common noun ending
20. Rush or haste, in Turkish (related to English word for speeding up)
21. Mature fruits, of a kind
23. Bottom digits
25. Coward and namesakes
26. Sodded
30. Rep.'s opponent
31. Russian coins
32. Timber man
37. "____ I ever!" (reflective remark)
38. Prohibit, exclude
39. European evergreen shrub
40. Division subdivisions
42. The Importance of Being ____
43. Kit-___, candy bar
44. What those who take exams are
45. Boiled water vapor
48. James or college
49. "In _____ of a lamb's tail"
51. Composite flower
56. Aural organs
57. Gold leaf
58. Edwin Way ____, naturalist, Pulitzer Prize winner
59. Muppets favorite
60. French feminine ending
61. Follow as a result of
62. Observes
63. Galilee and Red
64. Flower holder

Down
1. And her, in Honfleur
2. Trick, in Tours or Troyes
3. Actor's assignment
4. Stadium track
5. Donated charity
6. Brother should have ___ a dime
7. Fruit or flightless birds
8. I'm taking a snooze
9. More at peace
10. Instructions to an old-time type man: place the 5th letter twice
11. This can be by fire, water, or error
12. Smells
13. Camera essential
22. Succot fruits
24. Big-hair dog breed (acronym)
26. Yank at, take in a hurry
27. Rhine tributary
28. Cate starter, makes a reign ender
29. Irish county (abbrev.)
30. Quixote or Juan
32. Note above mi, twice
33. ___-heim, Broadway musical master
34. Oak or elm
35. To be, in Latin
36. Soaks, as flax or hemp
38. Wager
41. Mars
42. Epoch
44. Gestures, in Grenoble
45. Shallow drainage depression
46. Crooner Mel
47. Certain oil company collectibles, as called, e.g., on e-Bay
48. Major airline
49. Ball supports in golf, football
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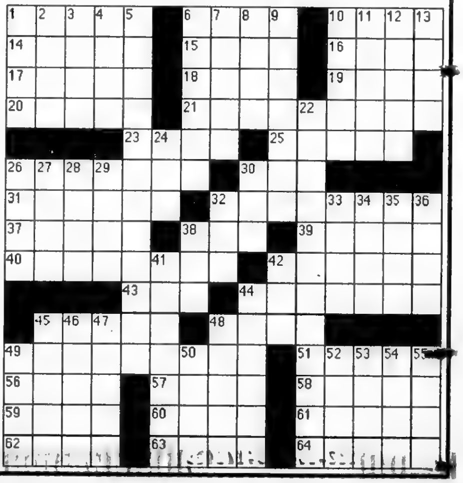

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Statistics show that since 1988, breast cancer incidence rates have risen by 10%. Dr. Irene Andrulis is working hard to find ways to lower that figure. As a molecular geneticist and Senior Investigator at the Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute at Mount Sinai Hospital, Dr. Andrulis's research focuses on the molecular alterations in cancer and how these genetic events can contribute to human cancers. Knowing this information can help doctors better predict an outcome for people with breast cancer or sarcoma.

"Despite intense research efforts, much remains to be determined about the development and progression of events leading up to cancer," says Dr. Andrulis. "Through molecular genetic research we hope to gain a better understanding of the processes involved in the development of breast cancer so that ultimately the disease can be prevented and the changes that occur during progression so that targeted therapies can be developed."

Dr. Andrulis holds the position of Co-Head at the Fred A. Litwin Centre for Cancer Genetics and Scotiabank Scientist at Mount Sinai and is a Professor in the Department of Medical Genetics and Microbiology at the University of Toronto. She is also the Director of the Ontario Cancer Genetics Network. She is the recipient of numerous awards and scholarships and has authored many papers in the area of breast cancer research.

A frequent speaker at many events, Dr. Andrulis is one of the featured speakers at the upcoming Dialogue on Breast Cancer Lecture. See upcoming events for more information.

OPENING DOORS TO BETTER PATIENT CARE

On September 4th, staff and friends of Mount Sinai Hospital gathered to celebrate the official opening of the Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Building. The building is named for Joseph and Wolf Lebovic, in recognition of their generous $10 million donation.

The building which is located behind the Hospital on Murray Street is home to a variety of research and patient care facilities that include the Murray Koffler Urologic Wellness Centre, the Rebecca MacDonald Centre for Arthritis and Autoimmune Disease, the Leadership Sinai Centre for Diabetes, and the Ellen and Martin Prosserman and Family Centre for Health Research.

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JOSEPH AND WOLF LEBOVIC BUILDING

Joseph and Wolf Lebovic cut the ribbon to formally open the Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Building.

From L to R: Rabbi Spero, Nicholas Offord, President, Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation; Joseph and Wolf Lebovic; Lawrence Bloomberg, Chair, Mount Sinai Hospital Board of Directors; and Joseph Mapa, President, Mount Sinai Hospital.

Leadership Sinai Centre for Diabetes

On September 23rd, friends and staff were thrilled to officially celebrate the opening of the Leadership Sinai Centre for Diabetes. The Centre was funded by Leadership Sinai, a group of young business and professional leaders dedicated to ensuring the future success of Mount Sinai Hospital. Since 1993, Leadership Sinai has made significant contributions to support research, enhanced patient care, new technology and equipment.

At the opening Dr. Zinman stated that diabetes is one of the fastest growing global epidemics and is expected to affect 280 million people worldwide by the year 2025. The Leadership Sinai Centre for Diabetes is an answer to this epidemic by providing a facility that focuses on both patient care and research. The new Centre was designed with the patient in mind: Waiting rooms are less crowded and patient services are more abundant. It also provides a dynamic environment for research - ultimately meaning better outcomes for patients as scientists discover how to prevent, control and reduce the complications of diabetes.

Dr. Bernard Zinman and Annette Barnie show Gary Fogler, past chair of Leadership Sinai the new test room, where diabetes patients participate in ongoing diabetes research projects.

From L to R: Gary Fogler; Dr. Bernard Zinman, Director, Leadership Sinai Centre for Diabetes; Sam and Judy Pencer Family Chair in Diabetes; and Annette Barnie, Clinical Research Coordinator.

Upcoming Events

Foundation Events
Healthy Living Lecture Series
Dialogue on Breast Cancer Care
Wednesday, October 29th, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Ben Sadowski Auditorium, 18th Floor, Mount Sinai Hospital

Living with Diabetes
Thursday, November 20th, 6:30 ñ 8:30 p.m.
Ben Sadowski Auditorium, 18th Floor, Mount Sinai Hospital

For more information or to register for either lecture, please call 416-586-8338 or visit **www.mtsinai.on.ca/healthyliving**

Movie Premiere
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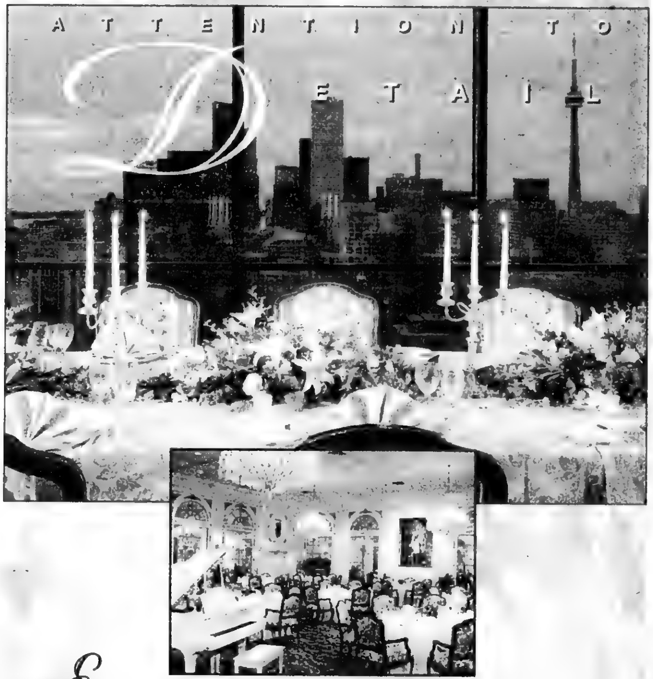

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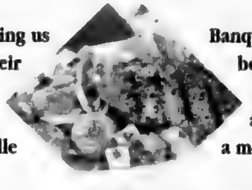

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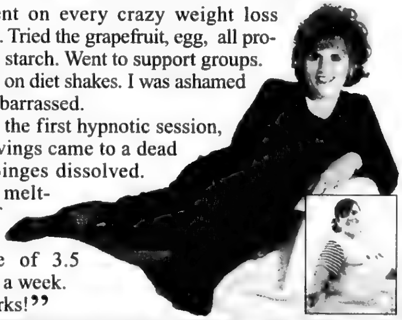

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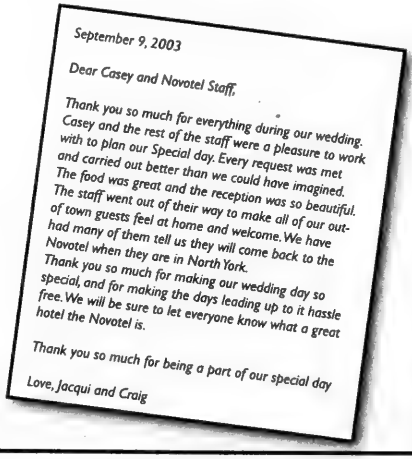

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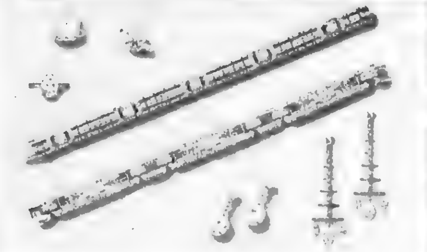

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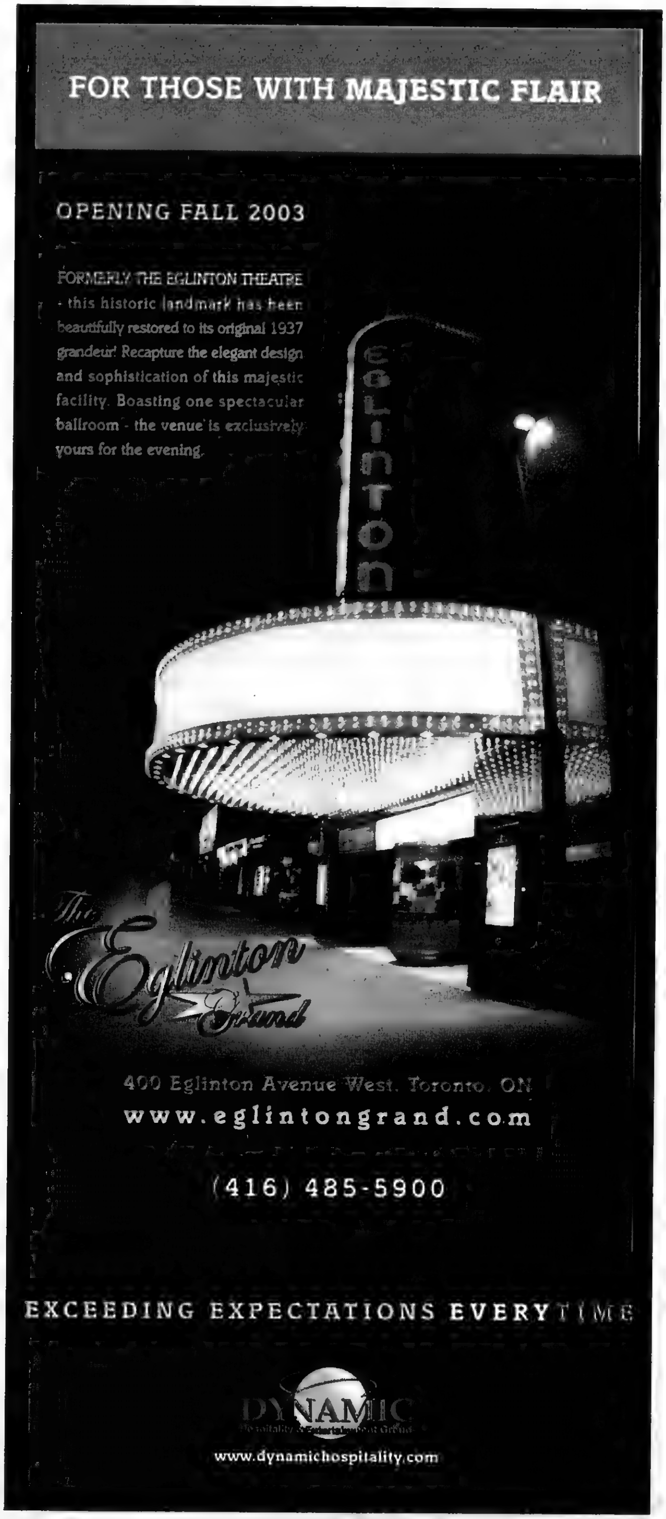

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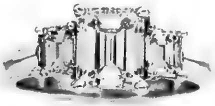

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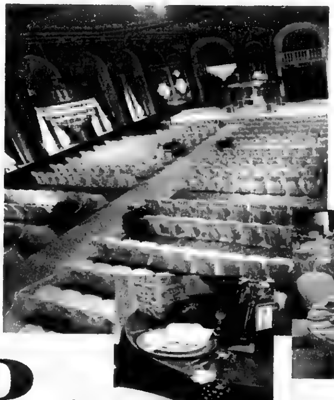

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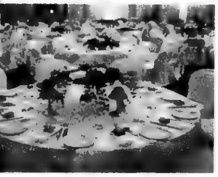

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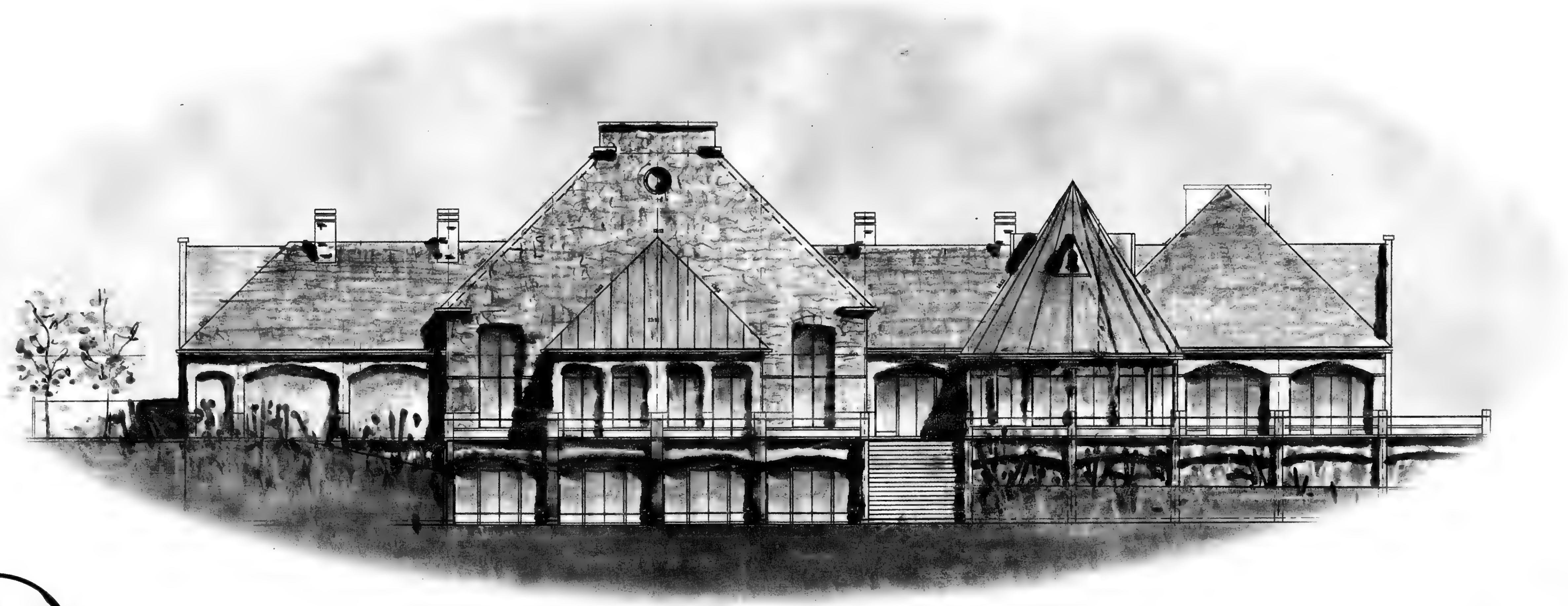

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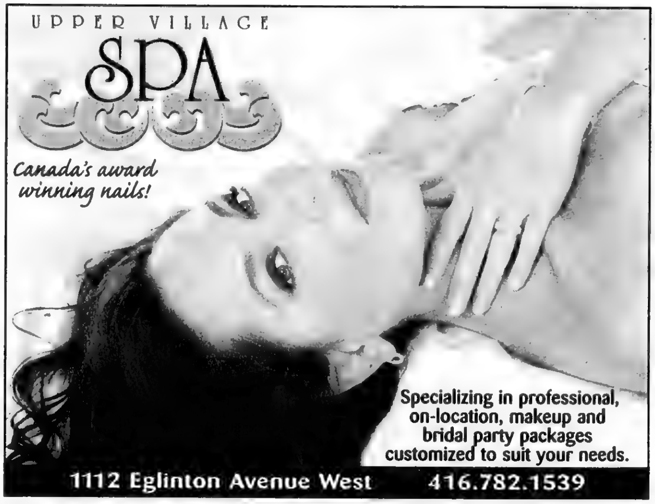

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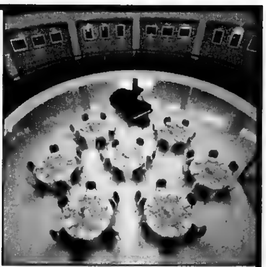

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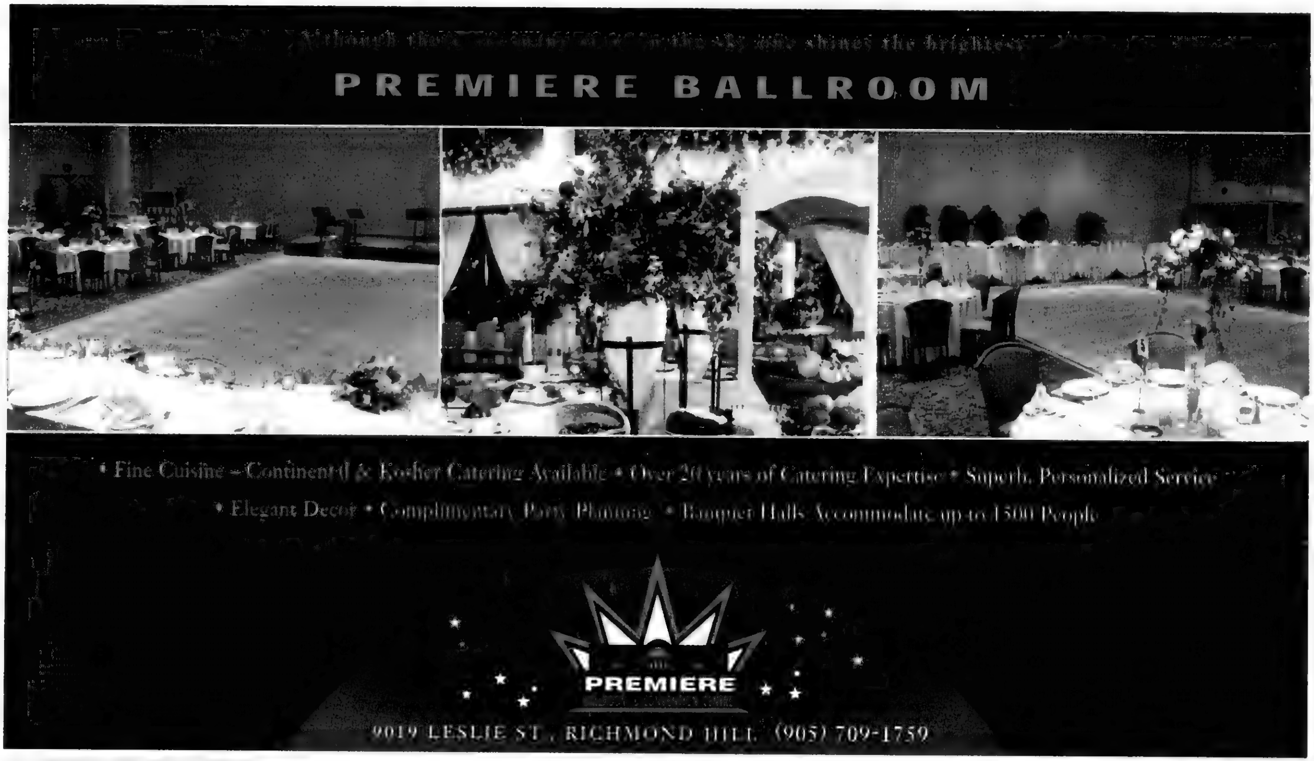

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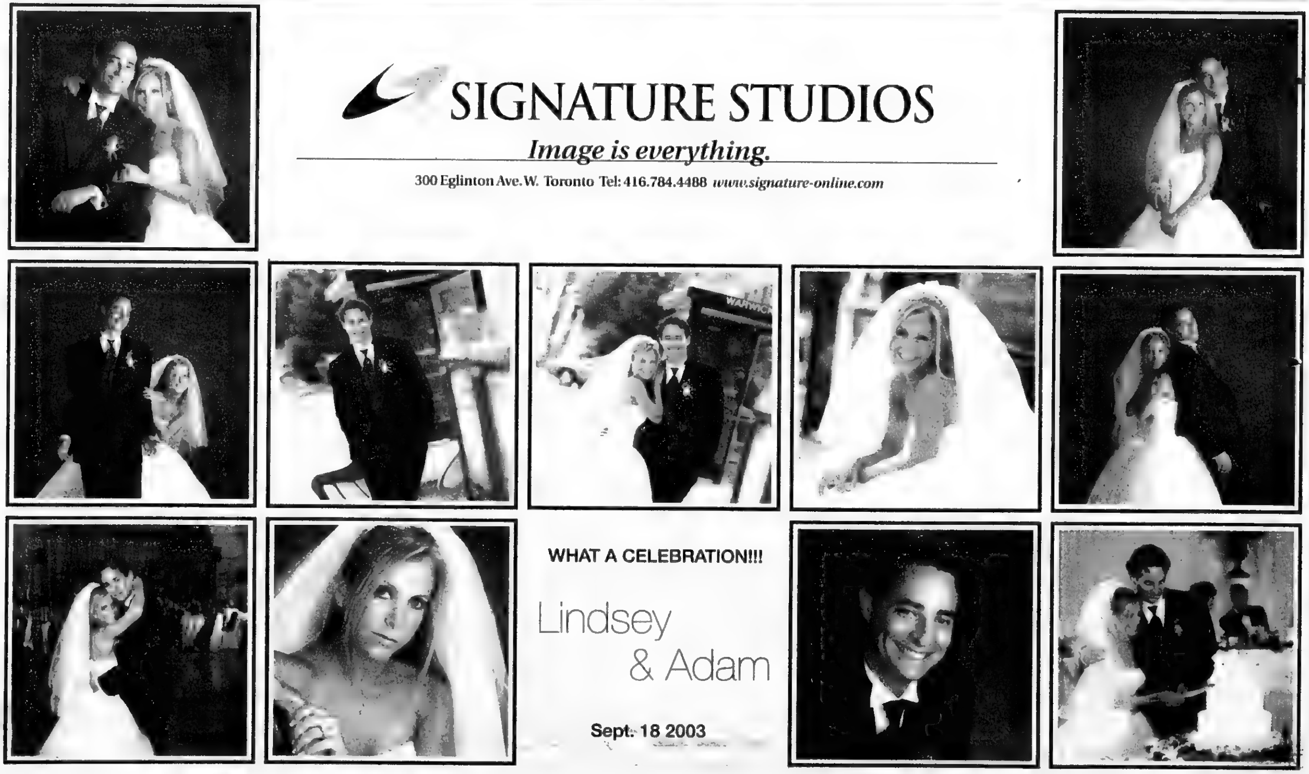

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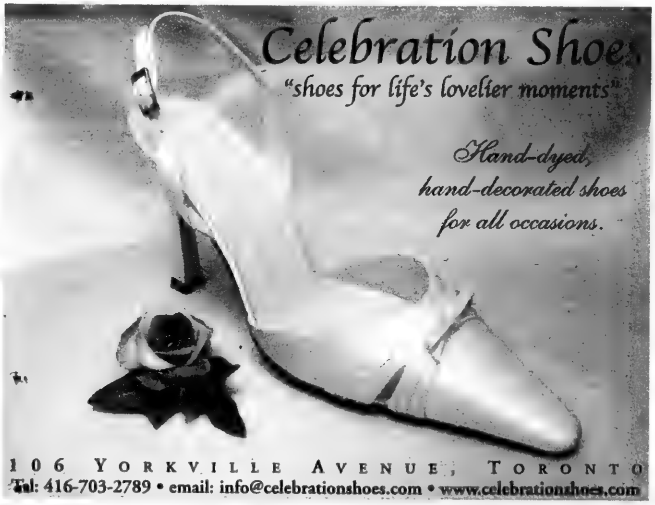

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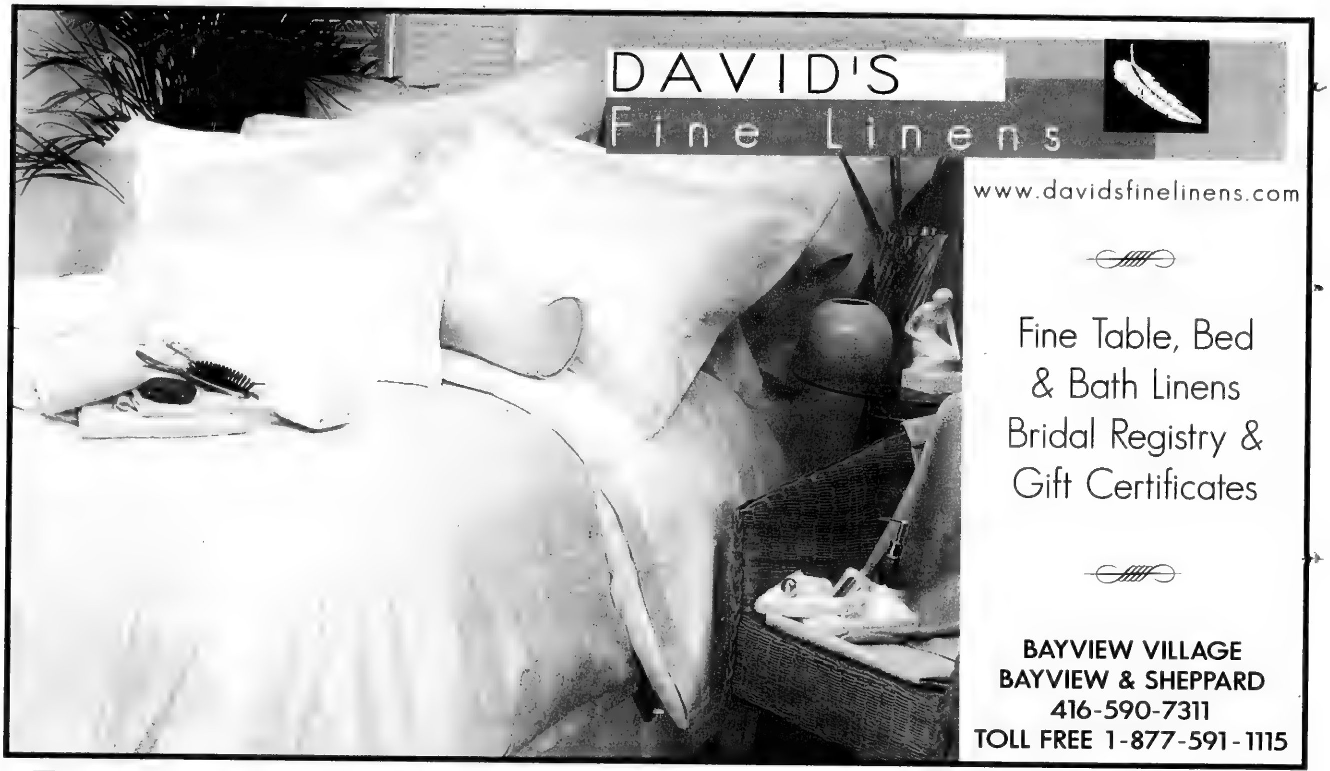

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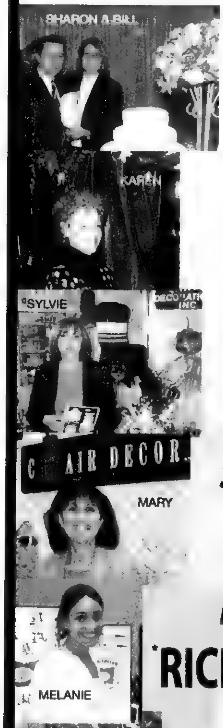

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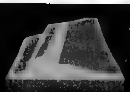
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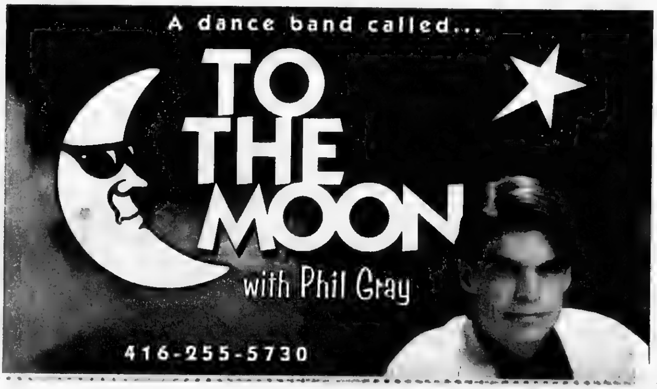

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A former teacher of religious studies, Serebrowski catered her four sons' bar mitzvahs for fun. Her friends urged her to make catering a business. She did, privately at first; then in 1998, she founded It's an Occasion.

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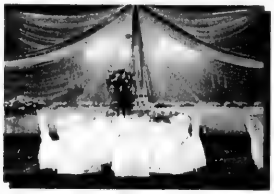

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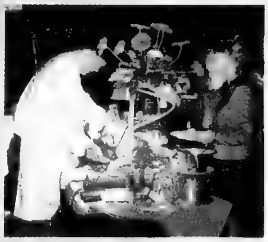

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Izzy Asper: philanthropist and renaissance man

CanWest Global founder was 71

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

Obituary

Israel "Izzy" Asper, one of the most outspoken and influential figures in the fields of business, media and philanthropy, died last week after collapsing at his Winnipeg home. He was 71.

A larger-than-life figure who was remembered as a renaissance man for his diverse interests, Asper headed an international media empire that grew out of a single TV station in Winnipeg. He was also remembered for his devotion to the State of Israel and his conviction that the lessons of historic anti-Semitism and racism should not be lost on a new generation of Canadians.

The son of immigrant parents who ran a small movie theatre in rural Manitoba, Asper went on to create the CanWest Global Communications media empire with interests in the newspaper and television businesses in Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

A tax lawyer by profession, he also maintained a lifelong interest in jazz music, establishing a jazz radio station in Winnipeg and promoting concerts by top performers in his hometown.

One of the wealthiest men in Canada, Asper was also renowned for his generosity, funding numerous Jewish and non-Jewish charities.

A hard-headed businessman and risk-taker who was not averse to settling disputes through litigation, he was known for his sense of humour, his concern for the less fortunate and for his down-to-earth character.

In his later years, as he handed over management of CanWest Global and his charitable interests to his children, Leonard, Gail and David, Asper focused on his latest pet project, the creation of a Canadian Museum of Human Rights, which he envisioned would be a world-class facility that would bring researchers and students to Winnipeg from around the world. Before that, Asper underwrote a unique program that let hundreds of Manitoba youngsters travel to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., to learn about the genocide that claimed the lives of six million Jews.

The human rights museum project was one of many investments he made in his hometown of Winnipeg, which made him one of the city's most beloved figures. He refused to leave Winnipeg for the larger corporate centres in other parts of Canada.

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In April 2000, Asper posed next to the first camera that his television station CKND used in 1975.
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Day Confronts Moussa

OTTAWA — Canadian Alliance foreign affairs critic Stockwell Day lectured Amre Moussa, the secretary general of the Arab League, on freedom of the press in an argument earlier this month after Moussa testified before the House of Commons foreign affairs committee. The heated exchange between the two began during Moussa's testimony and continued after the meeting. "This wall to be built in the occupied territories, is it justice? Is it fair?" Moussa asked Day, referring to a decision by Israel to extend a security fence around Jewish communities in the West Bank. As the men stood toe to toe, Moussa noticed three print journalists and one TV reporter recording them. "I am not making an interview," he said, glaring at a reporter. "We don't mind freedom of the press," Day told him. "Yes, freedom of the press is there, but when there are rules," Moussa replied as he motioned to the committee table behind him. "I am not going to answer because I am not making an interview." Day, responded, "We just allow freedom of the press. We're used to it."

ISRAEL

Iranian Hackers Foiled

JERUSALEM — Iranian hackers have tried to break into the Israel Electric Corporation's computers and disrupt Israel's power supply several times in recent months, *Ha'aretz* found. The hackers, some of whom may be university students, sought to damage the systems that run Israel's power stations, by sending viruses and trying to overload servers in a "denial of service" attack. The utility managed to detect the attempts and foil them without damage to the power system. Shin Bet's information security agency traced the hackers to Iran and some of the viruses to computers in Iranian universities.

Wrestler Wins Gold

JERUSALEM — Israeli wrestler Gocha Ziziashvilly returned home with a gold medal from the Greco-Roman World Championships, held Oct. 4 near Paris. He beat Swede Aza Abrahamian 2-0 in overtime in the 185-pound final.

WORLD

New Count of Jews

MOSCOW — There are 259,000 Jews in Russia, according to an unofficial overview of the 2002 national population census from the *Novoye Izvestiya* newspaper. The last census, conducted in 1989 when the U.S.S.R. still existed, counted 551,000 Jews in what is now Russia. The new data says more than 78 per cent of Russian Jews live in Moscow or St. Petersburg.

Nobel for Russian Jew

MOSCOW — Russian Jewish scientist Vitaly Ginzburg, 87, has been awarded the 2003 Nobel Prize in physics "for pioneering contributions to the theory of superconductors and superfluids," the Nobel committee said. He shares the prize with another Russian, Alexei Abrikosov, now working in the United States, and British-born Anthony Leggett. Ginzburg is affiliated with Moscow's Lebedev Physical Institute.

FBI Funded Hamas

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The FBI funnelled up to $5,000 (US) to Hamas in 1998 to track how funds reach terror groups. Using an Arizona businessman, the FBI was trying to see whether cash earmarked for charities was funding terror. The man, a convert to Islam who later fell out with the FBI – which confirmed the cash transfer – said as far as he knew, the cash went to charitable groups. Israel was told of the operation, which was curtailed without any prosecutions, Associated Press reported.

Rabbi Oshry Dies

NEW YORK — Rabbi Ephraim Oshry, who helped Jews live religiously during the Holocaust, died in New York Sept. 28 at age 89. Rabbi Oshry held secret services and was a scholar who answered Jews' theological questions in World War II while living in the Kovno Ghetto. After the war, he published notes taken during that period, winning two National Jewish Book Awards for his writings. Rabbi Oshry also set up yeshivot in Rome, Montreal and New York.

Man Targeted for Pro-Israel Bumper Sticker

CALGARY — Two carloads of young men tried to run the head of a grassroots pro-Israel lobby group off the road, and berated him with anti-Semitic and anti-Israel statements in an early-morning incident last month.

Randy Shapiro, a lawyer and president of the group Stand with Israel, was driving through downtown Calgary on Sept. 1 at about 1:40 a.m. when a car carrying five men "tried to swerve into me, basically trying to cut me off, and [they] gave me the finger," he told the *Jewish Free Press*.

Shapiro said at first he thought the men, whom he believes were Arab, were upset about his driving, but he soon realized that a small Israeli flag on his rearview mirror and his "I Love Israel" bumper sticker had attracted their attention.

As his car slowed down, Shapiro said, a second car with four young men approached and also tried to swerve into his car. He came to a stop and when he tried to drive away, the car drove toward him. The young men in the car were yelling at Shapiro, saying things such as: "You stupid fucking Jew. I'm going to kill you," and "Palestine forever."

Eventually, Shapiro found his cellphone and made it clear he was calling for help. He recorded the licence number of the second car and police are investigating. He also received a tip about the identity of the second car's driver and has named him and his passengers in a civil suit he has launched.

Shapiro said the head of the Muslim Council of Calgary called him to express regret over the incident. "I'm not easily intimidated, but this experience shook me up," Shapiro said.

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Toronto mayoral hopefuls square off in debate

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

Toronto's top mayoral hopefuls squared off last week before a Jewish audience, with each offering his or her vision of a city free of debt, out-of-control spending, high taxes and turmoil over services.

Barbara Hall, Tom Jakobek, David Miller, John Nunziata and John Tory appeared on a panel before about 500 people at the Four Seasons Hotel in an event organized by the Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress and UJA Federation of Toronto's realtors cabinet.

All the candidates appeared sympathetic to concerns raised by CJC over the high cost of security at Jewish day schools and synagogues during the High Holy Day period.

While none had a specific plan to deal with the issue, all believed the Jewish community should not have to foot the bill on its own to protect its members.

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Toronto mayoral hopefuls squared off in a debate sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. From left: John Nunziata, Tom Jakobek, David Miller, Barbara Hall and John Tory. **[Bruce Kurta photo]**

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The rule of law

From the editor's desk

The not-yet-minted Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA), a new community umbrella organization, is still a work in progress (See the front-page article in *The CJN*'s Oct. 9 issue, "Advocacy agencies restructured").

CIJA has not yet decided upon the organizational structure that it is hoped will ultimately combine autonomy with accountability for the Canada-Israel Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress and a new national campus agency. The nature of that structure should unfold in the coming months.

Nevertheless, CIJA sponsored its first official event last week, a special dinner meeting with Prof. Emanuel Gross of Haifa University, who is a visiting professor this semester at Osgoode Hall Law School.

The guests in attendance included senior members of the bench and bar, government policy-makers and advisers. They came to hear an Israeli perspective on the rule of law and terrorism.

Gross is uniquely qualified to offer that perspective. He served in the Israel Defence Forces for 25 years, culminating in the presidency of the military tribunal of the southern command. He has published extensively on the many confounding legal questions that arise for a democracy when it faces terrorism. He has also been a legal adviser to the Knesset on constitutional issues and was a visiting scholar at Yale Law School.

Gross began his brief remarks with an act of tenderness not normally seen at gatherings of bench, bar and policy-makers. In his introductory acknowledgments and salutations, he made mention of his "dear wife Dina." It was immediately endearing. And it showed irrefutable evidence of a loving heart to match an obviously incisive and challenging mind.

Gross spoke with deep conviction and passion.

"The moral weapon in Israel's fight against terrorism is the rule of law," he began.

It was a proposition that he would emphasize and re-emphasize throughout the evening.

Gross focused on the sharp contrast between the aims and methods of the IDF – an army that is loyal to the rule of law – and those of the brutish alliance of cruel terrorists – Hamas, Islamic Jihad, Hezbollah, Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade – that knows only the rule of the gun.

"The struggle against terrorism," he explained, "is against those people who abhor the rule of law. Israel restricts the army to operating within the rule of law. Commanders in the IDF must operate within the limits of the law. They have no other option."

But when he spoke about the methods of the two opposing forces, he was making a much broader and deeper statement about the values underpinning the respective societies in whose name the forces fight.

"The values that govern us as a democratic state means we respect the basic human rights of the other side, even those of the terrorists themselves. We are constantly striving to find the right balance between securing the needs of the individuals and the needs of the state."

The fiercely independent judicial system, Gross strongly implied, is the hand that intervenes in the uniquely trying circumstances of daily Israeli life to find the appropriate midpoint, the delicate fulcrum, upon which those competing needs will be balanced.

Although he could have illustrated his point with any of numerous cases heard by the Supreme Court of Israel when it sits as the High Court of Justice hearing private petitions, Gross brought to the audience's attention the petitions submitted to the Court during the fighting in Jenin in March/April 2002.

"We open the doors of the courts, through judicial review, for individuals to petition the courts to apply the rule of law," he said. "Even during the fighting in Jenin, human rights organizations petitioned the Supreme Court to intervene in the military operation. I do not know of any other country that would allow advocates on behalf of the 'enemy' to petition the court in this manner to influence the fighting. Our concept of democracy enables everyone to challenge the legality of the government's decisions."

On the subject of Israel's policy of "targeting" and "extra-judicial killing," the professor said those very terminologies betray bias against Israel.

"What Israel is doing," he said, "is trying to defend itself against the enemies that are about to kill us.

"When there is hard evidence, that is, clear and compelling evidence, checked by an objective forum, within the concept of proportionality [of response to the threat] and when there is no chance of detaining the enemy, the decision can be taken to stop the enemy [from attempting to perpetrate his violence upon our citizens].

"There is no rule in international law that requires a state to sacrifice its own soldiers to save the lives of the enemy."

Gross pointed out that the international community has not been able to agree upon a definition of terrorism.

"But, at the very least," he said, "a definition of terrorism should include those cases when one takes the lives of civilians on purpose. And according to any standard, suicide bombers are terrorists."

And the crux of the problem is that those terrorists despise the "rule of law," the submission to rules whose foundation is the belief in the absolutely inviolable, sacred value of each and every human life. When democracies fight terrorists, the "rule" is both the cord that ties one hand behind its back and the lifeblood of decency and goodness that sustains it as it fights for its life.

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BBYO LAUNCH PARTY: BBYO teens recently held their 2003-2004 launch barbecue with a carnival that included bobbing for apples, a fortune teller and a watermelon-eating contest. Seen here, from left, are BBYO alumnus and assistant cook Harvey Silver, BBYO board chair Ken Bernknopf, Toronto *godol* Marcel Nekhis, city director Annie Ross, Toronto *n'siah* Stephanie Fenyes and chief cook and BBYO vice-chair of operations Sid Isenberg. For more information on BBYO, call 416-398-2004.

Israel subjected to a double standard: Dershowitz

By **SHELDON KIRSHNER**
Staff Reporter

The world subjects Israel to a double standard, Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz charged last week.

Dershowitz, here to promote his new book, *The Case for Israel*, compared the current situation to "primitive, old-fashioned racism."

In a speech sponsored by the Speakers' Forum, he lambasted those who expect more of Israel than of the Arabs.

He characterized this expectation as racist.

Dershowitz claimed the double standard discriminates against Israel, destroys the credibility of the United Nations and human rights groups such as Amnesty International, and encourages terrorism.

As an example, he likened Israel to Jordan.

By any objective standard, Israel is a working democracy, while Jordan is not. Yet Jordan, unlike Israel, has never been the target of international opprobrium, he pointed out.

Calling Israel "the most maligned country" on college campuses and in Europe, Dershowitz decried the " great gap between perception and reality" when it comes to Israel.

He said he wrote *The Case for Israel* because Israel, the only functioning democracy in the Middle East, has-been unfairly attacked.

Israel is regularly taken to task, while police states such as Syria and Libya are handed United Nations committee chairmanships and Security Council memberships, he said bitterly.

In a critique of the United Nations, he said 40 per cent of its resolutions have singled out Israel for condemnation.

All nations, including Israel, should be judged by the same standard, he said.

Alan Dershowitz

He condemned critics who single out Israel for special treatment while ignoring the failings of other countries in the region.

Such critics, he said, court anti-Semitism.

Saying he feels perfectly comfortable criticizing this or that Israeli policy, Dershowitz confided that he would have been a member of Peace Now had he been an Israeli citizen.

Dershowitz said he opposes Israel's occupation of the territories, the construction of settlements there and the building of a security fence that juts deeply into the West Bank.

The fence, he observed, "confuses security with political resolution." He said it should roughly follow the contours of the pre-1967 border.

In contrast, Israel's security fence around the Gaza Strip is perfectly legitimate because it runs along the border.

Dershowitz also criticized Israel's recent announcement of its intention to "remove" Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat from power.

He described that decision of its future aims as the "dumbest thing imaginable."

Dershowitz, however, excoriated Arafat, claiming that Israel and the Palestinians will never achieve peace in Arafat's lifetime.

As he put it, Arafat "cannot and never will make peace."

Dershowitz said the Palestinians were on "the wrong side" of every war in the 20th century, from World War I to the 1991 Gulf War.

Palestinians, therefore, "do not deserve" to sit at the negotiating table with Israel as "equal partners."

Nevertheless, they are entitled to statehood, and a Palestinian state is manifestly in Israel's vested interest, he said.

Describing himself as "pro-Palestinian people but not pro-Palestinian leadership," he said that a Palestinian state should be " a reward" for ending terrorism.

At present, he added, Palestinian schools and mullahs encourage terrorism.

In a suggestion for ending the current political impasse, he said Israel should relinquish the settlements in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip in conjunction with simultaneous Palestinian steps to dismantle terrorist groups.

But the settlements should not be given up unilaterally and "for nothing," he noted.

A review of The Case for Israel *will appear next week.*

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Libeskind to speak at Holocaust Education Week

By **FRANCES KRAFT**
Staff Reporter

Toronto's 23rd annual Holocaust Education Week (HEW) is expanding its borders this year, with a few of its more than 120 programs being held in Barrie, Belleville, Kingston, Newmarket, Oshawa, Peterborough and St. Catharines.

The 13-day event, co-ordinated by the Holocaust Centre of Toronto, UJA Federation, kicks off Oct. 30 at Temple Sinai, with Michael Berenbaum, formerly of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum discussing "The Rescue of Danish Jewry: Why was Denmark Different?"

The closing program, on Nov. 11, will feature human rights champion Irwin Cotler, and Maj.-Gen. Edward Fitch, the highest-ranking Jewish officer in the Canadian Forces, who will address "The Holocaust and Human Rights: What Have We Learned? What Must We Do?" at Adath Israel Congregation.

"Every year the committee decides we have too many programs, and that we are going to scale back," said Joan Shapero, HEW co-chair with Honey Carr. "Then more venues would like to be included, and we don't want to turn anyone away. It's massive.

"If you can make people aware of what the dangers are of targeting and isolating any particular group – of the damage that hatred, discrimination and prejudice can do – you're hoping to create a better world," said Shapero. "You can't give up. I think you have to keep trying."

A total of almost 15,000 people attended Holocaust Education Week last year, she said.

In addition to a wide variety of presentations, this year's Holocaust Education Week showcases four exhibits, including "Women in the Holocaust: Faces of Resistance" at Koffler Centre of the Arts; and "Denmark 1943" at Temple Sinai. There are also an increased number of church programs, said Shapero. "The committee has always felt very strongly that this not just be for the Jewish community."

Daniel Libeskind

A longtime volunteer who is completing a course at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) on Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Shapero said that even educators with day school backgrounds may be uncomfortable dealing with the Holocaust in the classroom.

Notable HEW sessions this year include:

- a day-long seminar for educators on Oct. 31 at the Holocaust Centre of Toronto on "Holocaust Orphans in Canada." Presenters include Frieda Miller, education co-ordinator at the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre; Harold Lass, retired head of English at Northern Secondary School, on "Holocaust and Literature"; and Belarie Zatzman of York University, on "Fine Arts and Holocaust Education", Participating teachers can receive professional development credit.
- the world premiere of *Oratorio Terezin*, Nov. 1, 8 p.m. and Nov. 2, 3 p.m., at Toronto Centre for the Arts.
- *Nicky's Children*, a documentary about the 669 children saved by Nicholas Winton, a young British stockbroker. Among the children was CBC correspondent Joe Schlesinger, who will speak after the screening. Nov. 1, 8:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.
- "Jewish Resistance During the Shoah", with Steven Katz, director of the Elie Wiesel Center for Judaic Studies at Boston University, Nov. 2, 8 p.m., Shaar Shalom Synagogue.
- "Interviewing Family Members about the Holocaust," with Gail Mentlik, documentary maker, Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m., Beth Torah Congregation.
- "Anti-Semitism/Anti-Zionism: Converging Hatreds," with Shulamit Imber of Yad Vashem, Jerusalem and Bernie Farber, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, Nov. 5, 8 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation.
- "Survivor Families: From Strength to Strength," a one-day conference for adult children of Holocaust survivors, and their partners. Pre-registration is required by Oct. 20 (call 416-785-2500, ext. 2853 or go to www.baycrest.org, and click on "events"), Nov. 9, 8:30 to 5 p.m.,Baycrest Centre.

Renowned architect Daniel Libeskind will be the keynote speaker at the Community Commemoration of Kristallnacht at Beth Tzedec Congregation, Nov. 8 at 8 p.m. He will discuss "Designing Sacred Space: Memorializing the Holocaust."

Admission is not charged at the majority of the programs, although a donation of $3 per person per event is suggested. "We operate on a very tiny budget for the type of the program we do," said Shapero.

For further information or to find out about program changes, go to www.holocausteducationweek.com or call the HEW hotline at 416-631-5689

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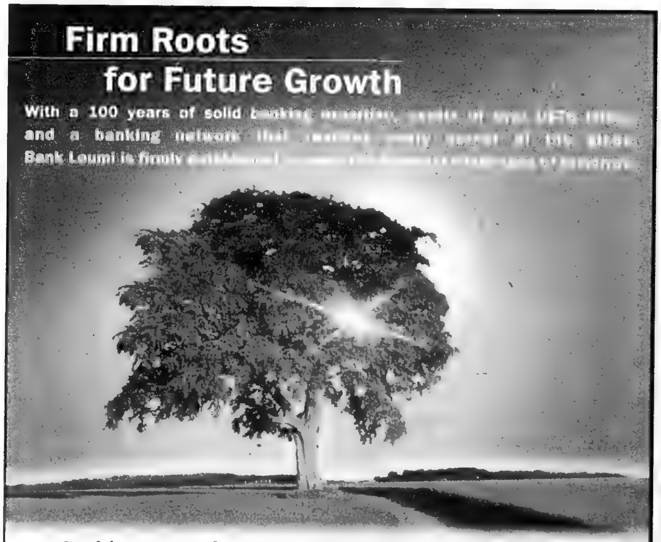
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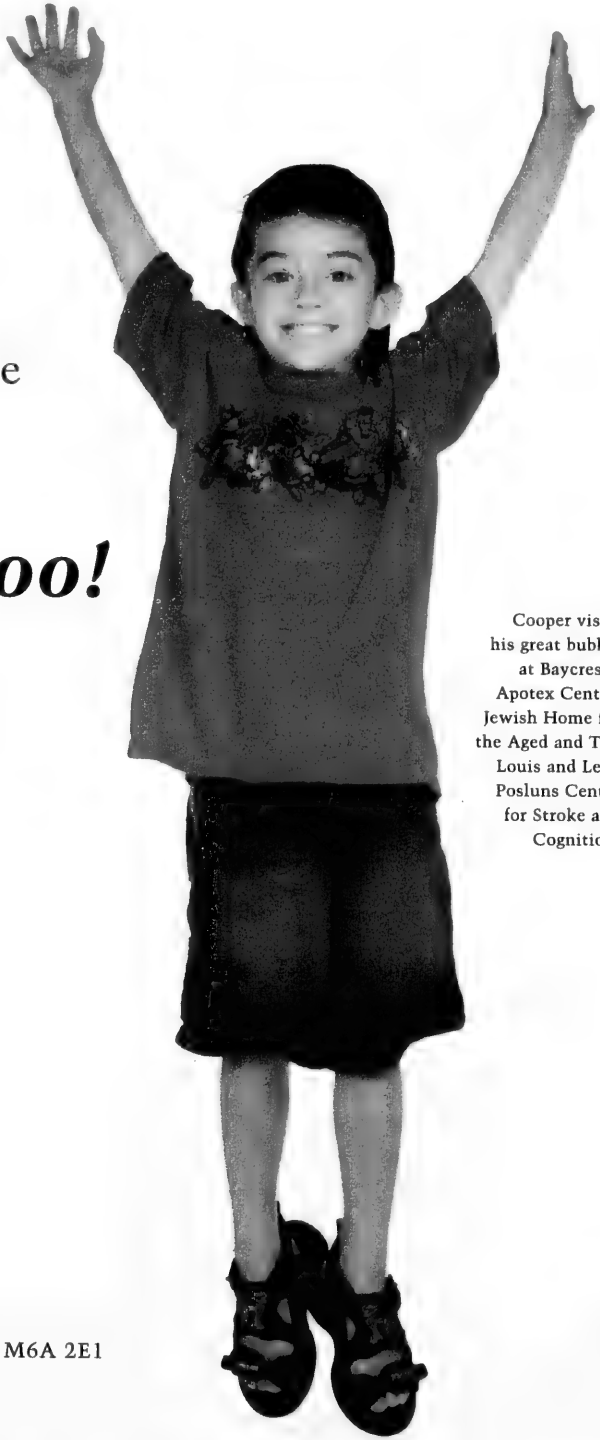

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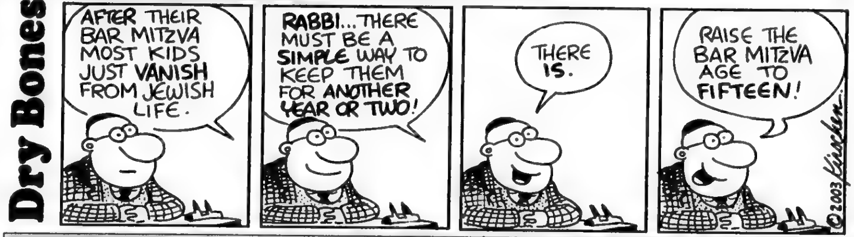
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Reaching for the stars, he soared

Light refracted through the complex intersecting edges and angles of precious stone shows us things we would not, could not, ordinarily see. So it is with man. So it was with Izzy Asper. Such was the sheer force of his multi-dimensional personality that it pulled, magnified and shone a very bright light onto countless causes, ideas, ideals and benefactions around the world.

More than 1,500 people attended his funeral last week in Winnipeg. They filled the synagogue and lined the adjacent streets, combining – in one final farewell – a bowing of respect with a gesture of gratitude.

Izzy Asper was a unique man. He understood, perhaps more than most, that the impermanence of life makes it ever more poignant. That all our labours mean nothing if they do not acknowledge that life's poignancy lends urgency to all we do. That we are obliged to do the very best we can, or as he would say, to "reach for the stars," in all circumstances.

Reaching constantly for the stars, he soared.

He refused to fly low.

He also refused to accept the notion that there was anything small or inferior or secondary in being Canadian, Manitoban and Jewish. His causes were his passions. And his passions inspired him to great achievements in business, in philanthropy, in private, public and communal leadership.

Israel H. Asper

"Stand tall," he told an Israel Bonds audience in Montreal last year, "in support of honesty in reporting, as well as for the right of Israel to exist and to take whatever actions it needs to battle its savage attackers and to demand that our media and our politicians act with honour in this quest."

During the last three years, in the wake of the surrealistic but deadly campaign against Israel and the vicious assaults around the world against Israelis, Jews and Judaism, no one spoke out with more courage or moral clarity on behalf of the Jewish state and against its many disparagers and ill-wishers than Izzy Asper.

He knew that in confronting Israel's enemies, we are also confronting the enemies of Western democracies. "I am an unashamed and unrelenting Canadian patriot. I am not going to stand idly back to watch any of the democratic ideals that made Canada the envy of nations be injured, sullied or disgraced."

"Don't think that you are powerless," he exhorted the audience in Montreal last October. Through his example, his determination, will, generosity and grit, Izzy Asper showed us that we are not powerless, but only if we choose not to be.

May his memory be for blessing and may his family be comforted with all other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

LET OUR PEOPLE GO...

MIAs: Ron Arad, Zachary Baumel, Tzvi Feldman and Yehuda Katz. **KIDNAPPED:** Elchanan Tannenbaum.

Takeover of CJC not right

I am sad and angry about the news that the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) may soon find itself taken over by a new, unelected group that will apparently decide who speaks for Canadian Jewry. This is not the Jewish way and it is not an effective way.

When I came to Canada with my late parents and brother after fleeing post-war Poland, CJC was already an established voice for Canadian Jewry. It stood up for the community in court, in front of governments and on behalf of any Jew, rich or poor, religious or secular, whose rights were being denied. I see CJC continuing that job today and continuing to do it well. As a member of the Montreal Jewish community and as a proud Zionist, I believe we can only fight for what is right by behaving properly and democratically. Taking over CJC and putting the power to speak for Jews in the hands of a small group of influential but unelected individuals is simply wrong. I hope that Jewish wisdom and justice will prevail, and CJC will remain strong and effective for many years to come.

Saul Lemkin
Cote St. Luc, Que.

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Negotiations or appeasement?

Because I have a healthy respect for Prof. Harvey Simmons' acumen, I'm sorry to see that he has misconstrued the essential thrust of my article's argument ("Israel's appeasement habits," *CJN*, Aug. 7). In his letter ("Zerker in denial," Letters to the Editor, *CJN*, Oct. 2), Simmons claimed that I characterized negotiations as appeasement. Not true. What I maintain is that Israeli negotiations have too often resulted in appeasement on the part of Israeli leaders.

It was appeasement when former Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin told Israelis they must tolerate murders committed by Palestinian terrorism so that the "peace process" would not be halted, and that nevertheless, his government would persist in carrying forward the Oslo agreement. (Some "peace process," some agreement!) It was appeasement when former Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu handed over Hebron to the Palestinians despite the fact that they had not fulfilled their obligations under the terms of Oslo Two. And it was appeasement when current Prime Minister Ariel Sharon released hundreds of Palestinian prisoners as a "confidence gesture," despite the fact that it was not a requirement of the mutually signed road map peace plan, and despite the irrefutable evidence that the Palestinians were intent on waging their vicious terrorist war. And what was it, if not appeasement, when the Peres/Beilin/Rabin triumvirate rescued from obscurity in Tunis that arch- terrorist Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat – the inventor of modern terrorist methods – and transported him along with thousands of his thugs to Israeli soil. This dangerous manoeuvre was based on the delusion (they used the word "hope") that Arafat would give up Palestinian ambitions for Israel's destruction.

Appeasement is about trying to placate an enemy by making concessions that are beyond negotiations in the hopes that such measures might soothe the enemy's appetite for aggression and murder. But appeasement never works. It only feeds the enemy's lust. Instead of hope, one is left with despair.

Sally Zerker
Toronto

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Elitist view of the law

I agree with President Aharon Barak of Israel's Supreme Court on the importance of maintaining Israel's "democratic core" ("Judges meet supreme test in war on terror," *CJN*, Sept. 18). But I must strongly disagree that the maintenance of the rule of law and human rights in some abstract, theoretical sense is required "even if that may prolong the war on terror" and that it "makes the struggle worthwhile."

Let's read between the lines. Is Barak suggesting that even more Israelis should die in suicide terror attacks to ensure the human rights of the terrorists and the Palestinian population that support them? Of course, he would deny this, but is this not the inevitable consequence of his type of elitist, ivory tower thinking?

Make no mistake. Israel is at war and has no choice but to win. The chauffeur-driven crowd in Israel today is as oblivious to this reality as other elites have been in Jewish history when tragedy was just around the corner. The majority of Israelis who must make their way in a dangerous world know quite well that our heritage is built on "human dignity," but also believe that they deserve their fair share. In my view, the average Israeli knows, as Barak evidently does not, that the protection of our own lives must come before the "civil rights" of our enemies.

Hundreds of Israelis have died in terror attacks in the past three years. Barak's insensitivity betrays their ultimate sacrifice for the State of Israel and the Jewish people. Our "foundations" are weak indeed if we do understand that our national existence depends on living rather than dead Jews.

Martin Kalson
Ginot Shomron, Israel

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Izzy Asper (1932-2003)

I didn't actually know Izzy (Israel) Asper, but I feel as if I did.

As a Canadian and a Jew, I recognized in the reports describing his life, the core human value that makes both our country and our people essential: to strive for all that life has to offer but then, having been blessed to live in a country where this is still possible, to give back in spades, and therefore to recognize how fortunate we are and what an enormous responsibility freedom really is.

David Wintre
Toronto

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I would like to add my name to the many thousands of Canadians who have had the honour and pleasure of meeting Izzy Asper. I have followed his growth in industry and have felt extremely proud of this individual who was never afraid to stand up for what he believed in and "to tell it like it is." It was on a return trip from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev that I had the pleasure to speak to Izzy and discuss some issues. He even gave me advice for one of my children who wanted to pursue a career in radio and televison.

The Jewish community, and indeed all Canadaians, have lost a valuable treasure in his passing. I believe that he has passed on his tremendous knowledge and beliefs to his children, who seem to echo how he felt about Canada, Israel and the rest of the world. I pray they have the health and strength to continue his legacy. To his family, I share in his mourning and pray that God grant them peace and health in their loss.

Sidney Chelsky, past president,
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Dishonest reporting: Media bias against Israel

By ISRAEL H. ASPER

The following is excerpted from a speech delivered by Israel Asper at the Israel Bonds Gala in Montreal, Oct. 30, 2002.

Throughout my lifetime, I have had an unshakable commitment to three cornerstones of my personal value system: my first commitment is to this great nation, Canada. My second is to Israel as a symbol and teacher of excellence for all of humankind, and the third is to the media as the most honourable and steadfast advocate, defender and distributor of truth, honesty, fairness, freedom, democracy and human rights.

With a combination of sadness, fear and anger, I must now tell you that both Israel and the honour of the news media are under grievous assault. And, even more painful for me, even though at first glance those two pillars should be separate, I regret to say, they are both threatened by the same cancer and have thus become inextricably linked. This is because dishonest reporting is destroying the trust in and credibility of the media and the journalists, and the same dishonest reporting is biased against Israel, thus destroying the world's favourable disposition toward it…

Tonight I make the charge that much of the world media who are covering the Arab-Israeli conflict have abandoned the fundamental precepts of honest reporting. They have been taken captive by their own biases or victimized by their own ignorance. They have adopted Palestinian propaganda as the context for their stories. They have become partisans in and not providers of knowledge about this war against Israel…

Dishonest reporting occurs in several forms. One is through the selection of terminology such as words or phrases which promote a presumed set of facts. "Terror" has been well-defined by major recognized laws. But many biased media describe the Palestinian perpetrators of clear acts of terror against Israel merely as "militants," "resistance fighters," "gunmen" or "extremists."

Dishonest reporting arises not only by what is said, but also by what is not said but which is necessary for the reader or the listener or viewer to know in order to have a full understanding of the situation, in the context of historical fact.

… [W]e should touch on some fundamental lies on which many reporters and analysts base their view of the war.

The first and worst lie is what this war is all about. Dishonest reporting tells you that it's about territory, and Jerusalem, and Palestinian statehood, and alleged refugees. Honest reporting would tell you that it is a war to destroy Israel and kill or expel or subjugate all the Jews. That is proved by the words and deeds of all the key Arab Palestinian leaders. But the media has bought and reported dishonestly and relentlessly the big lie. That big lie is that this war could be ended by Israeli land concessions.

The second fundamental big lie disseminated by world media, including those in Canada, is what gave rise to the current version of the Arab war of extermination of Israel and the Jewish people – the so-called Al-Aqsa uprising or intifadah.

The truth is that when Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, one of the world's most cruel and vicious terrorists for the past 30 years, that corrupt dictator and thief of billions of dollars of world-intended aid for his people, could not get the extravagant concessions he demanded from the Clinton Camp David meetings, he planned the uprising of terrorism as a means of intimidating the United States and Israel into giving in to his maniacal demands.

But he needed an excuse, an appealing argument in which to clothe his new latest war.

And so, in early September 2000, when parliamentary opposition leader Ariel Sharon (he wasn't even prime minister) told both Israelis and Palestinian officials he intended to visit the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, legally part of Israel which is co-sited with the Muslim al-Aqsa mosque, they agreed, and both Palestinian and Israeli security detachments accompanied him on his brief tour.

This was the opportunity Arafat sought. He immediately unleashed the rioting, stone-throwing and armed attacks allegedly as a "spontaneous" uprising against Israel allegedly in response to Sharon's provocation.

It was then that most of the world media bought the propaganda that launched the second big lie of the current warfare: "Sharon's visit provokes Palestinian rebellion." They didn't even ask the fundamental question: Is this true?

The third big lie is that the current conflict arises from Palestinian frustration over the slowness of the so-called "peace process."

The central, and conveniently ignored, fact is that the current warfare is merely the latest chapter in a war against the Jewish people. That war began in earnest 85 years ago, when in 1917, Britain and the League of Nations declared, with world approval, that a Jewish state would be established in Palestine.

The region's Arabs have engaged in terrorist slaughter, riots and multi Muslim states military invasion against the Jewish nation ever since. The only periodic lulls in this savage and often barbaric assault, specializing in seeking women, children and elderly victims, have occurred when the Arabs have been resoundingly defeated.

Then, they sue for peace, issue poor-me hand-wringing pleas for international help, and use the lull in the battle to regroup, re-arm and plot their next assault – and it is routinely launched.

Any reportage or commentary that is not clothed in this context is, at best, misleading or ignorant and plain dishonest at worst.

A great deal of the dishonesty arises from the failure to report and the failure to opine on many factors which must be considered in judging the Middle East war…

But if nothing else in this entire sad and sordid story irrefutably demonstrates the dishonest reporting and inherent media bias against Israel, it is the Jenin massacre myth on which the herd of ravenous reporters descended with vulture-like hysteria.

Hysterical, hyperbolical Palestinian propagandists shrieked "massacre – 5,000 innocents slaughtered," and the United Nations, the Third World pawns, dutifully closed ranks to condemn Israel, as is routine for that corrupt organization. Soon the Palestinians reduced their alleged death toll to 3,000. Then the number of alleged deaths claimed mysteriously dropped to a mere 500, but the media still sang the massacre melody.

Israel H. Asper

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Finally, when the UN Commission declared that only 54 Palestinians had died, and over half of them were armed combatants, the myth exploded. However, few media apologized or retracted the charges of "genocide," "war crimes" and "heinous Israeli atrocities" they had falsely trumpeted to the world.

… When the myth of massacre was exploded, there were no apologies, few retractions and naturally some of the mud that the dishonest reporters had flung stuck to the shield of honour of Israel.

Contrast that with a true war crime that occured shortly after.

It is an offence under the Geneva War Conventions for armed persons to occupy any church. Yet the whole world sat silently and did not condemn the crime that occurred when Palestinian terrorists in Bethlehem, by a well-designed plan, occupied the Christian Church of the Nativity, took its occupants hostage and refused to surrender to surrounding Israeli soldiers. No one demanded it.

Rather, the so-called world community, aided by a silent media, brought huge international pressure against Israel to give up its barricade and let the alleged terrorists go.

When Israel bowed to the pressure, there was no United Nations intervention, no Christian Church intervention and no condemnation of the war crimes committed by the terrorists…

I've made no reference to world media hypocrisy in condemning the Bali nightclub bombers as terrorists but not the Palestinian bombers of Passover services in Netanya.

I've made no mention of the failure of our media to report on and explode the dozens of Palestinian propaganda myths, all of which have been shattered by the facts.

Why is this happening? The answer is plain to see.

Firstly, too many of the journalists are lazy, or sloppy… They are ignorant of the history of the subject on which they are writing.

Others are, plain and simple, biased or anti-Semitic, or are taken captive by a simplistic ideology.

The result is that the biggest casualties of the Palestinian-Israeli war are truth and the integrity of the media.

Every one of us must do what we can to correct this travesty. It is time to say, "Enough!"

The solution starts on the campus, and in the journalism schools, then it goes to the boardrooms of the media owners, and finally, and most importantly, with you the public…

The issue here is not the media bias against Israel, the issue is the media bias, period. If we cannot trust the media in its reporting on Israel, how can we trust it on anything else? And if we cannot trust our media, democracy is profoundly threatened…

[O]ne of the lethal by-products of this prostitution of media integrity is that it has helped fan the flames of anti-Semitism throughout the world…

We are witnessing the most virulent, vitriolic and vicious anti-Semitism, rivaled only by the rise of Nazism and its anti-Semitism in Europe in the middle 1930s. Left unchecked, it will consume all freedoms, because every attack of anti-Semitism in the history of mankind, has always been a forerunner to the destruction of liberty in all other sectors of human endeavour, not just for Jews, but for everyone. The painful lesson of the last century is that freedom is indivisible…

At this time, the appropriate position for all Canadians should be to stand tall in support of honesty in reporting, as well as for the right of Israel to exist and to take whatever actions it needs to battle its savage attackers, and to demand that our media and our politicians act with honour in this quest.

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The oldest prejudice

Hold everything, dear reader! You are likely to assume that the word "prejudice" in the headline for this column refers to Jews, and that you are about to read yet another necessary defence of the Jewish people.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

Not this time.

For once, you will not read about Jews being the object of popular misjudgment, but rather about another group of people.

The ones I have in mind are "old folk."

The word "old" has, of course, an imprecise meaning. For some children, 15 years of age may warrant the term "old," while for others, the word "old" may mean 60, and for still others, 90 years of age comes to mind, and so on.

But "old" – whether referring to people or things – formerly meant "valuable," and many of the heroes of biblical antiquity were said to have reached very advanced ages.

Thus, according to ancient tradition, Methusaleh died at 969 years of age, and the forbears of Israel, too, are reported by the Bible to have become very old when compared to our own experience: Abraham lived to the ripe old age of 175 years; Isaac, 180, Jacob, 147; and Moses to 120 – an age that henceforth Jewish tradition has considered to be the ultimate blessing.

However, the book of Psalms lowers our expectations significantly and says: "The days of our years are 70 years, and by reason of [special] strength, 80 years."

The *Encyclopedia Judaica* summarizes the Jewish attitude toward getting old in the following fashion:

"According to the Talmud, youth is a crown of roses; old age a crown of [heavy] willow rods (Shabbat 152a). A man must pray that in his later years his eyes may see, his mouth eat, his legs walk, for in old age all powers fail (Midrash Tanchuma, Mi-Ketz 10)."

Nevertheless, former generations may be said to have generally respected the aged for the wisdom that they – hopefully – had acquired during their many years of living.

Once we again treat the aged with the respect that they enjoyed in bygone days, the term "old" will also return to its former positive meaning of "valuable." But not until then.

I want to conclude these considerations with a personal note.

The above was written from an admittedly prejudiced perspective, for in another few weeks, I hope to be celebrating my 91st birthday. But that does not necessarily vitiate what I have tried to convey to you here.

News of death

I have finally come to understand why I have always hated hospitals so much.

It's not the sea of white everywhere I look, or the cloying smell of antiseptic and surgical steel that seems to follow me wherever I go.

Barbara Balfour in Calgary

It's the way the hallways are filled with the haunting stench of my own mortality.

And it seems I am reminded of it every time I turn on the news.

I've been thinking about life's tendency to be so dreadfully temporary, but perhaps more so of the injustice of the deck of cards that life deals to us at times.

It's so easy to wallow in a pool of negativity when you open the newspaper or turn on the TV set and find yourself immediately confronted with acts of hostility and violence going on anywhere in the world you can think of.

It's easier still to dismiss these conflicts as never-ending plagues.

On the same day I watched a nation reel in shock and grief from Israel's latest suicide bombing, I got a phone call telling me my friend's mother had passed away suddenly due to cancer.

It's amazing how death can simultaneously bridge and divide groups of people.

I have no idea what it would be like to live in a country where tragedy is an everyday occurrence. I think of the way the greater tragedy lies in how these fatalities fade into obscurity as the media give preferential coverage to questionable subjects such as Alberta's premier getting hit in the face by a banana cream pie.

I think of my friend, who had been nursing her mother to health for some time.

Her mother was a breast cancer survivor whose hair was just starting to grow back in wisps. I remember her vivaciousness as she danced with us in the living room at her daughter's birthday party only six weeks ago.

She peeled cucumbers and washed dark green lettuce under the sink for the salads for dinner, adjusting her wig from time to time so it would sit straight on her head, and laughing and dancing with us in between bringing bowls of food out to the table.

Her turn for the worse was quite sudden. A week after the party, she found that the cancer had returned, only now it had spread to her lungs and her bones, and this time it was terminal.

Six weeks after she threw her head back and laughed in the kitchen, swaying to the beat of the music, she drew her last breath.

Still, even in the darkest of times, I suppose one can light a candle of hope.

Some people read the Torah or the Bible when looking for comfort.

Me, I pick up *The Diary of Anne Frank.*

I don't know what it is about Anne Frank that has captured my attention so consistently since I first picked up her diary at the age of nine. She is the ultimate testament to how hope can still bloom under the most dire of circumstances.

"That's the difficulty in these times. Ideals, dreams and cherished hopes rise within us, only to meet the horrible truth and be shattered."

Her words, initially penned more than half a century ago, still hold true for us today.

Anne Frank's open, earnest gaze has made her the poster child for someone who believed in the good in others even as she died at the hands of those who couldn't care less.

"It's really a wonder that I haven't dropped all my ideals, because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out," she wrote. "Yet I keep them, because in spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart. I simply can't build my hopes on a foundation consisting of confusion, misery and death."

Me too.

In spite of the injustices and unpredictability of this world, I think I know how some people continually find the energy to retaliate not with hatred and despair, but with kindness.

I guess it's really because it's just so damn difficult to do – or be – anything less.

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Hurricane provides a time to reflect

There is a tree sitting on my house. The blame goes to Hurricane Juan, but after four days without power, I am inclined to thank Juan for one of the best weeks I have experienced in a long time.

Joanna Grossman in Halifax

When Hurricane Juan struck, I was alone in my Halifax house, as my roommates had gone home for Rosh Hashanah. The wind was so loud I couldn't hear myself think, but the shaking house and leaking roof did not convey the full force of the impact the hurricane was having. Stepping outside my house on Monday morning, I became aware of the consequences of the storm.

Massive trees had toppled and power lines were down, as Juan took his toll on the city. Cars were crushed and homes were destroyed, but as we remained without news and any understanding of what had transpired, there was a surreal aspect to it. With the lights out and technology out of reach, a powerful quiet took hold of the city and provided a much-needed halt in our hectic schedules.

For the overactive imagination, it seemed more than just a bit ironic that this all-powerful force of nature came to disrupt our lives during the 10 days of tshuvah, the period of reflection between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The literary notion of pathetic fallacy resounded strongly. Surrounded by the almost incomprehensible effects of a natural disaster at a time when we are being judged for our actions and behaviour – it seemed to fit a little too well.

We are used to being in control of most aspects of our lives. We utilize the tools of technology to cram as much as possible into the 24 hours of every day. We have become so dependent on the accoutrements of modern life that we take basic comforts for granted.

But when the lights went out and the city shut down, we took the time to really sit and relax, to think about what is going on in our lives. Shabbat brings a similar break every week, but we are individuals taking a break from an environment that continues to speed by. Hurricane Juan slowed life down for everyone. It forced us to acknowledge that we cannot control nature and that ultimately, the environment cannot be contained by human means.

While we all need a jolt to look at our mode of life, I wonder whether there really is an aspect of pathetic fallacy in Juan's recent attack on Halifax. Is it possible that we were being forced to look up and acknowledge our attitudes and behaviours? Is a natural disaster the wake-up call we need to recognize how dependent we have become on the "necessities" of modern life?

As the sun came up and marked the end of the storm, it was amazing to see people walking down the debris-laden streets with eyes open to their surroundings. Halifax is small enough that virtually every street is familiar, but for the first time, people began to actually see their physical surroundings.

Before our freezers full of kosher meat from Toronto and Montreal could go bad, we feasted together, making the best of the situation. Sitting under the stars, we conversed and caught up, appreciating the calm that arose from acceptance of the fact that we were powerless.

The 10 days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur fly by. Caught up in plans for yom tov and the everyday obligations of school and work, it is easy to lose sight of what the time is for. Perhaps the tree had to fall on my house in order to shake me out of the activity that holds such a strong grasp on each day.

Hurricane Juan was unlike anything I have ever experienced: lives were lost and severe hardship will continue to haunt many, even as the visible damage of the storm is repaired. But for all the havoc that Juan has wreaked, something positive remains.

We need to acknowledge our limits, to take a role in effecting the changes we are capable of, while acknowledging that much remains beyond our control. Sitting in the quiet darkness of night in a city without power, it becomes easier to see – while the ominous tree hanging over your home makes you think about where your own roots are grounded.

The Kirshner File

Rosenstrasse - a labour of love for German director

In the winter of 1943, when German film director Margarethe von Trotta was but an infant in diapers, an unprecedented event in the annals of Nazi Germany unfolded grimly in Berlin. There, on Rosenstrasse, a small, drab street in the eastern part of the city, a remarkable protest, born of love, solidarity and courage, grew in the face of drawn weapons.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

A month after Germany lost the fateful battle of Stalingrad, the regime began arresting Berlin's 10,000 remaining Jews and deporting them to concentration camps in Poland. Men in intermarriages, and some women, were taken to a building on Rosenstrasse that belonged to the Jewish community.

On Feb. 28, four days after Adolf Hitler declared that the war would lead to the "annihilation" of Jews, their Christian wives converged on Rosenstrasse, demanding their release. Time and time again, the SS and police dispersed the demonstrators. Unintimidated by the show of force, the women repeatedly returned to Rosenstrasse.

Informed of these irksome developments, Josef Goebbels, the influential propaganda minister, noted in his diary on March 2: "We are definitely removing the Jews from Berlin: last Sunday they were arrested suddenly, and will be deported to the east within the shortest possible time."

On March 5, the SS aimed machine guns at the crowd, and were met with defiant shouts of "murderers." The guns were removed.

Finally, the interned Rosenstrasse Jews were freed. Goebbels, in a notation in his diary, wrote that he had ordered the police to stop the evacuation.

Still more amazingly, 25 Rosenstrasse prisoners who had been transported to Auschwitz were sent back to Berlin and, from there, dispatched to a work camp.

In a dictatorship where civil disobedience was equated with treason and mercilessly snuffed out, Rosenstrasse was a unique incident, a shining beam of light in a dark landscape.

Almost 10 years ago, when von Trotta was editing a film, fellow director Volker Schlondorff introduced her to Daniela Schmidt, who had made a documentary titled *Resistance in Rosenstrasse, Berlin 1943*. Though von Trotta was quite familiar with the history of the Third Reich and the fate of Germany's Jews, she had never run across a reference to Rosenstrasse in her readings. A charter member of Germany's "1968" generation who had been touched by the Holocaust and who had rebelled against her parents' and grandparents' values, she was so moved by the incredible bravery and undaunted spirit of these women that she seriously considered making a feature film about that virtually forgotten but inspirational event.

Rosenstrasse, her 14th movie since her debut as a director in 1977, was screened last month at the Toronto International Film Festival, shortly after its world premiere at the Venice Film Festival. Scheduled to open in theatres in 2004, *Rosenstrasse* will be distributed by Samuel Goldwyn Jr.

"It's an important story that has to be told," said von Trotta, a resident of Munich, a former actress closely identified with the New German Cinema movement and one of Germany's most distinguished directors.

A scene from the movie

"These women were not political. They only wanted their husbands back."

A woman of medium height, with short, layered gray hair, she made these comments in an interview during the festival.

As she acknowledged, *Rosenstrasse*, starring the luminous Katja Riemann and the intense Maria Schrader, was a labour of love that gradually fell into place.

After meeting Schmidt, von Trotta spoke to 10 of the Rosenstrasse survivors. "It was only after these impressive personal encounters that I really became motivated."

To prepare for the movie, she visited Rosenstrasse and immersed herself in the literature of the Holocaust and Jews. Primo Levi's *What is a Man*, in particular, affected her.

Rosenstraße

Once she got down to the task of writing a script, she knew she had to visit Auschwitz, which she had studiously avoided.

In 1995, in the company of two documentary filmmakers, she spent half a day there. Auschwitz left an indelible impression on von Trotta, whose father, she said with palpable relief, had neither joined the Nazi party nor, because of a disability, been recruited into the Wehrmacht.

Because of budgetary problems, von Trotta scrapped the first draft of her script. But after watching another documentary on the subject, *Liberation from Rosenstrasse*, she composed a second draft, one of whose subplots is about a little girl named Ruth whose mother was imprisoned at Rosenstrasse.

Margarethe von Trotta

To von Trotta's disappointment, the project floundered. "Nobody wanted to know about the courage of these women," she mused. And so she turned her energies to other film and television projects.

Von Trotta's colleague, Martin Wiebel, "brought the material back from the dead" in 1999, when he encouraged her to revisit the dormant project. She revised the script yet again.

Financing was a stumbling block, but in the spring of 2002, she raised the equivalent of $6.5 million in euros.

It was a modest sum. By contrast, *The Pianist* cost $35 million.

Filming started last October in Germany's fabled Babelsberger Studio, and wrapped in mid-December.

Poignant and affecting, *Rosenstrasse* cuts between the present and the past, moving from a tastefully furnished apartment in Manhattan to a mean street in Berlin, and back again.

The plot of *Rosenstrasse* is built around Lena Fischer (Riemann), a fictional character who, von Trotta said, is really an amalgam of several women.

Strong and beautiful, Lena is the scion of an aristocratic family. Her Jewish husband, Fabian, a violinist, has disappeared. She thinks he is in Rosenstrasse.

In a desperate bid to save Fabian, Lena asks her father for help. He is a forbidding ex-general, as well as an unreconstructed anti-Semite. Curtly and cruelly, he dismisses her plea for assistance.

With no else to turn to, Lena enlists her brother, a wounded war veteran with a heart of gold, in an elaborate scheme to spring Fabian from Rosenstrasse.

For von Trotta, the Holocaust remains an enigma encased in a riddle.

"Mankind," she mused, " can go crazy."

Asked how how a nation as refined and civilized as Germany could have conceived the Holocaust, she shrugged her shoulders and shook her head in sadness.

But then she added, "Not all Germans were monsters."

The Nazis, she observed, were "diabolically intelligent." They phased in their anti-Semitic agenda so gradually and seamlessly that it was like a process of osmosis.

Yet von Trotta expressed surprise at the open-minded attitude of some Jews to Germany.

"I would mistrust a nation like this forever," she said sombrely.

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Jewish Life

Anzia Yezierska's hungry heart

By ZE'EV GLICENSTEIN

Roots & Remembrance

Who today has heard of the American writer Anzia Yezierska?

Her life was the sort of rags-to-riches-and-back-to-rags tale that she specialized in telling in her short stories and novels like *Salome of the Tenements* and *The Bread-Givers*.

She and her large impoverished family sailed from Poland in the 1890s and settled into a cramped tenement on the Lower East Side. Her father, rejecting the crass materialism of America, sequestered himself with the Talmud. Her mother, embittered from the grind of daily existence, rejected America's fetish for individualism as expressed through customs like children's birthday parties.

"Birthdays?" the mother once retorted when the girl demanded to know her date of birth. "A birthday wills itself in you? What is with you the great joy? No shirt on your back, no shoes on your feet, not a penny in the house to buy bread, and you want yet birthdays?"

For Yezierska, like countless others of the immigrant generation, coming of age meant slaving in sweatshops and laundries. Yet, also like countless others, her spirit was infused by the promise of the American dream. Pushing herself to master English, she won a scholarship to Columbia University and devoted every minute of her spare time to writing tales of Jewish immigrant life.

The effort paid off as major magazines began accepting her work. Her short story, *The Fat of the Land*, was regarded as one of the best stories of 1919 and led Houghton Mifflin to publish a celebrated collection, *Hungry Hearts*, in 1920.

In a memoir published three decades later, Yezierska recalled how dramatically her life changed after that. One day in her tiny rooming house on Hester Street, a telegram arrived from Samuel Goldwyn, who offered $10,000 for the motion picture rights to *Hungry Hearts*. Within days Yezierska had an advance of $1,000 plus a first-class train ticket to Hollywood.

Before leaving, she paid a rare visit to her father and dropped $100 on the open pages of his book. He was revulsed by the open display of mammon. "In America, money takes the place of God," he berated her. "Can you touch pitch without being defiled? Neither can you hold on to all that money without losing your soul… Daughter of Babylon! You've polluted your inheritance and none shall be there to save you."

Yezierska scripted several silent films in Hollywood, but never felt comfortable with its wealth, glamour and pretension. She described Hollywood society as "the fish market in evening clothes." Despite lucrative contract offers, she feared the studio was drying her up and eventually fled in a panic. The relative obscurity that awaited her was broken only briefly by the appearance of her 1950 memoir *Red Ribbon On A White Horse*. (The title supposedly comes from a ghetto proverb: "Poverty becomes a wise man like a red ribbon on a white horse.")

With equal parts prescience and irony, Yezierska had plotted her own career course in early stories such as *The Fat of the Land*. The story focuses on a mother who struggles, first to feed her young children in the tenement, then, years later, with the humiliating realization that her grown kids are ashamed of her. Fully Americanized and highly successful, they buy her a fancy apartment on Riverside Drive, but, terrified of embarrassing herself before the servants, she flees to a friend's tenement apartment below Delancey Street.

Yezierska had several marriages and a brief affair with philosopher John Dewey, who remained the idealized love of her life. She spent her last years with a daughter in California and died at nearly 90. As a final bit of Yezierskian irony, the movies made from her writings also fell into obscurity. All the prints and negatives have reportedly disintegrated into dust.

Cross-cultural influences on Sukkot

By RABBI YEHIEL BEN AYON

Through A Sephardi Window

It must be a unique marvel of history: Sephardim and Ashkenazim, two communities existing in different lands and circumstances for so long and yet retaining the same fundamentals despite different interpretations, intellectual styles and sociological forces. Today, the two "Jewries" are still essentially one.

One of the reasons Sephardim and Ashkenazim still retain similarities is that they were never totally isolated one from the other. Individuals from each community sometimes went out and ventured into the other. One result of this exchange is cross-cultural influences that can be seen today – for example, on chol hamoed Sukkot.

Perhaps the greatest such cultural crossover occured in the year 1304, which was a turning point in the history of the relations between the two communities.

It was in this year that Rabbeinu Asher Ben Yehiel, commonly referred to as The Rosh, came to Spain from Germany with his family. The Rosh represented the best of the German school. He brought with him a whole different perspective – in particular, the method of the Tosafists, commentators after Rashi who resolved seeming talmudic discrepancies.

The Rosh soon assumed the position of rabbi of The Great Synagogue, the largest congregation of Toledo. As an Ashkenazi chief rabbi for Sephardim, The Rosh managed to bridge two cultures, two approaches and countless variances in customs and prayers.

The Rosh fully integrated himself into the Sephardi pulse. His children were all raised as Sephardim and eventually married Sephardim. This is not to say, however, that The Rosh himself fully adopted Sephardi custom. Although he succeeded in navigating between various customs, he personally acted in accordance with Ashkenazi customs. Yet he was highly regarded by the Sephardi community and many testimonials from that day express reverence for their leader.

One of the diverging customs between Sephardi and Ashkenazi Jewry concerns the wearing of tfillin during chol hamoed, the intermediate days of Sukkot and Pesach. It is the Ashkenazi custom to don tfillin on these days as on any other day. The Sephardim, on the other hand, regard the days of chol hamoed as minor holidays, but holidays nevertheless, and therefore do not wear tfillin. As a result of The Rosh's presence and the community's veneration for him, this tradition was almost changed. Many Jews in Spain began donning tfillin on chol hamoed as did their rabbi.

It was not until many years had passed that these Sephardim again refrained from wearing tfillin on chol hamoed. Some hundred years after The Rosh, Rabbi Yosef Caro, author of the *Shulchan Aruch*, wrote: "The prevalent custom amongst all Sephardim is not to wear tfillin on chol hamoed. I heard that originally they used to wear them on these days in accordance of the ruling of The Rosh. When, however, they found that the not wearing of tfillin on chol hamoed was attributed to Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, they ceased wearing tfillin on chol hamoed."

Incidentally, this cross-pollination travels both ways, as is evidenced by all Chassidim and a sizeable number of other Ashkenazi groups who have adopted the Sephardi custom of not wearing tfillin on chol hamoed.

No quick answers to evil

Books
Bernard Baskin

***Evil* by Lance Morrow, Basic Books, $37.**

Unhappily, there is nothing new about evil. There have been few eras in human history without wars, massacres and every kind of torture and cruelty. Twentieth-century large-scale killing is only too familiar: the mutual slaughter of World War I, the terror-famine of Ukraine, the gulag, Auschwitz, Dresden, Hiroshima, Vietnam, the Chinese Cultural Revolution, Cambodia, Rwanda, the collapse of Yugoslavia.

At the start of the century, there was optimism that the spread of a humane and scientific outlook would lead to the fading away, not only of war, but also of other forms of inhumane barbarism. In the light of these expectations, the horrors of Adolf Hitler, Josef Stalin, Pol Pot and Saddam Hussein were as unexpected as they were tragic.

The global development of our technology and weapons exceeds the speed of our moral development. The result is planetary regression. We default to our basest instincts, and our ingenious toys speed the descent. Our very technological brilliance presents us with moral dilemmas that we lack the sophistication and the generosity, the wisdom to work our way through.

The persistence of evil has always troubled those who seek to probe the human heart and mind. The biblical book of Job asks, "How can a powerful and just God permit evil?" But the riddle remains unanswered. Shakespeare produced immortal passages filled with both evil and despair: Life is "a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing;" and "As flies to wanton boys, are we to the gods: they kill us for their sport." The writings of Herman Melville and Nathaniel Hawthorne, classical American writers, are saturated with an awareness of irrational evil.

A modern theologian has lamented that there are times when it would seem that God is fishing with a line and the devil with a net.

Lance Morrow, journalist, author and acute observer of the modern scene, has undertaken a formidable task: to understand and describe the nature of evil in its many forms. In his erudite, yet accessible reflections and reports there are no quick answers to the complex questions he raises: Are there evil nations? Are citizens responsible for the evil acts committed by their governments? Does the nature of evil vary from culture to culture? What are the basic religious responses? Is it possible to commit evil deeds in the name of goodness? Why do some people derive pleasure from evil? Why is evil committed against children unforgivable?

Although the author's concern is with major evils, he does not overlook the smaller scale evils that bedevil our age – from school shootings to corporate fraud. Consider, Morrow says, that in Greek mythology, a spurned Medea murders her two sons. In British Columbia, a seemingly demented father murders his six children.

In the end, Morrow concludes that the real struggle in the world "may not be between good and evil, but rather between hope and evil. Hope seems more active and creative than the somewhat nebulous 'good.' Hope aspires; good has arrived. Good, like God, lives outside time; hope keeps people alive, moving forward, inside time. As long as hope remains healthy, it is a match for evil; about good, no one can be so sure."

This slender volume is a wise, provocative and probing investigation of the all too familiar malign side of human nature. It provides readers with a necessary, if somewhat muddled, moral compass for our troubled and uncertain age.

The weekly Torah portion online

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

The Jewish Highway

This Sunday, we observe Simchat Torah, the celebration of the yearly completion of the Torah reading, and immediately start over with Breishit. Many people find this holiday an ideal time to commit to more Torah study. Although nothing can take the place of a session with a rabbi or a friend, the Internet has marvelous resources where you can learn more about the Torah portion of the week, the parshat hashavuah.

There are two different ways to join in the learning. You can either visit a Web site regularly and check out that week's material and archived resources from previous years. Or you can join a list. Once you sign up, that week's commentary will be automatically e-mailed to you. Some lists are one-way only – that is, you receive a weekly mailing. Others allow you to respond and offer your own insights. Most of these lists are "moderated," which means there is someone in charge who makes sure the correspondence remains on topic – and civil.

Commentaries are available from almost every perspective imaginable, from Rabbi Shlomo Riskin's weekly Shabbat Shalom **[http://www.ohrtorahstone.org.il/parsha]** to Torah Hayim: Living Torah Study for Reform Jews **[http://uahc.org/torah]** and the writings of Ismar Schorsch, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America **[http://learn. jtsa.edu/topics/ parashah/]**.

You can also study the parshah from a women's perspective **[http://www.jewishamerica.com/ja/features/parshaw.cfm]** or from a Reconstructionist perspective **[http://www.jrf.org/reco ndt/]**. And if you'd like to learn while on the run, download the Tanach Study Centre's weekly commentary onto your palm pilot **[http: //www.tana :h.org]**.

To see a list of what's out there, visit Eric Simon's Torahnet Page. Another favourite list is not only an impressive piece of work but also has a great name: The Electronic Torah Warehouse **[http://eparsha.com]**. The warehouse is the work of Joshua Cypess, a rabbinic student and educational co-ordinator at Yeshiva University. (Bonus: check out his cheeky answers in his site's Frequently Asked Questions section.) **[http://www.torahnet.org/]**

Shamash: The Jewish Network offers a very handy feature at its divrei Torah site. You can search by keyword through all of its 36 commentaries. The next time you are giving a speech on a particular topic, type in a keyword and check out the wisdom of the rabbis **[http://shamash.org /tanach/dvar.shtml]**.

For many years, the late professor Nehama Leibowitz distributed weekly pamphlets or *gilyonot* with Torah insights to her students. You can read them in English or in Hebrew **[http:// www.jafi.org.il/education/torani]**. For more commentaries in Hebrew, visit Bar Ilan University's site **[http://www.biu.ac.il/JH/Parasha]** and a site called Kipa **[http://www.kipa.co.il/ magazine/main .asp?cat=8]**. Remember, if you have trouble reading Hebrew online, download the free Mozilla browser that displays Hebrew **[http://www.mozilla.org/]**.

If you prefer to listen to a lecture rather than read one, try out "613.org: The First World-Wide Jewish Audio Since Mount Sinai" **[http://www. 613.org/parasha.html]**. According to the site, there are more than 250 classes by speakers from all around the world. Over at ThinkJewish International, you can listen to chassidic insights **[http://www.think jewish.com]** and thoughts from the Darchei Noam Institution **[http://www.darchenoam.org/ articles/audio/au_home.htm]**.

As you'd expect, some parshat hashavuah sites have kids in mind. In Kinder Torah, Simcha Groffman gives suggestions to parents for parshah lessons they may want to pass on to their children **[http://makeashorterlink.com/?U10625B16]**. For example, parshat Breishit tells how the world was created after God spoke of His intention to do so. Kinder Torah explains how our use of words is also important – for example, when we speak kindly, we can create a world of good.

For something different, go to Torah Tidbits **[http://www.ou.org/torah/tt/]** and click on Parsha Pix & Stats. Every week, you'll get a screen full of pictures that relate to the Torah portion. Sometimes that relationship is straightforward; sometimes it is a bit cryptic. And Torah Tots' Parsha on Parade has kid-friendly explanations and colouring pages that can be printed out and decorated **[http://www.torahtots. com/parsha.htm]**.

So learn, discuss and enjoy. But as you travel the Jewish Highway, please remember that what you print will often include God's name. Respect the sanctity of the material.

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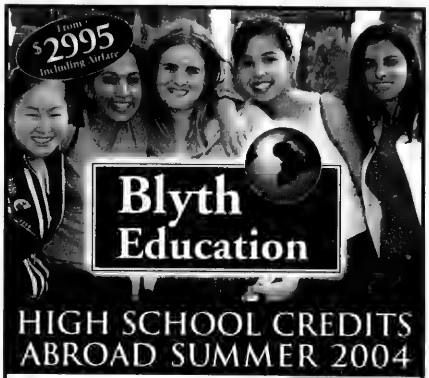
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Englander promotes social justice in new role

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Cheryl Englander, the newly appointed national social action co-ordinator for Canadian Council of Reform Judaism (CCRJ), says she has been moving toward this position for years.

"Social justice is an issue dear to my heart. I have a background at Holy Blossom Temple, and its members are very involved in social action," said Englander, who also serves as assistant director of ARZA Canada, the association of Reform Zionists.

Cheryl Englander

A resident of Mississauga since 1975 – her husband is Rabbi Lawrence Englander of the city's Solel Congregation – she was among the founders of Foodpath, an interfaith food bank that the synagogue created with Streetsville United Church and the Bahai Congregation. When the same founders established Pathway, a non-profit housing corporation, she participated in a program to supply window coverings for the first tenants.

Other synagogue programs Englander has participated in include a group to sponsor Indo-Chinese refugees in the mid-'80s. She also chaired the congregation's caring community group and started a sandwich-making project for its monthly street van run with Ve'ahavta: the Canadian Jewish & Humanitarian Relief Committee.

"Although I'm still learning the ropes at CCRJ, I have been moving in this direction for a long time. My immediate predecessors set excellent examples; they left me with very large footsteps to follow."

In her new position, Englander is responsible for co-ordinating committees at about 25 congregations across the country. Local initiatives are similar to those at Solel Congregation, and national issues include Campaign 2000, the campaign to end child poverty.

"That issue is something we still have to face. [The congregations] need to look at ways to unite and attack child poverty."

Since Solel set up the food bank in Mississauga, she said, "we have had the dubious honour of running the largest food bank in Canada. Out of that project came subsidized housing, because the root of hunger is the high cost of housing."

Englander also recently decided to lend support to the Ontarians with Disabilities Act, a coalition of individuals and community organizations who have united to secure the passage in Ontario of a new law that would achieve a barrier-free society for people with disabilities.

"I would like to see educational programs that provide congregations with ways to advocate for a barrier-free Ontario."

Promoting ties with Israel is another issue dear to her heart, says Englander, who has visited several of the country's social justice organizations.

"Our feeling is that all [Jews] are responsible for one another. We need to develop ties in terms of education, and we need to develop physical ties by encouraging people to visit Israel."

Online courses offered for Jewish educators

Longtime educator Alan Weisner says he's been astounded by the results after he decided recently to eliminate regular tests and quizzes in his Bible classes at Cohen-Hillel Academy, a co-ed day school north of Boston.

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Weisner credits the better methods to gauge student learning that he discovered in "Models of Assessment," one of several online classes for educators at Jewish schools offered by JSkyway (www.jkyway.com), a U.S-based professional development service created in 1999 by the Nash Family Foundation, Jewish Family & Life! and Jewish Education Service of North America (JESNA).

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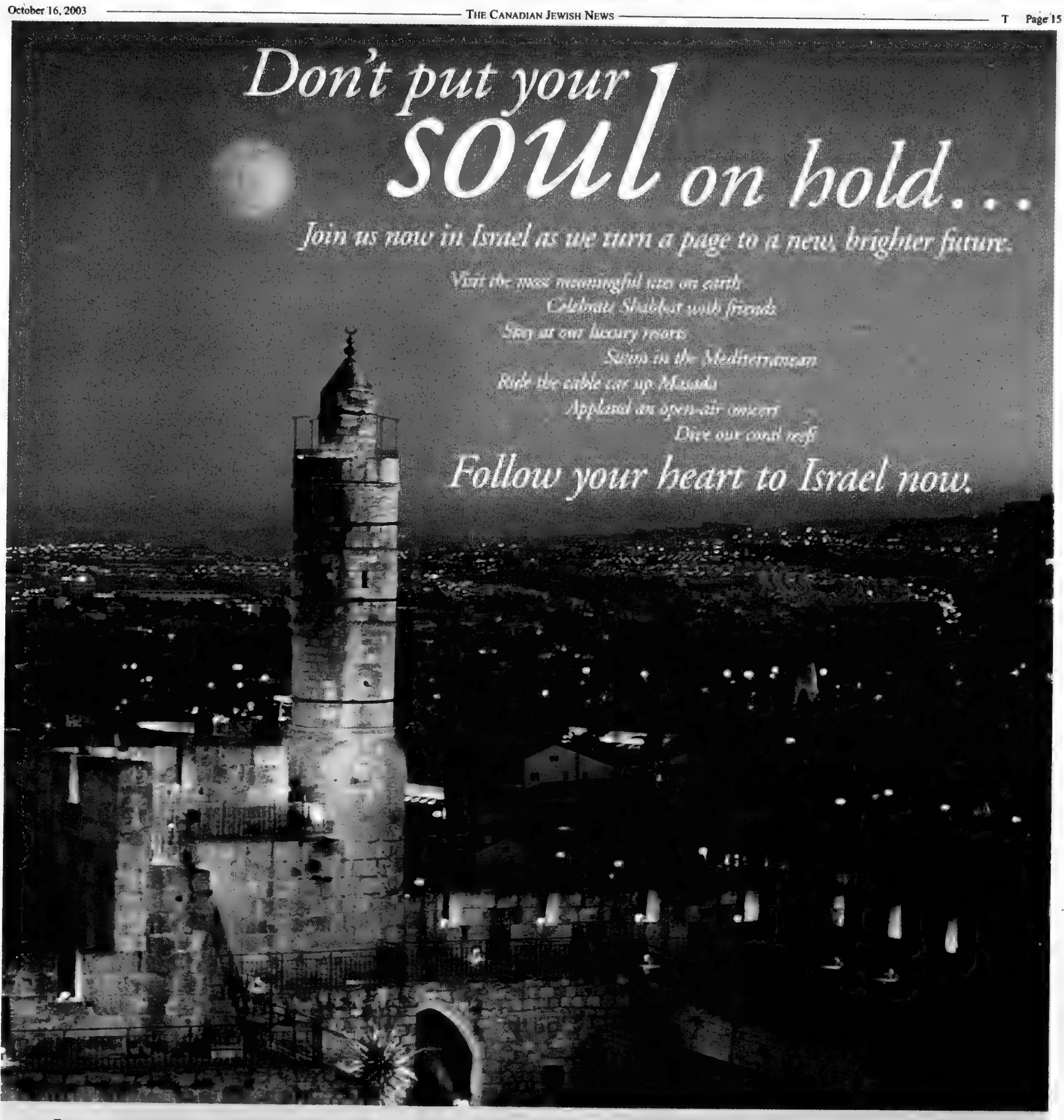
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Retirement project furthers educator's focus on continuity

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

Hopefully, when Rabbi Abraham Soffer finishes his memoirs, there will be a chapter about the genealogy of his name.

Perhaps we'll read about his uncle Avraham – his mother's brother – who died in 1929 when Arab rioters attacked the Jewish settlement in Hebron, killing 67 and wounding 60 more.

Maybe he'll tell us about his grandfather, on his father's side, who arrived in Israel 300 years ago with followers of the Vilna Gaon. Was he part of the group that travelled with the learned Rabbi Eliyahu of Vilna, or did he travel 10 years after the Gaon died, when many of the Torah scholar's students settled in the Holy Land?

"The family's last name originated from this ancestor, because he was the chronicler for the group," Rabbi Soffer said. "And 'soffer' means 'scribe' in Hebrew."

Since his retirement from Associated Hebrew Day Schools this past June, the former educational director has completed more than 25 pages of his family memoirs.

Rabbi Abraham Soffer

The educator, who has touched the lives of more than 15,000 students during a teaching career that began in 1960, said that Jewish continuity depends on Jewish education.

Besides his own history, Rabbi Soffer talks proudly about his graduates who have gone on to Jewish high schools, and about traditional homes that have been maintained because of the strength of a Jewish education.

"This past year, 80 per cent of the Associated graduating class went on to the Community Hebrew Academy, Ulpanat Orot or Or Chaim," he said.

Although this marks a drop from the previous year's 94 per cent, Rabbi Soffer noted the overall numbers represent a real achievement for him. Only 52 per cent of the graduating class went on to Jewish high schools when he arrived in Toronto from New York 17 years ago.

These days, "Associated starts with about 250 students and around 190 graduate each year," Rabbi Soffer said.

A double curriculum gives students an academic advantage, he believes, but Jewish schools also face the challenge of preparing kids to face non-academic anti-Israel and anti-Semitic campus events.

"These days, our kids need to be better prepared to explain the Jewish perspective," Rabbi Soffer said. However, he suggested that Jewish kids may also be choosing not to get involved because they don't want to be as violent as the Arab students on university campuses.

Born in 1938, the sixth generation Israeli remembers the 1948 War of Independence, when Jerusalem was under siege and his father prepared food for soldiers in the nascent Israeli army.

The 10-year-old attended elementary school in Jerusalem and went on to the midrashiya in Pardes Chana. He moved to the United States to attend a yeshiva in Brooklyn, N.Y. In 1960, Rabbi Soffer graduated from Yeshiva Torah V'Daat with his smichah, from Brooklyn College with his BA and from Hebrew Teachers' College with a teaching certificate.

After working in various New York Jewish day and afternoon schools, he became a principal of the Solomon Schechter School in New York before he was hired by Associated in 1986.

With his wife Shoshana, who is now a Grade 1 Judaic studies teacher at Associated, Rabbi Soffer moved to Toronto with their three children, Tamar, Chava and Samuel.

Writing his memoirs has become part of his belief in continuity. "I don't want my children to be left with gaping holes in their family history," he said.

Rabbi Soffer will be honoured at a tribute dinner Thursday Oct. 30 at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

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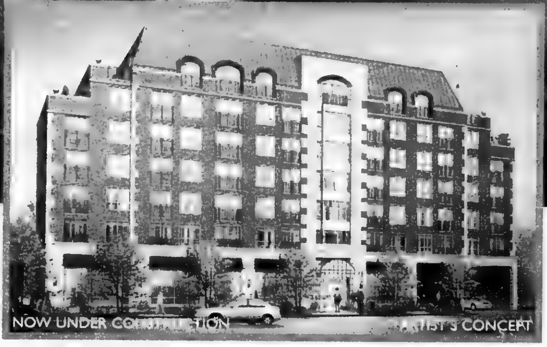
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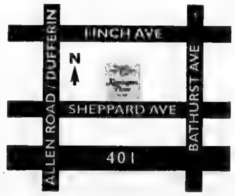
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Singer uses music to 'bring happiness to others'

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

How many people would give up the chance of a successful show business career for the life of an Orthodox wife, mother and grandmother in Jerusalem?

Toronto-born Barbara Gryfe Hakuk did just that. After singing on television, radio and in concerts with such entertainers as Harry Belafonte, Sam Levenson and Sammy Davis Jr., she retired with her husband Yaakov to Jerusalem, where she has lived for 31 years.

In Toronto recently to visit her mother and attend several family affairs, she told *The CJN* she has always sung, along with her father and brother of Gryfe bagel fame.

When she was nine, she sang at her brother Moishe's bar mitzvah. She so impressed orchestra leader Bill Berle that he gave her her first voice training and let her sing with his orchestra.

She appeared on the *Tiny Talent Time* show and *Uncle Jerry's Club*, where the composer of the nostalgic *My Mother's Sabbath Candles* told her that she sang it better than anyone else – including Sophie Tucker.

Other exposure followed – at a club in Greenwich Village in New York, at Toronto's Crest Theatre, on CBC television with Juliette and on Richard Tucker's Search for Talent commercials.

She even recorded a record album, *What the World Needs Now*, which was sponsored by the CBC.

She was offered a record contract with Columbia Records, if she would only come to Hollywood, but here the story took an unexpected twist.

Barbara Gryfe Haduk

Hakuk, who had attended Associated Hebrew Schools and the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT), found the idea "didn't turn me on; in fact the lifestyle turned me off completely.

"You have to be what the public wants you to be, not what you really are."

At 16, she had gone on a trip to Israel. "I fell in love with Israel."

Every summer, she went back, singing for the Israel air force orchestra, and appearing on Israeli TV with such stars as Yehoram Gaon and Uri Zohar, now a haredi rabbi.

In 1972, just when she was offered the Hollywood record contract, she met her husband, Yaakov, an Orthodox man from Jerusalem. And that was that. "I decided that what God wants, that's what will be."

In addition to raising her five children, now ranging in age from 15 to 29, she became an English teacher.

With her children grown, she felt ready to resume her musical career, but there were difficulties. Having become completely integrated into the haredi world, she could no longer sing before men, dress in anything provocative or perform on Shabbat or holy days.

She began to hold concerts for women only, where she encouraged members of the audience to come on stage and join her. Their singing, she said, helped them deal with fear, illness, happiness.

"You can see how the power of music affects people," Hakuk said.

Recently, she issued a CD, *Then and Now*, which is partly an update of her original tape, *What the World Needs Now*, and partly new music. While she was in Toronto, she gave a concert to benefit Na'amat day care centres in Israel.

"We are told that it is a mitzvah to live *b'simchah*, with joy," she mused.

God gave her the gift of singing, she said. "Why? So that I could share it and use it to praise Him and bring happiness to others."

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Hadassah-WIZO gearing up for 79th annual bazaar

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Toronto Hadassah-WIZO has been gearing up for its 79th annual bazaar since just after the close of its 2002 fundraiser.

"Three days after [last year's bazaar], we signed the contract for this year's site, the Better Living Centre at Exhibition Place," says Terry Sulley, publicity chair for the bazaar and and a past chair of the event.

A highlight of the Oct. 29 sale is a fashion auction featuring vintage and haute couture classics from local personalities, including fashion reporter Jeanne Beker, who will MC the proceedings.

Also on the schedule are cooking demonstrations with celebrity chefs from television and print media.

"The bazaar is something that unites the whole organization. People who we have not seen all year come out and help," said Sulley.

She said member Betty Chousky, 93, not only works at the bazaar every year, she also runs the depot where all donated merchandise is kept. "She spends months at the warehouse sorting donations."

Members work hard at getting donations, "and it's always by guess and by golly what we're going to have to sell," Sulley said.

"Always popular is our fix-it booth, which features such items as carpet ends, taps, tiles – anything for the house.

"Shoppers also clamour to our men's fashion boutique, and booths that carry new and gently used clothing items, including adult and children's clothing, shoes accessories and even wedding dresses," she said.

Money raised at the bazaar, which attracts more than 10,000 shoppers each year, will go to the trauma unit at Hadsassah Medical Centre and the breast cancer clinic at the Assaf Harofeh Hospital, both in Israel, and the trauma unit at Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre in Toronto.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: **Canadian Society for Yad Vashem held its annual memorial service on erev Yom Kippur at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial at Earl Bales Park. Included in the program were candlelighting and wreath-laying ceremonies, as well as a tribute to the artist who designed the memorial, Ernest Raab, who died recently at age 77. Cantor Louis Danto (inset) sang *K'El Maleh Rachamim* and led *Kaddish*, and Saul Dimitry blew the shofar. [Carolyn Blackman photos]**

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Correction to educational injustice is required

By SEYMOUR EPSTEIN &
BAILA LUBEK

Seymour Epstein, Vice President, Jewish Education, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

Baila Lubek, Chair, UJA Federation Board of Jewish Education.

As we reflect on the Liberal victory in the October 2nd provincial election from the perspective of Jewish education, one issue comes to mind. The last Ontario government established an Equity in Education Tax Credit (EETC) that returned to parents of day school children some of their education tax dollars. That law is still in effect and in 2003 amounts to a maximum of $1400 per child.

This law corrected a long-standing injustice in Ontario education and brought Ontario into a league of progressive jurisdiction worldwide where government funding for Jewish day schools is the norm.

We sincerely hope that the EETC can remain in place because it is part of a just society that Ontario should be. If, however, the new government has another way to maintain the just distribution of education tax funds, it is our hope that we can work with them on a smooth and fair transition.

Nothing changes the fact that the pre-EETC era discriminated against non-Catholic faith-based schools, and that stain on Ontario's moral cloth must never return.

Our new advocacy organization. What it means for Canadian Jewry.

On September 30, the Board of Directors of UIA Federations Canada (UIAFC) ushered in a sweeping overhaul of Jewish advocacy in Canada, with the establishment of CIJA – the Canadian Council for Israel & Jewish Advocacy. The following is a step-by-step explanation of this historic new entity.

Q. What is the purpose of CIJA?

A. CIJA will oversee Jewish community advocacy in Canada for both domestic issues and issues related to Israel.

Q. What will happen to existing organizations?

A. The Canada Israel Committee (CIC), which strongly advocates on Israel's behalf in Canada, will still be the community's advocacy and communication arm in charge of Canada's relationship with Israel and strengthening Canadian support for Israel. Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), the voice of Canadian Jewry since 1919, is the advocacy and communication arm of the community on issues related to the quality of Jewish life.

Q. How can community members become involved in this new advocacy structure?

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CIJA will strengthen Jewish advocacy efforts in Canada.

A. A new membership organization – CIJA PAC (Public Affairs Committee) – is being created to mobilize citizens across the country to take action in support of the community's advocacy agenda.

Shoel Silver, President, UIA Federations Canada.

Q. How will all these organizations relate to each other?

A. CIJA will oversee all three organizations: Canada Israel Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress and CIJA PAC. CIJA will also support advocacy programs on campuses across Canada, in conjunction with local Hillel organizations.

Q. Who will run CIJA?

A. A new Chief Executive Officer will be hired, who will report to a CIJA Board of 18-22 community members, in consultation with a Community Council.

Q. How was CIJA created?

A. CIJA was established by UIA Federations Canada (UIAFC), representing Jewish Federations across the country and their 70,000 UJC/CJA donors. The impetus for the establishment of CIJA came from the Israel Emergency Cabinet, a nationwide group of committed volunteer leaders in response to emerging world trends and the continuing crisis in Israel. GPC International Public Affairs and Communications worked with the Cabinet leadership, consulting with communities, agencies, governments and politicians to develop the re-structuring plan.

Q. Why is CIJA necessary?

A. CIJA is a response to the need for expanded, targeted, coordinated Canadian Jewish advocacy, Israel's situation in a dramatically changed world and new Canadian demographic trends.

The education tax credit: what's ahead?

By BRUCE KURTA

Dalton McGuinty plans to repeal the tax credit for parents of day school children.

One important education question is on the minds of many Jewish community members after the Ontario provincial election: where do we go from here? Premier elect Dalton McGuinty has promised to repeal the tax credit for parents who send their children to day schools once he takes office.

In the immediate aftermath of the election, Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region (CJCONT), in conjunction with UJA Federations across Ontario sent McGuinty a letter both congratulating him and expressing community concerns. The organizations are asking the new Liberal government to consider all policy options that exist for solving the problem of funding for Ontario's non-Catholic religious schools.

"Mr. McGuinty has said that tax credits are contrary to the Liberal party's philosophy. If that's the case, it is incumbent on Mr. McGuinty to go back to the drawing board and think of an acceptable alternative so that he does not perpetuate inequity," said Ed Morgan, Chair of CJCONT.

Marshall Kesten was Chair of the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto Board of Jewish Education when the Equity in Education Tax Credit was first introduced. He cannot believe that Ontario will again provide free education to one religious group while ignoring the needs of other religious groups.

"The tax credit," he said, "rectified an historic discriminatory position that the government of Ontario had taken and that was confirmed by the august body of the United Nations. We hope and trust that they [the Liberal government] will find some other mechanism to fund the secular part of our studies."

"Day school tuitions are an increasing burden on our parents. It is clearly discriminatory for McGuinty to repeal the EETC with no alternative plan in place," said CJCONT Executive Director, Bernie Farber.

Robin Hershkop, a parent with three children in the day school system and a fourth entering in two years, says that it is now a time for re-evaluating their family's available finances. Like so many other parents, sending their children to day school is not an option - it is something that has to be done.

"This has changed our way of thinking about how we're going to budget, not just for this year but for the next four years [until the next election]," she said. They budgeted for increases in tuition but they also budgeted for the tax credit.

"I can't send them to their extracurricular activities and we can't go away like we were planning to. This change is going to definitely affect our lifestyle," she added.

Campaign passes $35 million mark

By DANIEL HOROWITZ

The Chairs of UJA Federation Campaign 2004, Allan Silber and Richard Venn, are commending a deeply committed core of canvassers – the men and women conducting one-on-one conversations with donors – for their strong role in propelling the campaign to the $35 million mark.

Campaign gifts acquired by 600 campaign volunteers, representing a broad spectrum of professions, have increased by as much as 15% over last year, as is the case with the Lion of Judah Division. UJA's Health Services Division is showing an increase of 12%, followed by the Real Estate Division at 11%, and the Young Adult Division, at more than 10%.

"Our campaigners bring enthusiasm and a deep knowledge of the issues, which donors understand clearly this year," says Venn.

Contributions to Campaign 2004 over and above funds required for core needs will provide additional assistance to victims of terror, help to preserve Israel's deteriorating social service system, fight a worldwide wave of anti-Semitism and educate students to answer those who preach anti-Israel hatred.

"These campaign volunteers are extraordinary. They give of their time and effort. They are committed and believe in the cause," adds Silber.

Among them is Sandra Waldman, Chair of the Women's Campaign & Advocacy Atarah Division with Yetta Bregman, who considers being involved in the process a rewarding venture.

"My family always donates money to the campaign, but that's the easy part. Rolling up your sleeves and actually being part of UJA is a rewarding experience," says Waldman. "The people I've called have been remarkably responsive and warm, and they've all either maintained their gifts or have increased them. They all know the importance of this campaign – I haven't really had to 'sell' anyone so far."

For Dan Rabino-vitch, who works within the Young Adult Division; nothing surpasses volunteer work for UJA.

"I've canvassed for many causes earlier in my life, but to canvass on behalf of Israel and the Jewish people in general makes me extremely passionate about this work," says Rabinovitch. "Since I believe so much in this cause, I also feel a lot of pressure because the better I am, the better it is for the lives of Israelis. The people I've talked to have been great. They seem to have no problem making pledges because they realize the challenges faced by Israelis and our community today."

Barbara Bregman, (left), 2004 Chair, UJA Federation Women's Campaign & Advocacy, with Sandra Waldman, one of 600 canvassers for Campaign 2004.

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Help Halt Hate

On Thursday, October 23 four diverse guests will address concerns of growing anti-Semitism and hate, and ways in which every individual can combat them.

An initiative of UJA Federation Women's Campaign & Advocacy, *Help Halt Hate* – moderated by Julia Koschitzky, Chair of the Israel NOW Consortium - will bring together Sister Mary Boys, a prominent Catholic scholar and professor; Elizabeth Moore, a former Heritage Front Neo-Nazi spokesperson, who now speaks out against hate; and Dr. Karen Mock, Executive Director, Canadian Race Relations Foundation.

Help Halt Hate will take place at Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Avenue at 7:30 p.m.

To order tickets or for more information, please call 416.631.5826 or e-mail epaice@ujafed.org

Help Halt Hate *will address the world-wide growth of anti-Semitism and hate illustrated by the photo at left.*

From the front lines

This column profiles the men and women who are actively involved in meeting the urgent needs of Jews around the world during this troubling time.

A real home for Israel's vulnerable children

When 29-year-old Tali Geffen, a social worker from Be'er Sheva, was asked to use her education and talents to better the lives of Israel's children, she didn't hesitate.

Today, Geffen, who attained her Masters in Social Work from Ben Gurion University, and is currently completing a second degree at Tel Aviv University, is one of 250 staff members at Orr Shalom, a collection of 26 group homes throughout Israel from Eilat to Haifa housing more than 300 youngsters.

The purpose of Orr Shalom, which translates to "Light of Peace," is to establish therapeutic family homes for "at-risk" Israeli children who have suffered severe physical and/or psychological abuse and neglect.

The homes act as an alternative to large institutions where children have the opportunity to encounter positive family experiences - unavailable in their natural parents' homes - in addition to receiving intensive professional psychological care.

"In every Orr Shalom home, there are two foster parents and their biological children, a teacher, a social worker and a home manager," says Geffen. "Normally the kids would get the opportunity to go to art classes, or to ride horses, but this year it has been difficult due to budget cuts to Israel's social services."

Orr Shalom's children are found when Israeli welfare agencies are alerted to children living in unhealthy and precarious conditions at home by teachers, counselors or concerned neighbours. Orr Shalom is then called in to conduct an interview and assessment of these children, many of whom have been beaten and have been the victims of incest.

In every Orr Shalom children's home, there are 11 children – boys and girls – from the age of 5 to 18. Geffen works in one of Orr Shalom's homes for adolescent girls which houses seven youngsters, age 13-18.

Tali Geffen

"It's heartbreaking to see these beautiful children who have suffered so much abuse," says Geffen. "There is one girl in my home who has especially touched my heart. She is 15, and when she was only two, her parents divorced. Her father was a very violent man who would beat her and her mother. Finally, the mother divorced him, but then, the problems began all over again when her new stepfather began raping the young girl. That went on for five years. She continues to receive much psychiatric treatment today."

The ongoing Palestinian violence against Israel has not made the lives of Orr Shalom's residents any easier.

"This constant violence for the past three years has caused even more psychological problems for many of these kids," says Geffen. "When they are frightened, their anxiety levels rise and make an already bad situation worse."

Even for a well-educated and savvy social worker like Geffen, seeing these badly damaged children day in and day out can take its toll.

"Definitely, it is hard on me, on all the staff, at times," she says. "We have to contain so much anger, rage and pain, seeing what these children have had to go through in their young lives, and that's not always easy. Still, I've been doing this for four years, and I hope to be doing it well into the future. The work, while difficult, is also so satisfying and fulfilling. When you see our kids graduate from high school and begin to lead healthy new lives, you can't imagine the pride I feel. These kids represent much of the future of Israel and we must help heal their wounds."

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What's New

By REBECCA NADLER

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416-785-1333

DEADLINE REMINDER

What's New and About People deadlines: Monday, Nov. 6, is deadline for Nov. 16 issue and Monday, Nov. 13, is deadline for Nov. 23. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 416-391-1836, fax 416-391-0829 or e-mail rnadler@cjnews.com.

Thursday, Oct. 16

SUKKOT UNDER THE STARS

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham invites the whole family to a Sukkot celebration with kiddie rides, a Jewish rock band, BBQ and fireworks. 5:45 p.m. at 83 Green Lane. Free.

Join **SEC Toronto Jewish Young Adults & Professionals (18-35)** for a Sukkot dinner Sephardi style with **Rabbi S. Revah** at the Shimon Bar Yochai Synagogue, 269 Arnold Ave. 7:30 p.m. $18. Limited to 40 participants. To reserve, e-mail sectoronto@hotmail.com or call 416-278-5851.

Sunday, Oct. 19

YIDDISHLAND CAFE

Yiddishland Café presents an evening dedicated to the memory of **Avrom Reisen** entitled "What is the Meaning?" with stories and songs by Reisen presented in Yiddish and English by **Nathan Garnick** and **Michael Mandel**. 7:30 p.m. at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Admission $12. To reserve, call 416-787-2081. Tickets also available at Israel's Judaica on Eglinton Avenue.

Monday, Oct. 20

UNDERSTANDING THE MEDIA

The Cranbrooke Friendship Club presents **Monty Charness** discussing how the media gathers, edits and presents information. 12:30 p.m. 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Lunch and program $10. Call 416-789-5502 for more information.

SIX-WEEK HEALING GROUP

The Toronto Healing Project begins a six-week healing group for people coping with physical illness or emotional despair with **Rabbi Ed Elkin** and **Michelle Katz**. 1-2:30 p.m. Mondays until Nov. 24 at the First Narayever Congregation, 187 Brunswick Ave. Free. To register, call **Etta**, 416-944-3359.

LIFE & ART OF FRIDA KAHLO

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood presents "The Life & Art of Frida Kahlo," a slide presentation by **Rachel Levin**. 7:30 p.m. Free, all welcome. 100 Elder St. Call 416-633-3838.

JWI MEETING

Negillah Chapter of Jewish Women International (50+ singles) will hold their monthly meeting at the Pride of Israel Synagogue at 7:30 p.m. Guests $2, refreshments $2. Call **Norma** 416-657-8763 or **Helen** 416-638-4326.

HARTMAN ON TOLERANCE

Beth Tzedec Congregation presents **Rabbi Donniel Hartman** discussing "The Limits of Toleration: How Far and How Much?" 8 p.m. Call 416-781-3511.

Tuesday, Oct. 21

DESIGNATION SEPHARAD

Solel's monthly Lunch 'N' Learn features **Irwin Feuerstein**, recently retired from McMaster University, discussing "A Journey To Jewish Spain." 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 2399 Folkway Dr. Bring lunch. Call 905-820-5915 for more information.

CHAI TIKVAH EVENT

The Chai Tikvah Foundation is celebrating their 20th anniversary with a reception at Rockford Public School, 60 Rockford Rd. at 7 p.m. Guest speakers include **Rabbi Ginz, Mike Feldman, Monte Kwinter** and **Art Eggleton**. Call 905-886-6520 for more information.

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7-9 p.m.

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V 2003 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

NOTICE OF ELECTION/AVIS ÈLECTORAL

N.B. Ce document est également disponible en français au Bureau du Secrétaire, à l'Hôtel de Ville de Vaughan au 905-832-8504

WHEN IS THE ELECTION?
Voting Day is Monday, November 10, 2003. Polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

HOW MANY CANDIDATES/OFFICES CAN YOU ELECT?
Voters are entitled to vote for:

Members of Council
One candidate for the office of Mayor, three candidates for the office of Local and Regional Councillor and one candidate for the office of Local Councillor representing the particular ward in which you live. The City of Vaughan has five wards. The office of Local Councillor for Ward 5 has been acclaimed.

In addition, if you qualify, you may vote for:

York Region District School Board
Area 1 - One (1) Member to be elected by electors in Wards 1,2 and 3
Area 2 - One (1) Member to be elected by electors in Wards 4 and 5

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Area 2 - One (1) Member to be elected by electors in Ward 2
Area 3 - One (1) Member to be elected by electors in Ward 3 - ACCLAIMED
Area 4 - One (1) Member to be elected by electors in Wards 4 and 5

Le Conseil Scolaire de District du Centre-Sud-Ouest
One (1) Member

Le Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique du Centre-Sud
One (1) Member - ACCLAIMED

WHO CAN VOTE?
A person can vote in the municipal election if he or she is a Canadian citizen, at least 18 years old, resides in the City of Vaughan or is the owner or tenant of land in Vaughan, or is the spouse or same sex partner of such person and is not prohibited from voting by law. Note: Corporations or Limited companies are not eligible to vote.

WHERE DO YOU VOTE?
A notice will be sent to each voter appearing on the Voters' List advising of the location of your polling station. This notice will also contain information such as your ward, poll number, school support and residency status. Please watch for your notice during the month of October and if any of the information listed is incorrect, contact our offices.

ADVANCE VOTING DATES AND TIMES
You will be able to vote at one of the Advance Voting days to be held on November 1 and 2, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and November 5, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Watch for notices in the local papers regarding Advance Voting locations.

QUESTIONS?
For further information, please contact the Clerk's Office at 905-832-8504

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John D. Leach
City Clerk & Returning Officer
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YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

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ADATH ISRAEL BOOK CLUB

The film *Talk To Her* will be discussed at the Adath Israel Sisterhood Book and Film Review Series with facilitator **Heather Kassel**. 8 p.m. Call 416-635-5340 for information.

ISRAEL MISSION MEETING

Come hear about Kolel's Heart, Mind and Soul Mission to Israel with **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein** at a free informational meeting, 8 p.m. at 151 Eglinton Ave. W. The mission, from Feb. 3-12, will hit all the major tourist sites, plus extras.

Wednesday, Oct. 22

JEWISH JOKERS GROUP

Jewish Jokers and Humour Group will meet for their monthly meeting at 140 Antibes Community Centre at 7 p.m. For registration, call 416-661-2541.

Other News

FACKENHEIM MEMORIALS

Friends, colleagues, students and members of the public are invited to two memorial services to honour and remember **Prof. Emil Fackeheim**. The first is Monday, Oct. 20 at noon in the Croft Chapter House, University College, University of Toronto. The second is Tuesday, Oct. 21 at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. at 7:30 p.m.

TURKIENICZ ON KINGS

Beth Emeth Synagogue presents **Rachael Turkienicz** in a two part series, "King or King: The History of our Monarchy." The first lecture, "David: the Beloved," is Thursday, Oct. 23, and the second, "Solomon: Unique Wisdom, Unfulfilled Potential," is Thursday, Oct. 30. 8 p.m. No charge.

ANTI-SEMITISM SYMPOSIUM

Help Halt Hate is sponsering a forum to address concerns of growing hate and anti-Semitism and ways for people to combat them with **Sister Mary Boys, Dr. Karen Mock** and **Elizabeth Moore**, moderated by **Julia Koschitzky**. Thursday Oct. 23, 7 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue. $18. For tickets, call 416-635-2883.

JUDAISM 101

Give Kolel two hours and they'll give you 2,000 years. This fast- paced presentation explains the basics of Jewish belief in a clear, open-minded and easy way. Thursday, Oct. 23, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at 151 Eglinton Ave. W. $10 at the door, no pre-registration necessary.

LITERARY LUNCHEON

Selma Sage will discuss "Jacob, Joseph and Pharoah: A Study in Deception" at a literary luncheon at the Bernard Betel Centre. Wednesday, Oct. 29 at noon. Luncheon, $13-members, $15- non-members. Discussion only $5. Reserve by Oct. 22. Call **Barbara** at 416-225-2112 ext. 134.

USY FALL EVENTS

Teenagers are invited to join USY at Camp Trillium in Brantford, Ont. between Nov. 7 and Nov. 9 for their fall convention. Register by Oct. 20 and pay only $220. This year's International Conference will be in Toronto between Dec. 21-25. Call 416-667-1717 or visit www.ecrusy.org for information.

TEMPLE ISRAEL GALA

Temple Israel of London, Ont., is celebrating its 18th year with a Chai Havdalah Wine, Cheese and Desserts evening, Saturday, Oct. 25, a Chai Tea, Saturday, Nov. 1 and a Gala Chai Dinner Dance, Saturday, Nov. 1. Call 519-858-4400 for information.

1953 HARBORD REUNION

The Harbord Collegiate class of 1953 is having its 50th anniverary reunion Thursday, Nov. 6. To reserve a space, call **Eddie Richman** at 416-578-6193 or 416-223-6193.

SINGLES INFO

Looking for your beshert, an interesting group to join or an event to attend? UJA Federation's Jewish Information Service has a listing of singles groups in the Toronto area. Visit www.jewishtoronto.net or use the 24-hour singles events hotline, 416-635-5600, ext. 287.

JF & CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service information/registration: call 416-638-7800, ext. 215.

Adolescent Social Skills: An eight-session group for teenagers 12 to 16 who are having difficulty making and keeping friends due to inappropriate or immature social skills. Begins Thursday, Oct. 23 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building at 4600 Bathurst St.

Parenting the Difficult Teen: A six-session group for parents of teenagers who are displaying very difficult behaviours such as truancy, delinquency, defiance and possible addictions. Begins Thursday, Oct. 30 at the Lipa Green Building. From 7 to 9 p.m.

Teen Anger Management: A six-session group for teenagers 13 and up to help them learn to deal with their anger in appropriate and acceptable ways. Begins Thursday, Oct. 30, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building.

FOR SENIORS

The Association of Jewish Seniors general meeting will take place Thursday, Oct. 16, 9:30 a.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. **Simon Rosenblum,** director of public policy at Canadian Jewish Congress, will discuss "The Crisis in Home Health Care in Ontario." For more information, call **Tammy** at 416-635-2860.

Beth Tzedec Senior Haverim Program, Monday, Oct. 20. An Autumn Bouquest: Travel Surprises with **Corey Keeble**, curator of antiques at the Royal Ontario Museum. 1:30 p.m.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the boardroom at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Call 416-630-9444 for more information.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. Oct. 16, an update on the situation in Israel from **Eitan Glaser** of the Jewish National Fund; Oct. 23, bingo; Sunday, Oct. 26, Simchat Torah celebration. **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 416-630-5771.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Casino Niagara, Oct. 30; Casino Rama, Oct. 22, Nov. 5. Sunday dance, Oct. 26, Nov. 2. Trip to Blue Mountain, Collingwood, Nov. 4. Bridge every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 1 p.m. Bingo every Tuesday at 1 p.m. Membership open. Call 416-395-7881.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

1003 Steeles Ave. W. 416-225-2112.

Israeli Club Etrog for Hebrew speakers meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Oct. 21, anniversary party (purchase tickets in advance); Oct. 28, lecture from **Eitan Glaser** of the Jewish National Fund. For more information, call **Anna** ext.110.

WAGMAN CENTRE

55 Ameer Ave. 416-785-2500.

Noon concert at Roy Thompson Hall, Thursday, Oct. 16 with the **Vocal Point Chamber Choir**. Bus leaves Wagman at 10:30 a.m. and returns at 2 p.m. Members $2, non-members $5. For more information, call **Bobbie** ext. 2273.

BATHURST JCC

Bathurst Jewish Community Centre and Koffler Centre of the Arts, 4588 Bathurst St. 416-636-1880 or www.bjcc.ca.

"Lines Painted in Early Spring," until Nov. 30 at the Koffler Gallery.

Ballroom Dance lecture and lesson with **Irving Naftolin**. Friday, Oct. 24, 1 p.m. All welcome. No charge. Refreshments served.

The Travellers, Thursday, Oct. 30, at 8 p.m. at the Leah Posluns Theatre. Tickets $30 in advance, and $35 at the door. Call ext. 228 for more information.

Sunday, Nov. 9, 2 p.m. Koffler Salon Concert Series presents **Jacques Israelievitch**, violin, and **Michael Israelievitch**, percussion. Couvert $65 per person. Tax receipts will be issued for the maximum allowable amount. For more information or to purchase tickets, call ext. 228.

The BJCC presents a preview evening of *The Producers* Wednesday, Dec. 10. Platinum tickets are $1,000 for two seats, gold tickets are $250 a ticket, and a tax receipt will be issued for the maximum allowable amount. For tickets and information, call **Marni** at ext. 271.

November pre-natal class meets for two intensive Sunday sessions, Nov. 16 and 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a break for lunch. Cost is $136 + GST per couple, and includes two complimentary BJCC health club passes. $25 deposit required to reserve a spot. To register, call ext. 390.

MILES S. NADAL JCC

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Gift of a soul led to development of civilization, scientist says

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

Adam did not become truly human until God gave him a *neshamah*, a soul. And that *neshamah*, says Gerald Schroeder, is not only what distinguished him from all other beings, it is also what gave the world a moral element.

That moral element, Schroeder said at a recent lecture given for Torah In Motion, is what enabled civilization to develop.

Schroeder, an MIT trained scientist, has earned two doctorates – in earth sciences and in nuclear physics. When he moved to Israel, he joined the Weizmann Institute of Science and then the Volcani Research Institute. He also has a laboratory at Hebrew University.

As well, Schroeder has studied extensively under Torah scholars rabbis Chaim Brovender and Noah Weinberg.

The divine gift of a soul is what distinguished Adam from all other beings that came before, Schroeder said. And there were sentient beings before Adam, he stressed.

This, for Schroeder, resolves the problem of the Jewish tradition that believes creation occurred 5,764 years ago, when charcoal cave paintings have been reliably dated as being 30,000 years old.

The act of creation, what scientists call "the big bang," created only energy, he said. Somehow, "no one knows how it happened," the energy "knew how to make matter. The matter changed into simple particles, which pulled together to become rocks and water, which became alive, developed into a brain, and eventually to the mind."

There was only one act of creation, he said, a conclusion agreed to by both the laws of physics and the scholar Nachmanides. This means that the potential for everything was already present at that creation, and everything came into being at the same time.

According to geological evidence, Schroeder said, until eight million years ago, Africa was covered by trees. At that time, the Afro-Syrian rift formed – a valley extending from Tanzania to Turkey. This isolated the eastern third of Africa, even changing the weather patterns, and that eastern third became grassland.

When an area is full of trees, Schroeder said, there is no evolutionary benefit to be gained from standing erect; however, the benefit exists when there is grassland, because you can see farther and plan your actions better. Over some five million years, he said, the four legged creatures in the eastern area became two legged, leading to the development of man.

"The closest animal to man is the chimpanzee," he said. "Its DNA differs from [that of] human beings by only one per cent, but that one per cent involves 30 million differences."

For any physiological change to occur, he said, there must be a genetic mutation. There must also be a being with a similar mutation with which the first being can mate. The only way this could occur, he said, is if a male had a harem. When he fertilizes the members of the harem, eventually two or more offspring with the same mutation will themselves mate, creating the genetic change.

And that, Schroeder said, is exactly how it happened: beings developed that looked exactly like humans but had no God-given soul.

This notion leaves the door open to the question as to whether Adam, the first human with a soul, could have had a physical ancestor. The answer given increasingly, although not publicly, is that indeed he could have.

"The Torah and the Talmud both strongly hint at that," Schroeder said, as did Maimonides in his *Guide for the Perplexed*.

Archeological discoveries hint at a major change in the world, about 5,500 years ago – around the time of Adam, in other words. The most important innovation, Schroeder said, was the development of writing, which, he said, arose from the need to record economic transactions. Pictures, he explained, don't really say anything – a drawing of a horse on a cave wall, for instance, doesn't tell you who bred the horse, how much it cost or what it was used for.

At the same time, he said, division of labour became possible within groups and between urban and rural dwellers. With the appearance of the *neshamah*, "clans could live together without eating each other."

This ability of people to feel a sense of unity is "the manifestation of God," he concluded.

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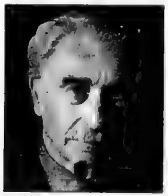
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Tuesday, November 11

10:30 am Play performed by Shearim Hebrew Day School based on *Rachel Captures the Moon* by RICHARD UNGAR. Ages 7+ **Students $1 Adults $3**

1:30 pm KATHY KACER [see Thursday, November 13]

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University of Toronto celebrates Russian culture

By SVETLANA BARKIN
Special to The CJN

Ask any Jew from anywhere in the former Soviet Union about what it was like to live there as a Jew, and you will likely hear similar stories: stories of losing religion, forgetting the prayers, being unable to attend shul, keeping some traditions in spite of the Communist regime.

It is these stories that moved three Jewish enthusiasts and professionals to create an interdisciplinary symposium and mini-festival called "Soviet & Kosher: A Century of Jewish Culture in Russia." This unique two-day event, to be held Oct. 26 and Oct. 27, is jointly organized by University of Toronto's Centre for Russian and East European Studies (CREES), its Jewish studies program, its department of Germanic languages and literatures and its department of Slavic languages and literatures.

The celebration begins Saturday, Oct. 25, at 8 p.m. with a concert called "Three Generations of Soviet Jewish Song." During the two-day symposium, experts will share insights into Russian and Soviet Jewish literature, theatre, movies, music and visual arts. It will also feature discussions of Jewish life in the former Soviet Union, survival and continuity of Jewish culture and aspects of Soviet Jewish identity. The festival will also present a screening of rare Soviet films and two unusual musical events – the aforementioned concert profiling 20th-century composers of Russian and Yiddish songs, and a second celebrating Soviet klezmer music.

In a joint interview, Prof. Peter Solomon, the head of the Centre for Russian and East European Studies at U of T's Munk Centre for International Studies, and Prof. Anna Shternshis, the driving force behind the creation of a Yiddish-language course in U of T's department of Germanic languages, showed their enthusiasm for Yiddish and Russian Jewish culture.

"It is extremely important for the western world to recognize where Soviet Jews are coming from," said Shternshis, who graduated from the Historical Judaica program at Moscow's Historical Archiving Institute and received a PhD in modern languages and literatures from Oxford University.

Drawing on her own experiences as a Soviet Jew, she said, "People knew they're Jewish by passport, by the nationality definition of the Soviet regime, but they remained undefined when faced with religious reality of Judaism, such as keeping kosher or attending the synagogue."

Shternshis said her main area of interest is Soviet Yiddish culture, which flourished between 1917 and 1945. According to her research, during that time, 54 per cent of the Soviet Jewish population spoke Yiddish. Ironically, the Soviet regime, which detested Jews, can be credited for allowing Yiddish culture to flourish. Shternshis said during those brief 28 years, numerous Jewish theatres and jazz bands whose repertoire was in Yiddish toured the country. World War II was responsible for ending these tours, she said, since most of the Yiddish-speaking population was killed in the Holocaust.

Solomon said the idea for the event came during a Rosh Hashanah dinner in 2002, when he, Shternshis and Prof. Sterling Beckwith of York University's department of music met to discuss Soviet Jewish culture and its impact on Russian mainstream culture.

Solomon said their timing was perfect, just when U of T's Chancellor Jackman Program for the Arts issued a substantial grant to support various university ventures in the arts.

When describing the event's numerous highlights, Solomon acknowledged the efforts of Beckwith, who chose the musical compositions that will be presented in the two concerts.

The first concert will take place Oct. 25 at 8 p.m. at Walter Hall, 80 Queen's Park Cr. It will be devoted to Jewish motifs in Russian classical music and jazz, and for the first time ever, the audience will hear Russian composer Dmitry Shostakovich's (1906-1975) *Jewish Cycle* with the original Yiddish texts, Solomon and Beckwith said. To their knowledge, this is the first time Shostakovich's music and Yiddish original words will be performed together.

The second concert, "Klezmer Behind the Iron Curtain," will take place Sunday, Oct. 26, at 8 p.m., at the Isabel Bader Theatre, 93 Charles St. W. It will feature Soviet klezmer music, which was performed secretly at various events and in various regions of the former Soviet Union.

(My own parents and grandparents still remember how their relatives would secretly search for klezmer musicians for weddings. And they would come: old men in worn-out suits, with their violins and flutes, and capture the hearts of their audiences. My father recalls attending a family wedding sometime in the 1950s with a chuppah and a klezmer band.)

On Oct. 26, the upbeat Yiddish party tunes will be presented by Michael Alpert and the Red Army Klezmer Band.

The actual symposium begins Oct. 26 at 9 a.m. and continues to Oct. 27 until 6 p.m. That night will feature a screening of *Seekers of Happiness*. Thomas Lahunsen, speaking on "Jewish Themes in Soviet Theatre," will introduce this rare Soviet Jewish film to the audience. Both Solomon and Shternshis said audience participation is an essential part of the event and are urging members of the Jewish community to attend.

"Academic-oriented conferences don't interest the public too much," Solomon said. "But if an academic event can be broadened to include several areas of general interest, it would become a success. We truly hope that everybody who attends 'Soviet & Kosher' will find that special meaning of this event for himself."

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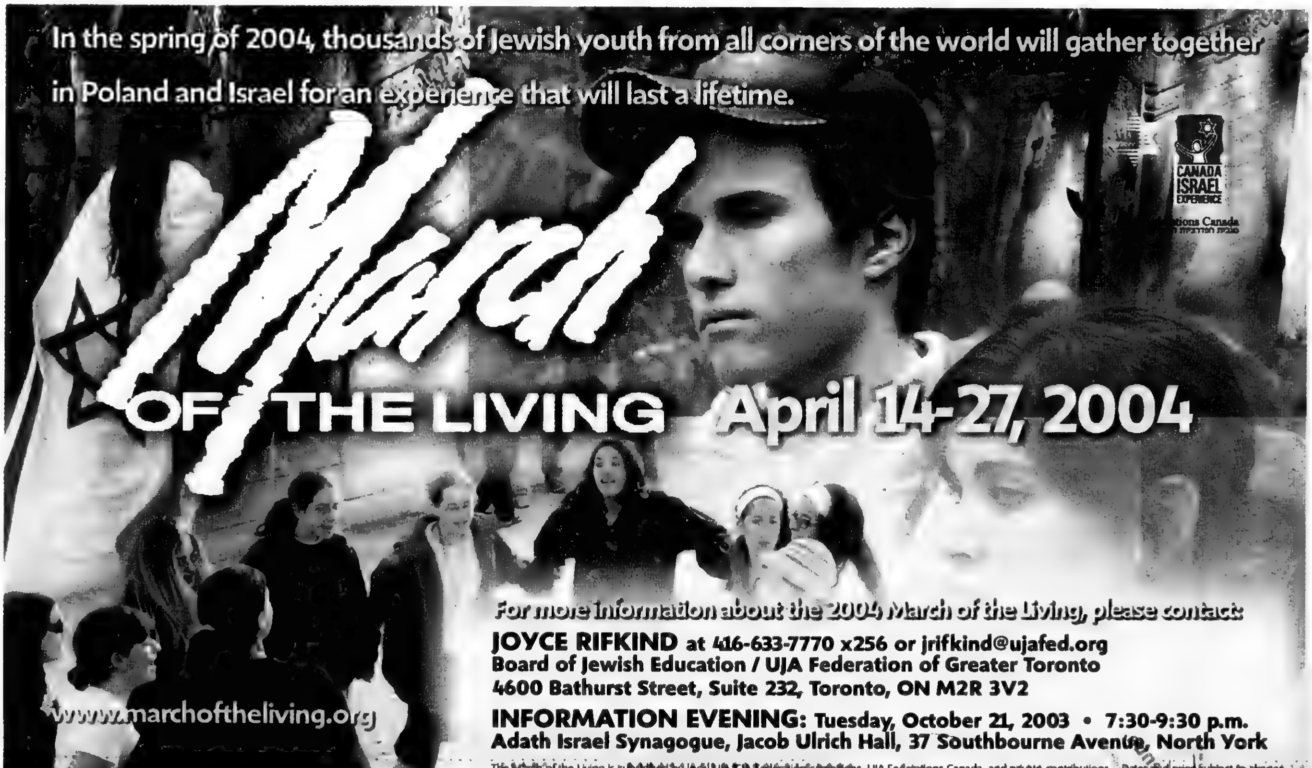

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Wilder looks back at tenure as head of CIC

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

When he was a young lawyer back in 1973, Joe Wilder temporarily put his practice on the backburner and went out and canvassed for Israel.

The Yom Kippur War had just concluded and Wilder believed that following its victory, Israel needed financial assistance as well as moral and political support.

Joe Wilder

Like other like-minded individuals in Winnipeg, Wilder went door to door in Jewish and non-Jewish neighbourhoods to do what he could to create goodwill for the Jewish state.

Those efforts eventually led to creation of an organized committee that evolved over the course of time into the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC). Since then, Wilder has held a variety of Jewish organizational positions, most recently as chair of the CIC, which has become the Jewish community's designated lobbying arm on Israel.

Although the CIC has had to face crises in the past, the past three years – coinciding almost. to a tee with Wilder's term as chair, which is coming to an end – have been one of the most eventful periods in the organization's history.

Not only has the Palestinian intifadah raged, but Israel has come under withering diplomatic attack at the United Nations and at other international fora. Attacks on Jews have skyrocketed around the world while the media, including news agencies in Canada, have not provided the kind of coverage Wilder believes is fair and balanced.

The government of Canada, for its part, has come under intense criticism from the Jewish community for signing on to UN resolutions that single out Israel for criticism, for funding the UN agency that runs refugee camps in which hatred of Israel is on the school curriculum, and for appearing to buy into rhetoric about a "cycle of violence," which leaves Israel as much to blame for the lack of peace as terrorists.

At the same time, the CIC has found itself at the centre of a community reorganization effort that will see it undergo a change in governance to bring it under the control of a new committee consisting of prominent business people.

Trying to run a law practice and head up an organization with that kind of packed agenda was a little more than he bargained for, Wilder acknowledges. "It made my life change...I went from reasonably busy guy to sometimes frantic."

Wilder believes the CIC's longstanding governing structure – as a partnership of national Jewish organizations – had within it "the seeds of failure." Some of the community's "venerable organizations did not cede the field [for pro-Israel advocacy] entirely and if one partner felt the other partner was speaking out too vociferously, that would come up and the chairman would try to ameliorate the situation."

Despite the internal difficulties the CIC, he said, was able to fulfil its task of "conducting diplomatic relations with the government of Canada. A lot of what we do, we can't trumpet in the newspaper or elsewhere."

The type of quiet diplomacy practiced by the CIC sometimes was at odds with a Jewish public that wanted a more visible and vocal response to Canadian policy. But quiet diplomacy, Wilder said, can produce greater results. "It's important to have relations with people and sit down and explain issues without heat and passion, so people hear and are amenable to persuasion. Relations are crucial."

What's more, Israeli government representatives are not nearly as critical of Canadian foreign policy as are Canadian Jews.

"I have an ongoing battle with foreign affairs on...Canada's voting record at the United Nations, [but] Israelis say, 'don't worry about it so much. Canada is doing other good things for us and these resolutions are not so important'," Wilder stated.

Early in the intifadah, Canada supported a resolution that was critical of Israel and which angered the Jewish community. When the CIC met with Jean Chretien, "the prime minister said 'the minister of health for Israel was just here two days ago and he didn't even mention it. Why are you so exercised by it?'

"I was taken aback. I didn't expect it. I said, 'the minister of Israel is not a constituent of yours. We're talking about Jews who are unhappy.'"

Moreover, Canada does sometimes take Israel's side in international diplomatic fora, he continued. When the United States was not officially present at the infamous UN's human rights conference in Durban, "Canada stepped in and headed off some of the drastic resolutions. Canada does some pretty good things for us and sometime they are forgotten. I'm not satisfied with all Canada has done, but I'm more satisfied than Jews in Britain, France and Germany must be."

Canada played an important role in gaining Israel's admittance to WEOG, the Western Europe and Others Group of the United Nations, a regional grouping that permits Israeli participation in a variety of UN activities.

The CIC's advocacy has also moved Canada's position concerning Israel's defensive responses to terrorist attacks,Wilder said. At the beginning of the intifadah, Canadian officials spoke about "the cycle of violence," which equated Israeli responses to terrorism to the bloody attacks that provoked them.

That usage has changed and Foreign Minister Bill Graham "has indicated to us he understands it's not a cycle of violence," Wilder said.

The CIC remains disappointed about Canada's funding of UNRWA, the UN agency that runs Palestinian refugee camps. "We have an ongoing battle with Canada in that its spending goes into the purchase of those putrid books" which omit Israel in its maps and which "teach hate, vilification of another nation.

"The relationship is not always peaches and cream, but it's an honest and forthright relationship. It's one that works," he said.

The CIC has also had concerns with the media's description of events in the Middle East, in particular with the CBC's coverage. The CIC prepared a dossier which enumerated instances "when the CBC was wrong and we asked them to study it...We asked for fair reporting in the future."

Wilder said that in recent months there appears to be "a distinct change in the CBC's Middle East coverage."

Wilder, whose term in office was to have expired in September, has remained at his post pending implementation of the new governing structure.

"I can't just leave, so I'm anxious for the new set up to be created as soon as possible so we can morph the old CIC into the new one," he said.

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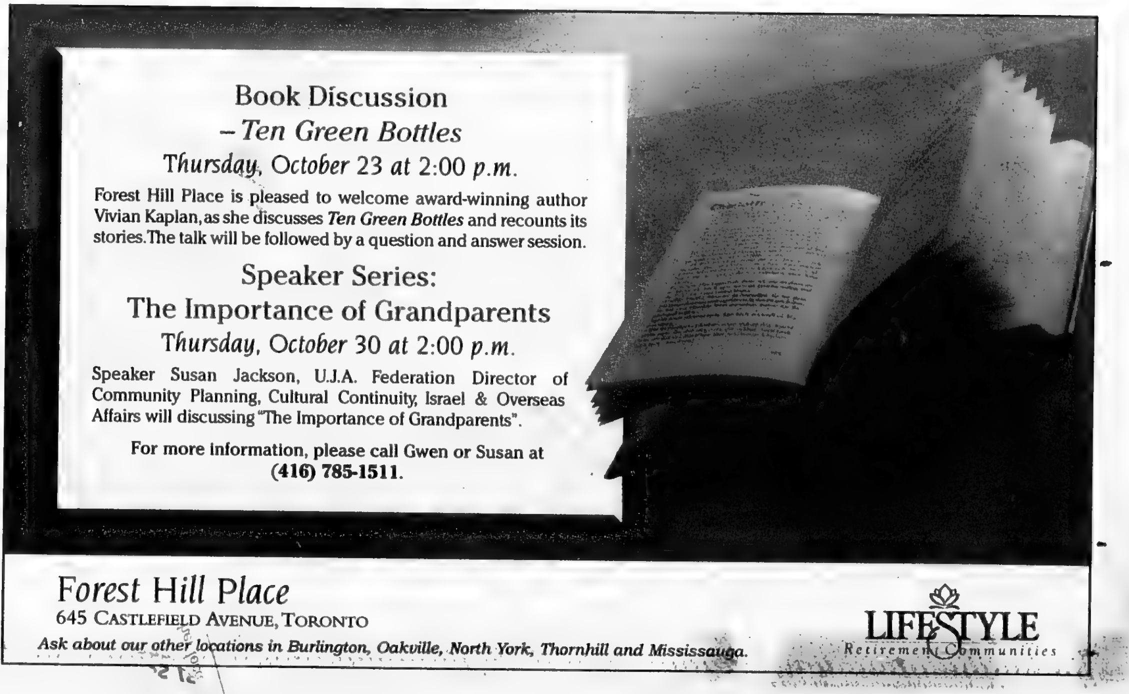

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Leading cancer researcher dies in Winnipeg

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Canada's medical community is mourning the death of Dr. Lyonel Israels, one of Canada's leading cancer researchers, who died recently after an illness of several months.

Dr. Israels, 77, was a noted physician, researcher and teacher who established the medical hematology/oncology program at the the Manitoba Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation – now called CancerCare Manitoba – and was the director of the foundation for 20 years.

He was a co-founder of the Manitoba Institute for Cell Biology and the Manitoba Health Research Council.

Israels also served as a member of the Medical Research Council of Canada, president of the National Cancer Institute of Canada, and chair of the scientific advisory council of the International Agency for Research on Cancer which is based in Lyon, France.

Israels was born in Regina and grew up in rural Saskatchewan. He graduated from the University of Manitoba Medical College in 1949. After post-graduate studies in the United States, England and Switzerland, he returned to Winnipeg to begin his 50-year career in cancer research.

> ***'He had a good sense of humour, a brilliant mind'***

Dr. Morel Rubinger, a long time colleague of Israels, described him as a mensch who related comfortably to everyone.

"I appreciated especially his enthusiasm for teaching. Many of his students are now professors themselves. He had a good sense of humour and a brilliant mind."

In 1996, the Winnipeg Associates of the Ben-Gurion University recognized Israels' achievements with the establishment of a chair in hematology and oncology in his name at the university. He was also presented at the event with the Negev Award, the university's highest honour.

Other honours he received include the Order of Canada, Captain of the Manitoba Order of the Buffalo Hunt, the St. Boniface General Hospital Research Foundation International Award and, most recently last spring, the University of Manitoba Peter D. Curry Chancellor's Award.

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◆ Dr. Tamra Wright

11:15am
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◆ Yoel Ben-Avraham
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◆ Dr. Rivkah Blau
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◆ Leah Malamet
◆ Rabbi Nati Helfgot

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1:45pm
Session A Making Our Relationships Work: Judaism on Love and Marriage
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Session B Is Peace in The Middle East Still Possible? A Sociologist's Extraordinary Meetings with the Left, the Right and Hamas
◆ Dr. William Helmreich

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Session A Astrology, Science and the Supernatural in Jewish Thought and Law
◆ Dr. David Schatz
Session B For Children of All Ages: Contemporary Problems in Honouring Your Parents
◆ Rabbi Mordechai Willig

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◆ Rabbi Yosef Blau
Session B Why Timing is Everything - King David, The Beit Hamikdash, and Missed Opportunities
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Solel Congregation celebrates 30 years in Mississauga

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

When three Jewish families discovered each other at a local Mississauga nursery school 30 years ago, they decided to form an official Jewish presence in the city.

By the time they organized their first meeting, 20 families had joined them, and they formed Solel Congregation, Mississauga's first synagogue.

Rabbi Larry Englander at Solel in 1975.

The small group did not envision, however, that in the next three decades, their active congregation would grow to more than 330 member families.

"We didn't dream we would become grandparents here. We started with little children, and now we're teaching our children's children," said Ella Stoch, a Solel founding member and former education director.

The founding group of families originally formed a congregation rather than a social club, she said, "because it did not take us long to realize that we wanted socialization, a school and a synagogue. We wanted our children to know that what they learned in Hebrew school had meaning in their homes."

Before long, she said, Rabbi Lawrence Englander – known as the singing rabbi because he plays the guitar and sings at every service – started as a part-time student rabbi. When he was ordained two years later, he joined the congregation, which has been in its own building since 1979.

"We all grew up together. When I came as a student, I would stay with congregants in their homes. To this day, we think of ourselves as family," Rabbi Englander said.

Arliene Botnick, Solel's current director of education, and a member since 1975, said that from the outset, members decided to teach their own children.

"We do not bring in outside teachers. We have a one-year training program, so our teachers are home grown," said Botnick, who learned Hebrew from Stoch, and now has a son and daughter teaching in Solel's Hebrew school.

"It is a participatory congregation," said Rabbi Englander. "Everyone works together – adults and children. I still kvell when I walk into the school and see kids and adults learning in the same building.

"We are fostering lifelong learning – that's what it is all about. We are proud to say that 90 per cent of bar/bat mitzvah students stay at Hebrew school until the end of Grade 10."

Having an active congregation in Mississauga, which has about 5,000 Jews – although Solel congregants come from such places as Kitchener/Waterloo, Guelph and Hamilton – creates an opportunity for Jews to be together, Stoch said.

"There is [lots of] spirituality here, because if people want a Jewish environment, they have to come to synagogue. We don't have the wide range of Jewish culture available in some other large cities," she said.

The senior youth group is thriving because it is one of the only places in the area for teens to experience Jewish identity, Stoch said. "It is not the exception to have a teen called to the bimah as part of a service. They feel at home here."

The congregation does face challenges, Rabbi Englander said.

"We offer as many programs as possible in order to keep people involved, but it is harder now than ever to get people out. Young working parents and singles often get lost in the shuffle. We have to make sure we address their needs."

Solel is also looking to expand its building and would like to run the Hebrew school on its own premises, Botnick said.

In addition to serving its congregants, Solel is active in the wider Mississauga community, said Gail Feldman, another founding member.

The synagogue is one of the founders, and is an active supporter, of Foodpath, Mississauga's food bank. It is also a founder and supporter of Pathway, a non-profit housing development, and Pathway Community Programs, a supporting programming arm, she said.

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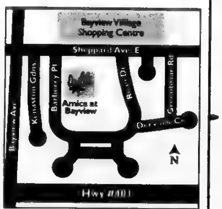

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Izzy Asper: philanthropist and renaissance man

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As news of his death spread, tributes poured in from around the world. A who's who of Canadian business and political elite attended his funeral at the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, including two planeloads of Liberal politicians headed by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and MP Paul Martin. Other dignitaries who attended his funeral included Manitoba Lt.-Gov. Peter Liba, Manitoba Premier Gary Doer, Winnipeg Mayor Glen Murray, Canadian Alliance leader Stephen Harper and Israel's ambassador to Canada Haim Divon.

Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai Brith Canada, the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center and other Jewish community organizations expressed their sadness at the loss of one of the Jewish community's greatest champions and supporters.

People throughout Winnipeg were shocked and saddened by Asper's death, said his longtime friend and law partner Harold Buchwald. "Everybody, whether they knew him or not, feels really lost. There's just a pall everywhere you go. It's just all over the community. It's overwhelming."

Buchwald, who first met Asper 55 years ago, remembers that even when he was 21 and Asper a teenager, "I knew he was different. He was ambitious, enthusiastic, he was the opposite of a shrinking violet. He had more than the average teenager's curiosity."

During their college years, Buchwald worked as editor and Asper as reporter at the University of Manitoba's student paper, *The Manitoban*. Asper would later go on to edit the newspaper.

At the same time, they participated in student variety shows and Buchwald recalls Asper as a comedian and humourist. "He was very vibrant, vital guy. He loved challenges and ideas."

As a tax lawyer, Asper became expert in developing novel tax structures and was for a time a tax columnist at the *Globe and Mail*.

Following the Yom Kippur War of 1973, he and Buchwald were part of a group of Winnipeggers who raised money and garnered political support for Israel. Their informal organization eventually evolved into the Canada-Israel Committee, the community's lobbying arm on Israel.

From 1971 to 1975, Asper led the Manitoba Liberal Party, but he failed to take the party to electoral victory. He left politics for the business world, purchasing the assets of a cross-border television station, KCND, and moving them to Winnipeg, where it broadcast under the call letters CKND.

The station proved popular and marked the start of his entrepreneurial efforts. Along the way, he partnered with fellow Winnipegger Gerry Schwartz in CanWest Capital, a venture capital company. The two parted ways over disagreements in business philosophy and Schwartz moved to Toronto, where he eventually became head of the conglomerate Onex.

Buchwald recalls that Asper was always interested in philanthropy, even devising tax structures to permit clients to give during their lifetimes and even at death.

Asper made major donations to the Jewish community and to the wider community. He gave $10 million to the University of Manitoba's school of business as part of its $30-million campaign. He helped fund a 7,000-seat baseball stadium at the forks of the Red and Assiniboine rivers, and he partially funded the Theatre for Young People. Overall, Asper was believed to have given $100 million in the past four years to support a variety of charities.

David Cohen, executive-director of the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba, said Asper, with a gift of $2 million, was the largest single contributor to the city's Jewish campus, which bears the Asper name and houses a day school, a community centre, a theatre and agency offices. In 2000, he contributed $10 million to the Foundation to fund a number of agencies, including the day school and Jewish Family & Child Service.

Only two months ago, he established the Asper Helping Hand Initiative, which provides emergency interest-free loans of up to $3,000 to students, immigrants and others.

"I think he should be remembered for the fact he was positive in encouraging others to give, no matter their capacity," Cohen said. "He believed there are always people less fortunate and to try to make the community a better place… In the vernacular, he put his money where his mouth was. He was a doer and I think one of his biggest legacies is that he instilled these values in his children."

All three of his children delivered eulogies while one of his grandchildren, Daniel Asper, said "the reason his heart stopped is that he put so much of it into the lives of others."

Rabbi Alan Green, rabbi at Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, called him "a giant of the Jewish people. His philanthropy was on an amazing scale. It's just mind-boggling how much he gave away."

With his defence of the State of Israel, "he was a man I looked up to for inspiration," Rabbi Green said.

MP Irwin Cotler, who knew Asper for 35 years and who attended his funeral, called him "a courageous advocate for Israel. He eschewed the politically correct and was courageous in the content and character of his advocacy."

> ***A courageous advocate for Israel***

Asper was a true "renaissance person" who would rightly be remembered for excelling in all of his numerous fields of interest, he said.

Paraphrasing Oliver Wendell Holmes, Cotler said of Asper that "a person who did not share the actions and passions of his time is deemed not to have lived. Asper not only did that, he shaped them."

Sandra Stern, founder of Canadians Against Anti-Semitism, said she did not know Asper personally, but she corresponded with him by e-mail and he advised her on ways of "fight[ing] the same fight" for Israel and against anti-Semitism.

"I am not family or a close friend, but I can tell you I feel devastated by the loss of Izzy Asper. More and more we find ourselves alone and alienated in the world and it is people like Mr. Asper who respectfully respond, encourage and inspire.

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Supporting Israel's right to strike

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

The *Globe and Mail* has not shied away from criticizing Israel when it thought criticism was warranted, and no doubt, it will do so in the future, even as it supports Israel's basic need for security.

Still, in its editorial "Israel's right to react" (Oct. 7) – written in reaction to Israel's Oct. 5 strike on an abandoned Palestinian terrorist training base near Damascus that was itself in retaliation for a horrific suicide bombing in Haifa the day before – the *Globe* wrote bluntly and forcefully about Israel's right to strike at those who support and supply terrorist organizations dedicated to killing Israelis: "Despite U.S. pressure since the Sept. 11 attacks, Syria is still believed to be nurturing terrorist killers and their leaders. It cannot hide behind the skirts of national sovereignty. Any country that supports terrorism as shamelessly as Syria has surrendered its right to inviolable borders."

The *Globe* also upbraided a good chunk of the international community for its hypocritical denunciations of Israel's action.

"What would France do if terrorists supported by Spain were blowing up cafés in Paris every week or so? What would China do if Tibetan terrorists backed by India had carried out scores of suicide attacks in China?"

These are long-overdue but necessary words from the *Globe*, words that need to be carefully weighed by our political leaders in Ottawa, who affirm Israel's right to self defence in principle but condemn it in practice, especially when, as in the Syrian case, Israel has acted with much restraint (only two Syrians were reportedly injured).

(Speaking of the horrible burden that Israelis live with on a daily basis, one is reminded of *New York Times* columnist Thomas Friedman's comment on CNBC's *Tim Russert Show*, [Sept. 14]: "My heart goes out to Israelis. Facing this madness, this kind of threat would make any society crazy.")

In his Oct. 7 column in the *Winnipeg Free Press*, Samuel Segev also supported Israel's Oct. 5 action against Syria in his look at the strike's broader significance. Reminding his readers that in the last nine months, 120 Israelis have been killed in eight suicide terror attacks (in the last three years, 432 Israelis have been murdered in 103 such attacks), Segev argued that Israel has served notice on regimes that support terrorism against it. Israel "has changed the rules of the game" with such regimes not only in Damascus, but also in Beirut and Tehran – "any country that harbours terrorists, trains them and finances their murderous activities."

In his column "Syria was an alternative to Arafat" (*National Post*, Oct. 8), David Warren saw less significance in Israel's move on Syria than did Segev. Asserting that Israel never gets praise for its restraint in any event, Warren claimed that Israel only struck Syria because it is too constrained by world opinion to hit the real culprit – Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat himself, who will now exploit Israel's actions to his own advantage.

The near future will likely reveal whether Segev or Warren is correct.

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A notable quote from Steve Paikin, host of TVOntario's Diplomatic Immunity, *from the Oct. 3 show on "The Arab World Today":* "I've been trying for the last five or 10 minutes to get us all to talk about what's happening inside the Arab world and this conversation continually comes back to Israel. And I'm fascinated about the fact that we can't have a conversation about a 250-million person, 22-nation Arab world without getting back to the six-million people who live in Israel."

Paul Michaels is director of communications of the Canada-Israel Committee.

A NEW BEGINNING: Am Shalom, Reform Judaism's new congregation in Barrie, Ont., observed the Kol Nidre service in its new synagogue this year. Seen is Rabbi Bernard Baskin, who has led the congregation's High Holy Day Services for the past 15 years in a variety of locations. Dr. Marc Benner, head of Am Shalom's spiritual committee, is affixing a mezuzah in the sanctuary prior to Kol Nidre. Am Shalom's first service in its new home was attended by more than 200 people – the largest gathering of Jews in Simcoe County history! For more information about Am Shalom, call 705-721-6126.

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חיל האויר הדיח בצדק את החותמים, ואז מיהרו כמה מהם להתחרט. שוב-ביטוי עמוק לכך שבישראל מילה היא לא בהכרח מילה, ואנשים מתפלאים שמילה שלהם נלקחת ברצינות. הגדיל חיל האויר לעשות ושאל את בוגרי קורס טיס לפני מסדר כנפיים האם יהססו או יסרבו להפציץ בתי חבלנים. השניים שאמרו שיהססו או יסרבו- הודחו, ושוב- לדעתי בצדק גמור.

אבל שישאר בינינו.

פול מקרטני בכיכר האדומה

ראיתי בטלביזיה סרט דוקומנטרי של פול מקרטני מופיע לראשונה בכיכר האדומה. כמיליון איש החזיקו נרות , מזילים דמעה ושרים Let it be. פול מקרטני והמוסיקה שהקומוניסטים לא יכלו לעצור תרמו בסוף לנפילת הקומוניזם- אמר אחד הצופים.

אבל לא בגלל זה אני מספר לכם על זה, אלא בגלל משפט אחד שאמר פול וגרם לי להזיל דמעה: "אם הייתי אומר לאבא שלי לפני חמישים שנה שאעמוד יום אחד בכיכר האדומה ומיליון איש ישירו איתי-הוא היה אומר לי שאני פסיכי....כל כך הייתי רוצה שאבא יהיה פה עכשיו איתי לראות את זה....". ואני, הבנתי כל כך טוב למה הוא התכוון.

LOST IN TRANSLATION

סופיה קופולה היא בתו של פרנסיס קופולה האגדי. בסרטה החדש מראה הגברת קופולה שהתפוח לא נפל רחוק מן העץ, ושהיא בזבזה זמן ולמדה היטב. זהו סיפורו של כוכב קולנוע שנקלע לטוקיו כדי לעשות סרטון פרסומת, ואיך הבדל השעות, השפה והמנטאליות-הופכים את האדם האינטלגנטי ביותר לאידיוט גמור. בתור מי שנוסע הרבה בעולם- הזדהיתי עמוקות עם הסרט הרציני והמצחיק הזה. הגיבור נפגש שם עם אישה יפה ונשואה שצעירה ממנו בעשרים שנה. אהבתי מאוד את האיפוק והרצינות של האינטראקציה ביניהם. אני מעז לנחש שבמאי- גבר היה מכניס אותם למיטה עם צלילי כינורות, לא הגברת קופולה! תשע בסולם קורן.

פינת שִׂמְחָה

חברי שִׂמְחָה שלח לי אוסף של בדיחות שגורמות אובדן שליטה בשלפוחית. מה שכן-לא כולן מתאימות לעיתון הזה. אז הינה כמה מהמתאימות:

הסוסה:

איש אחד יושב ומביט בטלביזיה, פתאום ניגשת אשתו ודופקת לו מחבת על הראש. כשמתעורר האיש מעלפונו הוא שואל אותה: למה מה קרה?

עונה לו האשה: כשכיבסתי את המכנסיים שלך מצאתי פתק עם השם מָרי לו תומאס- אז מה-יש לך מאהבת?

עונה לה האיש: מה קרה לך, לפני שבועיים, כשהלכתי עם איציק , הימרתי על הסוסה הזאת.

קיבלה האשה את הסיפור ואפילו התנצלה.

כעבור שבוע יושב האיש ורואה טלביזיה. פתאום ניגשת אשתו ודופקת לו על הראש עם מחבת עוד יותר חזק. כשהוא מתעורר אחרי שעה הוא שואל: אז מה הסיפור הפעם?

עונה לו האשה: הסוסה צלצלה......

כדורגל ישראלי ואוהדיו

ליבי לאוהדי הכדורגל הישראלי, שליבם נשבר מחדש בכל אליפות אירופה, אולימפיאדה ואליפות עולם. והרי היכולת של השחקנים האלה כל כך ירודה בהשוואה לכדורגל אירופאי. לְמָה הדבר דומה- להורים שיש להם ילד עם פיגור קל אבל הם החליטו שהוא ילמד פיזיקה גרעינית, ובכל פעם שהוא נכשל בחינות- הם בתחושת אסון.

Mayoral candidates offer their vision for Toronto

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Hall, Toronto mayor from 1994 to 1997, reminded the audience that she had signed a complaint against Holocaust-denying publisher Ernst Zundel and was even cross-examined at his trial by lawyer Doug Christie.

But mainly, the candidates hammered home the same message they've been presenting to Toronto voters since the campaign leading up the Nov. 10 vote started.

Tory, the former president and CEO of Rogers Cable and Rogers Media Inc., repeated his plan for keeping tax increases in line with inflation for the first year of his mandate, and then freezing taxes for the second and third year. He said he would also impose a hiring freeze of city employees, reduce the budgets of the mayor's office and of councillors, sell at least $30 million in surplus assets a year and freeze the salaries of the 400 or so staff who earn more than $100,000 a year.

The three prongs of his campaign are "managing, healing and investing," Tory said.

While Tory said he would examine "everything," including police services, he would hire 400 additional police officers immediately.

Hall, the frontrunner in the race, said the city has been "adrift" in recent years, "hampered by lack of leadership. I'm going to take City Hall and open it up again, clean it up again."

Her priorities would be safe and affordable housing for low-income families and improved public transit. As well, "arts and culture will not be marginalized."

Miller, a Toronto councillor since 1994 and former TTC commissioner, is campaigning on "a clean environment, clean government and a clean waterfront."

Miller reaffirmed his commitment to scrap plans for a fixed-link bridge to the island airport.

"A small, sleepy commuter airport is fine, but to expand it to serve 900,000 people a day is incredibly short-sighted," he said. Municipal pundits say Miller's opposition to a bridge is attracting votes mainly at the expense of Hall, who supports a fixed link.

Jakobek, a former councillor for 20 years and one-time budget chief, said raising taxes or cutting services in order to eliminate Toronto's $2 billion debt are not options.

Rather, he would sell city assets, including the parking authority and five former city hall buildings, raising what he said would be $2.6 billion and generating millions in tax revenue. He promised no road tolls or hotel taxes.

He also would cut the jobs of 21 senior city staff.

But his top priority is a zero tax increase. "After all, I did it nine times in a row [as budget chief]."

Jakobek faces an uphill battle, as his name has been linked to the ongoing MFP computer leasing scandal.

Nunziata, a former Liberal member of Parliament, billed himself a law-and-order candidate, tempered with "strong, compassionate leadership."

He too would hire 400 new police officers to return to staffing levels of a decade ago. And he would also reduce council members by 18 and cut the mayor's budget by 20 per cent.

Nunziata said there are 800 more employees today than prior to the amalgamation of Toronto with surrounding municipalities. "There's more than fat at City Hall," he said. "There's blubber."

He said he would ask the province to declare certain service, including trash and snow removal, as essential.

He drew some laughter when he said he's "prepared to do battle with the Terminator" to keep Toronto's film industry viable, referring to California Governor-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The only dramatic exchange took place when Jakobek interpreted a comment by Miller as dismissive of policing.

"Julian Fantino is the best police chief we've ever had," shot back Jakobek, who said that while he was in office, the police force's budget was increased by $74 million.

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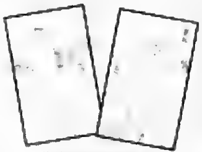

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Kitchen adventures: initiating my Alaskan ulu

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

No, I don't collect knives, but my enthusiasm for an Alaskan ulu while on vacation this summer prompted a fellow cruise passenger to ask me whether I did.

Although I'd never heard of an ulu knife, as soon as I entered a Ketchikan souvenir shop and saw the arced blades attached to their wooden handles, I knew I had to have one.

Often sold in matching sets, the wood-handled knives are complemented by matching bowls, their concave interiors perfectly fitted to the blades.

Mine is a hollowed-out square of Alaskan birch and American walnut. More upscale models have bone or polished stone handles on the knives. Some have their own matching knife rest — a small, slitted rectangular block.

I recognized the ulu immediately as the Inuit equivalent of a *huckmesser* (Yiddish for chopping knife) – the kind my grandmothers used to chop whitefish, pickerel and pike for gefilte fish.

In fact, the Inuit also used their ulus for fish, skinning salmon with deft strokes, according to a video we saw at another tourist shop.

The week before Rosh Hashanah, I opened my neatly boxed ulu, looking forward to my first old-style gefilte fish-making session. I would chop until my hand got tired, the way my late Auntie Dene, an accomplished cook, explained to me during a family history interview a couple of years ago.

First, I had to scout out the right ingredients. The kosher fish counter at my local supermarket had only chopped fish, not the fresh pieces I was looking for.

"But we just chopped it," protested the woman at the counter. "You want to chop it yourself?"

A few days later, I returned home with fish bones and fresh fish, ready to give my ulu a workout.

To begin, I sliced carrots, using a rocking motion with the knife and feeling the slight give of the wood as I chopped. Next came the onions, and finally the fish.

I realized then that I should have had the fish skinned at the store, but after a few false starts, I gained confidence separating the skin, slowly but surely teasing it from the fish.

The actual chopping was remarkably quick. Those ulus are sharp! My mother remembers her mother telling her that the more you chop, the better the texture.

Maybe I didn't chop enough, or maybe I ran into some other glitch, but the gefilte fish was disappointingly soft – not resembling at all the firm, tasty finished product I remember from my childhood.

I liked the ulu, though, and used it again to chop onions and parsley for my favourite meatball recipe, which I adapted for my vegetarian daughter. *CJN* food columnist Norene Gilletz supplied the gefilte fish recipes from her cookbook *Second Helpings, Please!* They can also be found on her Web site, www.gourmania.com.

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FRANCES KRAFT'S VEGETARIAN MEATBALLS

1 lb. (1 1/3 packages) Yves' veggie ground round
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
2 tbsp. chopped parsley
2 eggs
pinch of salt
1/2 to 1 1/2 cups packaged bread crumbs
1 to 2 tbsp. margarine or oil
1 1/4 cups apricot jam
1/2 cup barbecue sauce

Place veggie ground round, onion, parsley, eggs and salt in a bowl. Add bread crumbs and combine until mixture holds together but is still a little moist. Form 1-inch balls, and brown in hot margarine or oil. Transfer to an eight-cup baking dish, or leave in the pan if it can be used in the oven.

Combine jam and barbecue sauce, and pour over meatballs. Bake at 350, stirring occasionally, for 30 minutes. Serves 8. Freezes well.

NORENE GILLETZ'S GEFILTE FISH #1

2 lbs. fish fillets (pike, carp and whitefish, reserving the head, skin and bones from the fish)
4 medium onions
4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. pepper
1 quart water
3 eggs
1/4 cup ice water
3 tbsp. matzah meal
3 carrots, sliced

Place head, skin and bones, 3 onions, 2 tsp. salt and the pepper into the quart of water. Simmer about 20 minutes. Grind the fish fillets with the remaining onion. Place in a chopping bowl, add the eggs, ice water, matzah meal and remaining seasoning. Chop mixture until very fine and thoroughly blended. Moisten hands and shape mixture into balls.

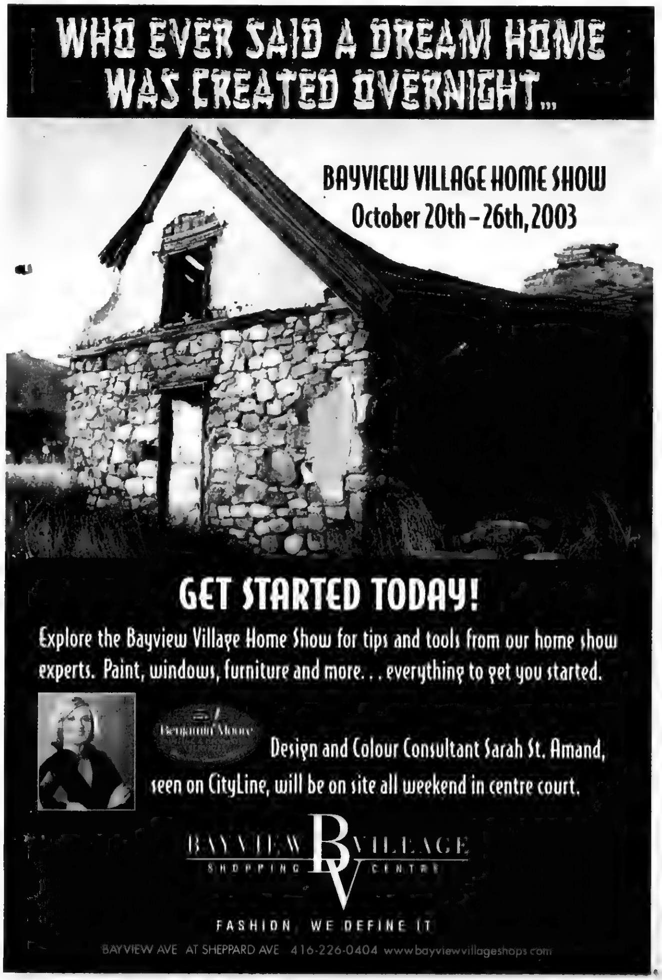
Drop balls into the boiling stock and add carrots. Cover and simmer for 1 1/2 hours. If the stock cooks down too much, add a little water. Cool the fish slightly. Remove to a bowl, strain the stock over it, and garnish with the carrot slices. Chill and serve with horseradish. Makes 12 servings.

NORENE GILLETZ' GEFILTE FISH #2

2 onions, sliced
2 carrots, sliced
1 quart water
2 tsp. sugar
2 lbs. minced fish
4 eggs
2 tbsp. bread crumbs or matzo meal
1/4 cup cold water
2 grated carrots
2 grated onions
1/2 tsp. sugar
1 tbsp. salt
pepper, to taste

Place sliced onions, carrots, water and sugar in a large pot and bring to a boil. Combine remaining ingredients and blend well in electric mixer. Moisten hands and shape fish into plum-sized balls.

Drop into boiling stock. Partially cover pot and simmer for 2 hours. Serve hot or cold. Makes 12 servings.



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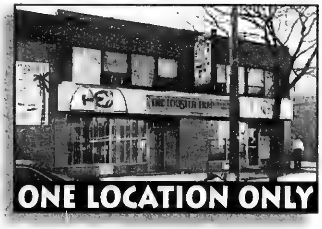

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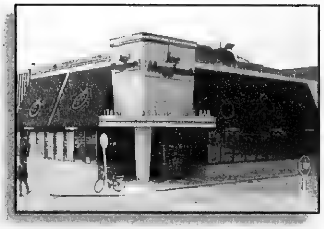

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About Food

By
NORENE GILLETZ

I met Peter Reinhart several months ago at a culinary conference in Montreal. I was thrilled to meet him in person because I am the proud owner of a copy of his award-winning book, *The Bread Baker's Apprentice, Mastering the Art of Extraordinary Bread* (10 Speed Press, $56 Cdn).

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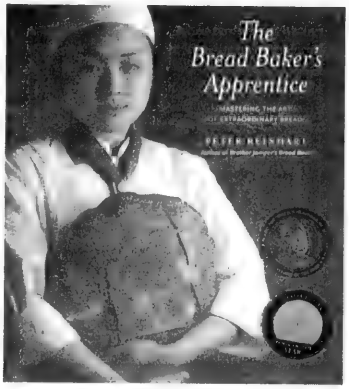
The recipe for Cranberry-Walnut Celebration Bread makes a magnificent table presentation with its double-decker braiding, evocative of a traditional celebration challah. It makes a perfect accompaniment for a vegetarian feast. (I would suggest substituting soy milk for the buttermilk and margarine for the butter to make the bread pareve.)

There are a lot of dried cranberries and walnuts in this bread, which makes it seem difficult to incorporate them evenly, but they will all fit with patient kneading. Don't worry if some fall out during the shaping stage (just put them back into the dough) or during baking (discard burned ones). You can substitute raisins or other dried fruits for the cranberries, and pecans and other nuts for the walnuts, but the cranberry and walnut combination is a classic! Enjoy!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CRANBERRY-WALNUT CELEBRATION BREAD

3 cups unbleached bread flour
3 tbsp. granulated sugar
¼ tsp. salt
3½ tsp. instant yeast
1½ tbsp. orange or lemon extract
2 large eggs, slightly beaten
½ cup buttermilk or any kind of milk, at room temperature
2 tbsp. unsalted butter, melted
¼ to ½ cup water, at room temperature
1½ cups dried sweetened cranberries
¾ cup coarsely chopped walnuts
1 egg, whisked until frothy, for egg wash

Stir together flour, sugar, salt and yeast in a large mixing bowl (or in the bowl of an electric mixer). Add extract, eggs, buttermilk and butter. Stir (or mix on low speed with the paddle attachment), slowly adding just enough water to make a soft, pliable ball of dough.

Sprinkle flour on the counter and transfer dough to the counter. Knead (or mix on medium speed with the dough hook) for about 5 minutes, or until dough is smooth and only slightly tacky, but not sticky. It should have a soft, pliable quality, not stiff and resistant. If too stiff, knead (or mix) in small amounts of water until it softens; if it seems too sticky, sprinkle in small amounts of flour as needed. Add dried cranberries and knead (or mix) for another 2 minutes, or until they are evenly distributed. Then gently knead (or mix) in walnut pieces until evenly distributed. Lightly oil a large bowl and transfer dough to the bowl, rolling it to coat it with oil. Cover bowl with plastic wrap.

Ferment at room temperature for about 2 hours, or until double in size.

Transfer dough to the counter and divide it into 6 pieces, 3 pieces of 10 ounces each and 3 pieces of 4 ounces each. Roll out the larger pieces into strands about 9 inches long, thicker in the middle and slightly tapered towards the ends. Roll the smaller pieces into strands about 7 inches long and similarly tapered. Braid the large strands into a large braid; then braid the small strands into a small braid. Line a sheet pan with baking parchment. Place the large braid on the pan. Then centre the smaller braid on top in double-decker fashion. Brush the entire assembly with half of the egg wash and refrigerate the remaining egg wash to be used later.

Proof uncovered at room temperature for about 90 minutes, or until dough nearly doubles in size. Brush loaf a second time with remaining egg wash.

Preheat oven to 325 with the oven rack on the middle shelf.

Bake for approximately 25 minutes. Rotate the pan 180 degrees for even baking and then continue baking for another 25 to 30 minutes, or until loaf is a deep golden brown, feels very firm, and sounds hollow when thumped on the bottom. The internal temperature at the centre of the loaf should register between 185 and 190 F.

Remove bread from pan and transfer it to a cooling rack. Allow the bread to cool for at least 1 hour before slicing or serving. Makes 1 large braided loaf.

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Fence is bold step for Sharon

By LESLIE SUSSER
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Comment

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's decision early this month to complete the security fence between Israel and the West Bank may have seemed like a formality. But it may well turn out to be the most important decision of his 30-year political career.

At any rate, the deadly suicide bombing in Haifa Saturday, Oct. 4 – which left 19 Israelis dead – showed why Sharon could not have continued procrastinating.

For months, Sharon had avoided making a final decision on the security fence. He didn't want a showdown with the Americans over the route, and he was concerned about its political implications.

Though he continues to insist that the fence is just a security barrier against Palestinian terrorists, Sharon knows that the monumental construction might have major implications for future political arrangements between Israel and the Palestinians: it could dictate future borders or, at the very least, serve as a starting point for negotiations on their demarcation.

In addition, some analysts believe, the fence might trigger an inevitable process leading to the establishment of an independent Palestinian state on the other side, consistent with the vision of the Oslo peace process – even though Sharon does not agree with Oslo's parameters.

Until he made his decision at the beginning of this month, Sharon had been caught on the horns of a dilemma: if he routed the fence along the pre-1967 border (the Green Line), he risked paving the way for a Palestinian state in all of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

That would antagonize the settler movement, cause considerable unrest in Sharon's own Likud Party and return Israel's densely populated coastal plain to dimensions so narrow that former Foreign Minister Abba Eban once labelled them "Auschwitz borders."

On the other hand, if the fence cut deeply into the West Bank to encircle cities such as Ariel, Sharon risked confrontation with the Bush administration and deductions from $9 billion in promised U.S. loan guarantees.

But the Haifa suicide bombing confirmed Sharon could no longer play for time. With no end in sight to Palestinian terrorism, public pressure on him to complete the fence has become overwhelming.

Former Labor Party leader Amram Mitzna, a former mayor of Haifa, put his finger on the public pulse.

"Sharon is not to blame for the terror," he declared at the scene of the carnage. "But he is responsible for providing security for Israel's citizens."

Sharon's creative solution was to route the fence around the large settlements but, for the time being, not to join up the parts deep in Palestinian territory with the main fence running more or less along the Green Line. The plan is to erect horseshoe-shaped fences around the settlements and then – unless the Palestinians have a radical change of heart and abandon terrorism – link them to the main fence in six months to a year.

Clearly, Sharon hopes the decision to include large Jewish settlements inside the fence will silence the right wing. In addition, the fact that the horseshoe perimeter fences will not immediately be connected to the main fence will buy him some time from the Bush administration.

According to some analysts, Sharon is banking on the American position on the fence route softening over time, the way it did on the Israel Defence Forces' reoccupation of Palestinian cities after waves of suicide bombings.

"Once, they adamantly opposed the IDF's incursion into" Palestinian-controlled territories "and now they accept the reoccupation as a fact of life," Aluf Benn wrote of the Americans in the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz*. "In another six to eight months, when the fence issue will again come up for debate, [U.S.] President [George W.] Bush will be fighting for his political life in the election campaign and it is doubtful he'll take the time to pressure Israel."

Sharon's longer-term strategy is to use the fence to contain Palestinian terrorism until a Palestinian leadership emerges that is sincerely interested in a peace deal. He also is confident that, when the chips are down, the Americans will back him.

At home, the most vehement criticism of the fence route comes from the left.

Labor legislator Matan Vilnai says that building a fence with gaps left by the unconnected horseshoes is absurd and will leave central Israel vulnerable to terrorism.

Moreover, opposition members charge, the added length of the fence means that more soldiers will be needed to defend it, that it will take longer to build and that it will cost about four times as much.

There is also the question of Israel's image. Chemi Shalev of the Israeli daily *Ma'ariv* pointed out that the longer route will prove to be a huge public relations gaffe, creating an image of Israel "as annexationist, unilateralist, imprisoning thousands of Palestinians behind walls of concrete."

Worse, Shalev said, the route isolates an estimated 75,000 Palestinians in enclaves on the Israeli side of the fence, and clouds future peace talks with the Palestinians.

"This route is good – on condition that the only negotiations we hold are with ourselves," he wrote.

It's ironic, then, that by building the fence, even along the longer route, Sharon's right-wing government is carrying out the policies of Israel's left-wing: dividing the land of Israel along the lines of former prime minister Ehud Barak's proposals for territorial compromise with the Palestinians, later endorsed in the "Clinton parameters" of December 2000.

Those proposals recommended that Israel annex land belonging to about 80 per cent of settlers – in effect, drawing the border to encompass them – and removing Israeli settlements on the other side.

Some analysts went further, predicting that the fence will inevitably lead to the establishment of a Palestinian state. They paint the following scenario:

The fence succeeds as a security barrier, making attacks inside Israel difficult to carry out. The Palestinians turn against the settlers outside the fence and the Israeli soldiers defending them. Pressure mounts in Israel for the soldiers to be withdrawn and the settlements evacuated, as it did in the last years of Israel's occupation of its southern Lebanon security zone.

The international community pressures Israel to withdraw, asking what the army is doing in the West Bank now that terrorist attacks on Israel proper have ceased.

Under enormous domestic and international pressure, the IDF redeploys behind the fence, the government dismantles all the settlements on the other side and the Palestinians establish an independent state. The two sides then enter negotiations over residual Palestinian demands.

In other words, according to this scenario, Sharon's fence could bring the parties back to the parameters of the Oslo process – even though Sharon rejects that deal as a historical blunder.

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Widening the war against terror

By ZE'EV SCHIFF
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

Analysis

With the recent bombing of the Palestinian terrorist organizations' training camp near Damascus, Israel has signaled to Syria and others that it has decided to expand the war against terror to states giving asylum and assistance to terrorists and their commanders who harm Israel and its citizens.

The cabinet decided not to link its reprisal for the recent Haifa suicide bombing with Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat in Ramallah – this time. The camp that was hit, Ein Saheb, is eight kilometres northwest of Damascus. Its close proximity to the Syrian capital has symbolic significance, but does not require Israeli planes to fly over Damascus. A target like Ein Saheb can be accurately hit by missiles fired at a great distance. The Syrians announced that one person had been injured in the attack, but sources say there has been loss of life as well. A number of hours passed between the attack and Syria's announcement, an indication of its surprise and confusion over the strike.

The casualties were probably not high-ranking officials of the terror organizations, who live in Damascus. The camp is controlled by Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, operating in complete co-ordination with the Syrian army and whose members have been involved in attacks against Israel, including the firing of Katyusha rockets on the Galilee. All the Palestinian terror organizations, except Fatah, train at the camp, and Iranian instructors are said to appear there occasionally. Syria also hosts other training camps for Palestinian organizations and for Hezbollah, combining training for a number of organizations in one camp in order to ease logistics, which it handles.

The issue of hitting terror targets in Syria came up in Israel before the devastating suicide attack at Haifa's Maxim restaurant earlier this month.

While Hamas has recently limited its terror activities, Islamic Jihad, which took responsibility for the Maxim attack, has persisted in its efforts to send suicide bombers into Israel, including one recent attempt in Haifa that was thwarted. From the moment she crossed the border, the Maxim suicide bomber clearly had pre-arranged and close assistance from accomplices inside Israel, who transported her and her heavy explosive belt to the restaurant and then escaped.

Air force helicopters also hit Hamas weapons stores in the wake of the Haifa attack, a move defence sources explained by responding that the target was the weapons stores and not Hamas leaders.

A few weeks ago, when Hezbollah renewed its activities near Mount Hermon, Israeli air force jets flew low supersonic flights over the Assad family home in Latakia.

The evening of the Haifa bombing, it became clear that the response would not be directed against Jenin, from which the suicide bomber came. The Arab response, which made its way to the BBC, that the suicide bomber did not train at Ein Saheb, is ridiculous. The perpetrators of the World Trade Center attacks did not all train in Bin Laden's camps in Afghanistan, but this was no reason not to attack the bases in Afghanistan of Al Qaeda, the organization responsible for the attacks.

In hitting the camp in Syria, Israel took into account that all of Washington's diplomatic efforts over the past few months to convince Damascus to withdraw its support from terror organizations had come to nothing, and that economic sanctions had been of no avail. At one point, Damascus reported to the Americans that it had instructed the heads of the Palestinian organizations to leave their headquarters in the Syrian capital, but this was no more than a familiar exercise from days gone by. The leaders of the organizations, including Islamic Jihad leader Ramadan Shalah, left Damascus for a few days for Beirut, but later returned.

The failure of American efforts to discourage Syrian support for terror spurred Israel on in its decision to take action. Not only did the fact that Syria is a member of the UN Security Council not affect the decision, but it may have even encouraged it, as a means of highlighting the absurdity of the membership in the Security Council of a country that is involved in direct assistance to terror organizations.

In discussions that preceded the attack, Israel took into account that Syria, as well as other countries affected by the widening of the war against terror, would seek a means of reacting to the steps Israel would take against terrorists operating on its soil. Conventional wisdom says Syria will avoid a direct military confrontation with Israel, but that those affected by Israel's action might react indirectly against it, for example by firing Katyusha rockets on the Galilee.

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Religious reform plan in Israel

By DAN BARON
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV — The launch of a long-awaited reform of Israel's religious institutions has rattled a government more used to weathering outside challenges such as terrorism and economic slumps.

Two ministers from the National Religious Party stormed out of an Israeli Cabinet vote last Wednesday, saying they could quit the government over a proposal to disband the Religious Affairs Ministry and transfer some powers to the Justice Ministry, which is headed by Yosef "Tommy" Lapid of the secularist Shinui party.

With 18 of the remaining ministers approving the reform and only three opposed, the threat against Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is slight. Indeed, a walkout by the hawkish NRP could free up Sharon to make future concessions in talks with the Palestinians, however unlikely that seems now.

But hints of strife in the government, especially over religious issues, are never insignificant in a Jewish state still unresolved in its identity.

Under the plan, the Religious Affairs Ministry will be dismantled by year's end and its various departments moved to other portfolios. So, for example, the rabbinical courts will go to the Justice Ministry, pre-conversion academies to the Immigration and Absorption Ministry and local religious councils to the Interior Ministry.

The fate of the Chief Rabbinate is unclear, after Sharon ruled out its inclusion in the Prime Minister's Office on constitutional grounds.

Israeli officials said the change is unlikely to affect Orthodox control over life-cycle issues such as marriages, divorces and burials.

But one Reform Jewish leader in the United States hailed the decision as a victory for the liberal streams in Israel.

"This is a momentous turning point in the struggle to achieve the creation of a pluralistic society in Israel, based on a more sensible accommodation of issues of religion and state," said Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, executive director of ARZA/World Union. "It is a goal we have been working toward for two generations."

The change is expected to be ratified by the Knesset when it returns from High Holy Day recess. If so, the NRP will consider leaving the government, party leader Efraim Eitam said. "The government made a wretched decision that disgraces the institution of the Chief Rabbinate and harms the Jewish character of the state," he said.

According to political sources, Sharon told the Cabinet before the vote: "I would never lend a hand to challenging the Chief Rabbinate as the highest religious authority in Israel."

It was Sharon's Likud party that undertook to dismantle the Religious Affairs Ministry during its previous term in government, a reform long called for by governments of various political stripes. Still, many in Israel had assumed that the initiative originated elsewhere in the Cabinet – with Lapid and Shinui.

According to media reports, Shinui pressured Sharon to move on the reform.

"Shinui is a faction that uses force, and there is no way of reaching a dialogue for partnership with it," former NRP leader Rabbi Yitzhak Levy said.

Lapid, a Holocaust survivor, reportedly was close to tears at the Cabinet session, defending himself from charges of hounding the Orthodox. He and other Shinui Cabinet ministers had threatened to quit the government after Sharon had promised the country's two chief rabbis last Tuesday night that the rabbinical courts would remain under the auspices of the Religious Affairs Ministry for at least the next two months.

However, a deal Sharon reached with Shinui does state that the Chief Rabbinate will maintain a degree of control over the rabbinical courts, to be determined by a special committee. The accord also states that authority over the Chief Rabbinate will not be transferred to Lapid's Justice Ministry, the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz* reported.

Paraplegic teen advocates total integration for all

By MIRIAM SHAVIV
CJN Israel Bureau

JERUSALEM — Batya Feigenbaum, 18, sits at the entrance to Meor Bais Yaakov Teachers Seminary in Jerusalem, and is greeted by her friends as they pass. A few just wave, seeing she is busy, others stop to ask about her plans for Shabbat (it is Friday afternoon); one offers to buy flowers for Feigenbaum's hosts that evening, and the two joke about affectionately.

No one pays the slightest bit of attention to the red electronic scooter Feigenbaum sits on, or the ramp leading up to the building built especially for her. Feigenbaum, a Torontonian, has been paralyzed from the waist down since birth. In recognition of her total integration into mainstream society, Feigenbaum was honoured last week by Merkaz Harmony, a pioneering educational centre in Jerusalem that runs programs to help children with special needs integrate in schools and in the wider community.

Batya Feigenbaum

"Here in Israel, we are fighting all the time so kids with special needs can go to regular school," says Merkaz Harmony founder and director Joan Shrensky. "Batya is a perfect example of why children with special needs shouldn't be isolated. They do better because they become part of society."

The centre, which is best known for its integrated kindergarten in the neighborhood of Har Nof, was celebrating its 18th anniversary. It has grown from serving one class of 16 children, to providing education for more than 400 children, and launched a variety of programs helping children all over Israel. Feigenbaum was the guest of honor at a dinner attended by 250 people, including many of the centre's parents and Jerusalem Mayor Uri Lupoliansky.

Although Feigenbaum, who was born in Israel, never attended Merkaz Harmony, there are close ties between the two: Shrensky often consulted her family about her options. And Feigenbaum says that integration is a cause close to her heart.

"I'm lucky I had parents who were able to help me do everything," she says. "Not everyone has that. Many handicapped children have a lot to offer but aren't given the chance."

Her message to the Merkaz Harmony parents: "If you give everything to your children, they will be able to do whatever they want."

Feigenbaum was born in 1985, the sixth of seven children in a family who had made aliyah from the United States. During her birth, she suffered a spinal chord injury that left her a quadriplegic.

"The doctors told my parents I was going to die, and if I didn't, I was going to be a vegetable and should be put into a home," says Feigenbaum. "But my parents had faith in God and didn't give up."

Her father, Rabbi Yitzhak Feigenbaum, now principal of Toronto's Tiferet Bais Yaakov High School, and her mother Lana, now a teacher at Bais Yaakov Elementary School, immediately put Batya into therapy, which was so successful that she regained use of her upper body. She remained, however, a paraplegic and the family moved to Toronto in 1987, mostly to get better treatment for Batya.

Feigenbaum says treatment was a constant feature of her early life, but did not dominate it. Indeed, her family treated her completely normally.

"They never let me feel I was losing out," she says. "We never didn't go anywhere because of therapy, it always worked out."

Nor did she ever sense any resentment or impatience in her siblings.

"I remember on one family trip, I was in a wheelchair, and we came across some stairs," she says. "My brothers wheeled me down and made it into a joke. It was always made into fun."

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Parisian Jews rally for Israel

By PHILIP CARMEL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

PARIS — French Jewish leaders are breathing a sigh of relief after police intervention allowed a pro-Israel demonstration to proceed without violent incident.

Following Saturday's deadly suicide bombing in Haifa, France's Union of Jewish Students arranged a mass rally last Tuesday outside the Palestinian Authority (PA) offices in Paris.

The student leaders said they intended to pressure the Palestinian leadership to "truly engage in the fight against terrorism" and to condemn PA President Yasser Arafat's "doublespeak."

The call for the rally, made just before Yom Kippur, drew the wholehearted support of the country's major Jewish organizations, with Roger Cukierman, president of the CRIF, the umbrella organization of French Jews, slated as one of the main speakers.

Addressing more than 1,000 demonstrators at the rally, Cukierman accused Arafat of "never having lifted a finger to stop the terrorist acts of Hamas and Islamic Jihad."

But the peacefulness of the protest had been in doubt just hours earlier, when a group of 10 pro-Palestinian organizations issued a call for a simultaneous counter-demonstration at the same site.

Asking their supporters to prevent Israeli Prime Minister Ariel "Sharon's Parisian emulators" from "laying siege" to the PA building, the pro-Palestinian organizations claimed the Jewish groups "wished to participate in the hunt against a strangulated Palestinian people and its representatives."

That put the Jewish groups in a difficult position, wanting to avoid the possibility of violent clashes, but not wanting to capitulate to the provocation. In the end, the Jewish groups decided to go ahead with their demonstration while appealing for calm.

The fear of violence was not unreasonable given the attacks on Jews during demonstrations in France against the U.S.-led war in Iraq earlier this year.

During the largest of those demonstrations in March, two Jewish youths were severely beaten after a group of people, who had gathered for a rally organized by the group Joint Campaign for a Just Peace in the Middle East, attacked Jews outside the Paris offices of Hashomer Hatzair, a left-wing Zionist youth movement.

Such fears also were increased by a statement from the International League for Human Rights, which incorrectly named the extremist Jewish Defence League as one of the rally's organizers.

In fact, apart from CRIF and the Jewish students, the organizers were major Jewish organizations, including the Central Consistoire and B'nai Brith.

The threat of major violence was largely over by mid-afternoon, after the Paris police department banned the pro-Palestinian demonstration.

The police did allow for a token protest by the pro-Palestinian groups outside the Israeli Embassy, some two miles away from the Jewish demonstration. That protest took place without incident.

A number of pro-Palestinian agitators, led by the Joint Campaign's president, Olivia Zemor, tried unsuccessfully to break through police barricades to hold their protest opposite the Jewish one.

Jewish student leader Yonathan Arfi, searching for common ground with his opponents, addressed the Palestinian supporters.

"I commit myself to fighting among my own people in order that you should never be physically threatened and in order that your commitment should be respected," Arfi said. "But in the same manner, I ask you to make sure that never again should a single Jew or a friend of Israel be threatened for his convictions."

With riot police pushing the pro-Palestinian demonstrators toward the nearest metro station, Arfi's call went unanswered.

The Week in Israel

Oct. 6
- *Yom Kippur*

Oct. 7
- Troops were on high alert on the northern border after Sgt. David Solomon, 21, was killed in a clash with Hezbollah near Metullah.

Oct. 8
- Chief of staff, Lieut.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon, decided to call up four battalions of reserve infantry soldiers after the Sukkot holiday, to be deployed in the Gaza Strip and along the Green Line border between Israel and the West Bank in the Jenin, Tulkarm, Qalqilyah and Ramallah sectors. The reservists will be deployed to boost troops already on high alert for terrorist attacks.
- Montreal-born paratrooper medic reservist Dan Goldenblatt was tried in military court and sentenced to 28 days in prison for refusing to be obey orders that required him to serve in the West Bank.

Oct. 9
- Channel 1 reported the Israel Defence Forces is considering declaring the three soldiers missing since the Sultan Yakub battle of 1982 in Lebanon as killed in action. A special report prepared by the army has not found any evidence to back up the possibility that the three – Zecharia Baumel, Zvi Feldman and Yehuda Katz – are still alive.
- Lydia Zilberstein, 58, died in Rambam Hospital of wounds sustained in the suicide bombing in a Haifa restaurant on Oct. 4, bringing the death toll to 20 people.

Oct. 10
- Missing air force navigator Ron Arad is alive and being held by Iranian intelligence in a small, secret jail near Tehran, *Yediot Achronot* reported, quoting three Iranian exiles – a diplomat, and two former intelligence officials now in Europe.

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Ontarians have legal duty to report child abuse, neglect

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Although most Torontonians know they have a legal duty to report child abuse, almost half – 43 per cent – are not sure what situations they should report, according to a survey released last week by the Children's Aid Society of Toronto, the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto and Jewish Family and Child Service (JF&CS).

The results, based on phone interviews with 400 people, will be used to help children's aid societies improve awareness so that members of the public will understand what needs to be reported, said Mary McConville, executive director of the Catholic Children's Aid Society at a press conference last week, a week into Ontario's 11th annual Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month, marked by, among other things, a purple ribbon campaign.

"We're 95 per cent confident the [survey] responses are accurate within plus or minus five per cent," said Deborah Goodman, director of research at the Children's Aid Society (CAS).

People who even suspect a child may be in need of protection have a legal obligation to promptly report their suspicion, and the information on which it is based, to a children's aid society, said McConville. "You cannot pass this responsibility on to someone else."

When Ontario's Child and Family Services Act was amended in 2000, it was clarified to include suspected child neglect as well as suspected physical, sexual and emotional abuse.

"The community is our eyes and our ears," said Bruce Rivers, executive director of the CAS. "We rely on those calls to help us keep kids safe."

The previous day alone, he noted, children's aid societies in Toronto received 300 such calls.

On an average day, JF&CS, a registered children's aid society, receives between one and two calls, according to Karen Paikin, the agency's manager of communications. In the year that ended March 31, JF&CS received 639 reports of suspected child abuse or neglect, leading to 433 investigations and 76 opened child protection cases. As of March 3, JF&CS had 107 open child protection cases.

According to the survey, only 62 per cent would report physical harm such as punching or kicking if they knew it to be true and 30 per cent would report it based on suspicion only. Only 47 per cent would report known sexual abuse such as fondling and less than 30 per cent would report suspected sexual abuse.

"These statistics should be 100 per cent, and we are committed to working with the community to improve these results," said Rivers.

"If you're unsure, call us anyway. We're there to consult with you about your concerns," he said.

A common situation that people are unsure about reporting involves persistent, distressed crying, said McConville. She recommends erring on the side of caution.

"The vast majority of calls are screened out," she said. "Some are examined a little more thoroughly, and then some of those result in investigations. Only a small per cent result in a case being opened."

Even if a particular call doesn't warrant an investigation, the province has more than 50 interactive databases that serve as a flagging system if there are repeated calls about a particular child, said Rivers. "That could make an incredible difference in a child's life. There have been tragic situations where people did not act."

Terry Smith, accompanied by his wife Terry Ann, spoke about his family's experience after they were reported on three years ago.

At first, he said, they felt guilt, hurt and shame, "but there was no more denying that there was a problem." At the time, he said, both of them were using drugs and neglecting their parental duties.

Their four children were taken into CAS care, because someone – Smith doesn't know who – "had the wisdom to know something wasn't right and the courage to make that phone call. This was the beginning of a nine-month turning point."

With the help of CAS workers, the Smiths, who are now off drugs, have attained "structure and stability," he said. "For three years now, we've paid our rent on time… we help [our children] with their homework, go to their soccer games and eat meals together each day. We are a family. We try not to take anything for granted."

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Crossing Delancey *leads off new Encore season*

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

A catalyst toward the fulfillment of Merle Garbe's dream of establishing her own theatre company was hearing, nearly a decade ago, that Leah Posluns Theatre had stopped doing their own shows, she says.

Garbe says she reached for the telephone after getting the news of Leah Posluns' decision to cease production, eager to negotiate a deal to use the theatre's facilities to house her then-fledgling company, Encore Entertainment.

"I felt there was a niche that wasn't being addressed in the suburban North York community, once Leah Posluns stopped doing their own shows."

Although she was unsuccessful in finding a home for her theatre company with Leah Posluns in 1994, she persevered, and in the fall of 1997, Garbe and her then-21-year-old daughter, Lea, launched Encore's first subscription series in the Studio Theatre of the Toronto Centre for the Arts.

By presenting well-executed, entertaining shows and offering reasonable ticket prices, the six-year-old company usually manages to sell most of the 170 seats in the Studio Theatre. Last season, all of the performances of *Come Blow Your Horn* were sold out and 95 per cent of the seats were filled for *The Death Trap*.

"I started out with a little voice in my head — if you build it, they will come — and they did," Garbe says.

A three-play subscription costs $57 and a single adult ticket can be purchased for $25.00. All the seats in the Studio Theatre are close to the stage and offer good sightlines.

The company operates with volunteer actors and technicians, who are teachers, lawyers, psychologists, bankers and real estate agents away from the theatre.

"The actors and crew people are all volunteers who do it for the sheer love of the theatre," Garbe says, "and they are exceptionally talented."

> ***'The actors and crew people are all volunteers who do it for the sheer love of the theatre'***

Encore opened its season recently, with a special concert production of *Chess* at Jane Mallet Theatre.

Encore's first production of this season's subscription series, at the TCA, is *Crossing Delancey*, playing from Oct. 23 to Nov. 2. Based on the delightful movie of the same name, starring Amy Irving, it's about a Jewish girl whose grandmother hires a matchmaker for her.

From Feb. 5 to 15, the company presents *The Second Time Around*, a comedy about a romantically involved widow and widower who meet with a wall of resistance and disapproval from their adult children.

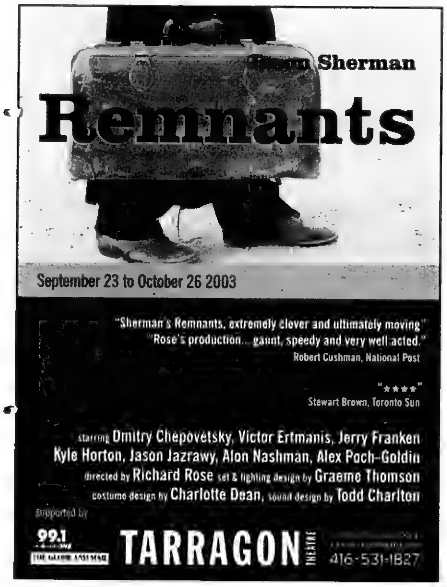
Encore Entertainment's final production of the 2003/04 season, from May 6 to 16, is a musical revue conceived and written by Garbe. *A Fiddler, A Phantom And Three Singing Cats*, is a tribute to, and a bit of an irreverent send-up, of the shows.

Garbe has a long history of involvement with theatre, as did her late father, Jerry Simmons, the founder of the Mel Lastman Variety Players. In the 1960s, Simmons was a member of Temple Sinai's Stage 210 and, in '71, he asked her to became one of the dancers in the synagogue's production of *Guys And Dolls*.

After a few years of working in Stage 210 shows, Garbe took a break from theatre to raise her family. In '85, she answered an ad for chorus singers in a Scarborough Players production of *How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying*. For the next 10 years, she worked with the Players and Scarborough Music Theatre, branching out into producing and directing, all the while running a home-based computer business.

"I started up Encore because I saw a niche for affordable, good quality theatre productions," Garbe says. "I also know the Jewish community are avid theatre-goers."

Show tickets can be ordered through Encore Entertainment's Web site, www.stage-door.org/encore, or by telephone, 416-733-0558.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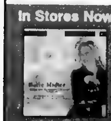

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Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

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The symposium also features a free screening of the rare Soviet film *Seekers of Happiness* (Oct. 27, 8 p.m.) and two unusual concerts.

In the first concert, "Three Generations of Vocal Masterworks," singers **Louis Danto**, **Yana Ivanilova**, **Inna Golsband**, **Ilona Karan**, **Avery Krisman** and **Alexander Kats**, with **Natalia Tiomkina** on piano, present scenes from Grigory Frid's one-woman opera, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, and a new version of the Shostakovich song cycle, *From Jewish Folk Poetry*. Tickets $15-$10. Walter Hall, Faculty of Music, 80 Queen's Park, Oct. 25, 8 p.m.

The second concert, "Klezmer Behind the Iron Curtain," features upbeat Yiddish party tunes with **Michael Alpert**, **German Goldenshteyn**, **Jeffrey Wollock** and **Iosef Kagansky** as the **Red Army Klezmer Band**. $25-$15. Isabel Bader Theatre, 93 Charles St. W. Oct. 26, 8 p.m. Concert tickets, 416-352-5967. www.utoronto.ca/crees/sk.pdf.

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Jewish Films in North York: The Toronto Jewish Film Festival opens its "Chai Tea & A Movie" series at the Sheppard Grande Cinemas with the world premiere of Israel's *Nuclear Spy: Mordechai Vanunu*. A History Television-Associated Producers production, the film documents the sensational story of the traitor jailed for revealing Israel's nuclear secrets. Filmmaker **David Stein** will be in attendance. Sunday, Oct. 19. Chai tea 4 p.m., screening 5 p.m.

The series continues with *Hiding and Seeking: Faith and Tolerance After the Holocaust* (Nov. 16), *My Architect* (Feb. 15) and a fourth title (March 7). Series pass $48, single tickets $15. 416-324-9121.

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Literary Events

- **Sara Horowitz**, co-editor (with **Michael Brown**) of *An Encounter With Aharon Appelfeld*, discusses this giant of contemporary Israeli literature. The book brings together critical papers presented at an **Appelfeld** symposium at York University, as well as several original short stories by Appelfeld in English translation. Refreshments, no admission charge. Israel's Judaica, 897 Eglinton Ave. W. Tuesday, Oct. 21, 8 p.m.
- Educational consultant **Selma Z. Sage** discusses "Jacob, Joseph and Pharaoh – A Study in Deception" at a literary luncheon. $13 for members, $15 for non-members. Lifelong Learning Institute, Bernard Betel Centre. Wednesday, Oct. 29, 12 noon. Discussion only at 1 p.m., $5. RSVP by Oct. 22 to Barbara Zigler, 416-225-2112, ext. 134.

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Arts in Brief

- **Kaeja d'Dance** invites male and female dancers to audition for parts in the acclaimed work *Resistance* for a February tour. Dovercourt House Ballroom, 805 Dovercourt Rd., 2nd floor. Friday, Oct. 17. 416-516-6030 or e-mail kaeja@kaeja.org
- Former UPI journalist **Monty Charness** "examines how the media gather, edit and manipulate information," in a talk titled "Understanding the Media." $10 includes light lunch. Cranbrooke Friendship Club (seniors). Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Monday, Oct. 20, 12:30 p.m. 416-789-5502.
- *The Weather Underground*, an award-winning feature documentary by **Sam Green** and **Bill Siegel** about the radical anti-war group of the late '60s and '70s, makes its Canadian premiere at the Bloor Cinema, Oct. 22 to 26, with Siegel and former activist **Bernadine Dohrn** attending on the 22nd. The film opens Oct. 31 at the Carlton Cinema and also in theatres in Montreal and Ottawa.

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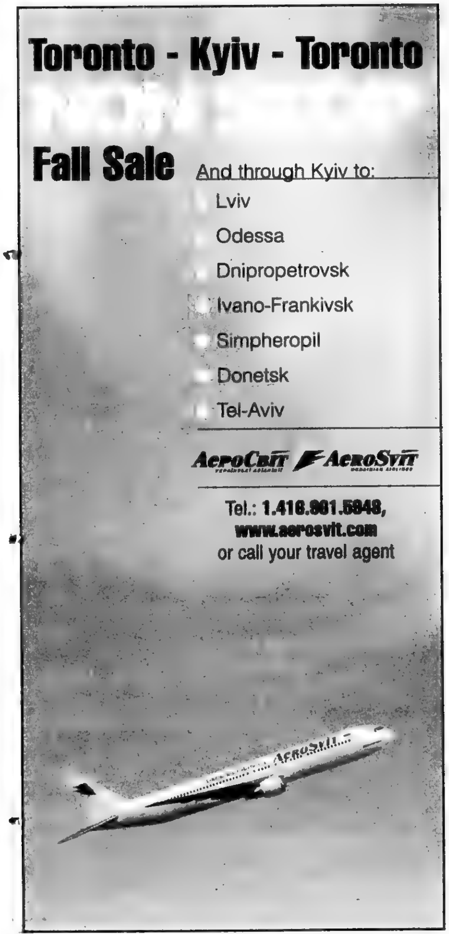

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Controversial Israeli poet to read at Festival

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

The new artistic director of the Harbourfront International Festival of Authors says it's just coincidence that both Israeli authors featured in this year's festival have written works that focus on the current political situation.

Geoffrey Taylor, who replaced Greg Gatenby in July after serving as the festival's senior administrator for 12 years, says Israeli novelist Orly Castel-Bloom was an obvious choice for the festival, since the Toronto publishing house Key Porter recently released an English translation of her latest novel, *Human Parts*.

"Having a Canadian publisher produce an author's work makes it more accessible for us," he said.

Because *J'Accuse*, Aharon Shabtai's devastatingly critical book of poems about the last six years of Israeli politics, recently appeared in an American English edition, the Jerusalem poet also received an invitation to read at the festival, Taylor explained.

"Shabtai's book of poetry will be difficult for many people because of his point of view. It basically denounces the official policies of the government towards the Palestinians. But that being said, I think it's very good that the Israeli government can tolerate and allow other points of view, unlike totalitarian regimes."

Public interviews are scheduled for both authors during the festival, which runs Oct. 22 to Nov. 1. Mary-Lou Zeitoan speaks with Castel-Bloom on Sunday Oct. 26 at noon and Daniel Richler, host of the literary television show *Imprint*, questions Shabtai the same day at 3 p.m.

"I know that will be a controversial event but I think Richler will be able to handle it quite ably," Taylor said.

Castel-Bloom and Shabtai join a growing list of Israelis, some famous and some still relatively obscure, who have read at the 29-year-old event. The others are Yehuda Amichai, Aharon Appelfeld, Moshe Dor, Shulamith Hareven, Amos Oz, Nathan Shaham, Anton Shammas, Joshua Sobol and A.B. Yehoshua.

Taylor spoke knowingly of the Israeli literary scene and said he hoped to invite more Israelis in coming years. "We're also familiar with the Jerusalem Book Festival," he said. "The Jerusalem prize is fairly well known."

Partly as a result of a short-lived literary controversy, fans of the prolific Brazilian Jewish writer Moacyr Scliar may have the opportunity to hear him read at the festival.

Last year Montreal author Yann Martel sparked a critical uproar by declaring that he had used a plot line from Scliar's *Max and the Cats* in his Booker-prize-winning novel, *Life of Pi*. The tempest died, however, the moment Scliar congratulated Martel for his fine work and declared that no artistic trespass had occurred.

A more obvious factor behind Scliar's appearance is that Toronto-based Key Porter has just published an English translation of Scliar's *The Centaur in the Garden*, a title that appears on the National Yiddish Book Center's prestigious list of 100 top Jewish books of all time. Scliar reads (along with Jim Crace and Peter Robinson) in the Premiere Dance Theatre on Thursday Oct. 30, 8 p.m. Toronto novelist Cary Fagan interviews him on Oct. 31, 9 p.m.

Another Jewish author on the festival program is French novelist Henri Raczymow, whose latest work, *Swan's Way*, explores Proustian territory as it focuses on Charles Haas, a Jewish dandy in French high society. He reads (with Clare Boylan and Shirley Hazzard) in the Brigantine Room on Thursday Oct. 30, 8 p.m. and submits to a public interview on Oct. 29, 9 p.m.

Shabtai reads (with Robert Creeley and Glyn Maxwell) in the Premiere Dance Theatre on Saturday Oct. 24, 4 p.m. Castel-Bloom reads (with Hugo Hamilton) in the Studio Theatre on Monday Oct. 27, 8 p.m. Box office, 416-973-4000. www.readings.org.

Authors pay tribute to heroic Austrians

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

They were the quiet heroes, the simple men and women whose goodness shone through the dark night of the Holocaust.

Almost 60 years ago, the inhabitants of a town in Austria came to the aid of Imre Schonberger and his family when they were on the verge of starvation.

In 1944, the Schonbergers were deported from the Hungarian town of Kiskunhalas, 140 kilometres south of Budapest, and sent to Mistelbach-ander-Zaya, 45 kilometres north of Vienna.

The residents of Mistelbach were astonishingly kind to them, offering them the gift of food without asking for anything in return.

Imre Schonberger and his son, Paul (Fahidi), a Toronto Jewish day school teacher who immigrated to Canada three years ago, have co-written a book that pays tribute to these Austrian saviours.

Fortuna's Children, published in Britain by Vallentine Mitchell recently, is an unusual Holocaust story, in that it accentuates the positive rather than the negative.

The book will officially be launched at Israel's Judaica store on Sunday, Oct. 26 at 8 p.m.

Not surprisingly, the authors dedicate it to the people of Mistelbach, who did "the decent thing while too many others [did] nothing."

In an interview, Paul said that the "many acts of kindness" that initially seemed unique later became commonplace.

A teacher at the Toronto Heschel school, he believes that the people of Mistelbach helped his family because they had not bought into the racist lies of Nazi propaganda. They regarded the Schonbergers as human beings, not as vermin.

After being rounded up in Hungary, they were sent to a brick factory in Szeged, Hungary's second largest city.

From there, they were dispatched to Strasshoff, a transit camp in Austria for Hungarian Jews, and then on to an experimental horticulture centre in Mistelbach.

Fate, however, was not kind to Imre's mother's and father's family, or his grandmother.

Her four sisters, along with their husbands and children, and his three sisters and brother, were murdered in Auschwitz. And his grandmother perished in Strasshoff.

But in Mistelbach, the surviving members of the Schonberger clan were incredibly fortunate.

A woman, a total stranger who had taken pity on them, gave them a food parcel.

Imre, now 74, writes: "I was astonished and took it home, thankful that an Austrian, one of the 'enemy,' could be so warmhearted."

Many more such encounters sustained the Schonbergers, all 13 of them.

In 1947, Imre went to Palestine to fight in the 1948 War of Independence.

He immigrated to Canada in the 1950s. Subsequently, he settled in Liverpool, where his son, Paul, was born.

Now retired, Imre still lives in Liverpool.

Imre, his mother and sister paid a return visit to Mistelbach in 1961, but found no one who had helped them during the war.

He and his wife plan to return for another visit very soon, hoping they can find the people who, in the name of humanity, risked their lives to assist a group of Jewish strangers in their midst.

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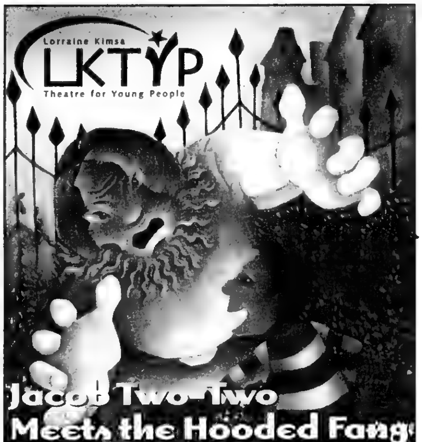

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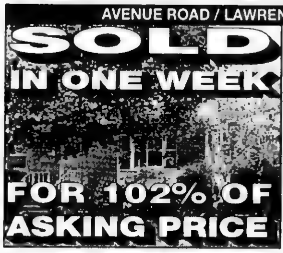

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Synagogue baseball league crowns new champion

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

The day was cold but the batters hot as Pride of Israel's sluggers belted out runs by the bushel and defeated Temple Emanu-El 25-17 in the gold medal round of the Inter-Synagogue Baseball League (ISBL) playoffs.

In the silver medal consolation round, Beit Rayim beat Temple Kol Ami 26-17 while in the bronze consolation round, Holy Blossom, a rookie entry in the league, squeaked out a 15-14 win over Beth Sholom.

Perennial champions Beth Tikvah – considered the Yankees of this league – were shut out of the finals.

Pride of Israel's win capped off a flawless season that saw the North York team go 11-0 in regular season play and 5-0 in the playoff round.

The final playoff games were played on a "cold, cold morning" prior to Yom Kippur. Pride of Israel "jumped into an 18-8 lead after four innings, and cruised to the win," said Neil Grunberg, Web master for the league (www.isbl.ca) and an outfielder with the Pride. "Offensively, our bats were bristling."

In the silver medal matchup, Beth Rayim enjoyed an unanswered 11-run spree to jump into the lead, but Kol Ami chipped away to tie the score after eight. Beit Rayim's Alan Kaplan led off the ninth with a home run and that was followed by eight additional runs as Beit Rayim came out on top.

Although the league stresses camaraderie and "friendly competition," competition was the operative word as the season wound down.

"I was jumping up and down with the win," said Grunberg, 26.

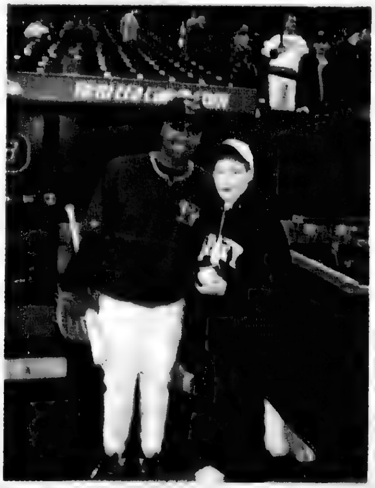
The teams play a nine-inning game of "three pitch," in which batters hit pitches thrown by their own teammate.

For Pride of Israel, the win was particularly sweet, as the team made it to the final two years ago only to come out empty-handed. Last year, Shaar Shalom eliminated them early in the playoffs, but this year, the team blended hot offence and good defence to win it all.

Altogether, 12 shuls with a total of about 150 guys participate in the league, which runs on Sundays from June to October. Each team plays 11 regular season games in a round robin format and are then seeded for the playoff round.

Shuls that participate in the ISBL are: Shaar Shalom, Pride of Israel, Beit Rayim, Beth Sholom, Temple Emanu-El, Junction/Or Hadash, Temple Kol Ami, Holy Blossom, Adath Israel, Beth Tikvah, Temple Sinai, Beth David.

Pride of Israel's champs are, from left, front row: Neil Grunberg, Ronny David, Lee Grunberg, Daniel Brown, Simon Brown, David Gold. Back Row: Andrew Levy, Noah Mintz, Perry Schwartz, Walter Guala, Richard Chesney, Corey Gold, Alan Glube. [Photo courtesy Izzy Zelding]



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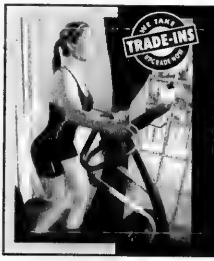
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"החיים נשארו, כפי שהיו בימים רחוקים, הליכה ביער חשוך, שורץ חיות טרף ושודדים, וכיסופים לאור דולק בקצה הדרך". כך כותבת רות בונדי, ילידת פראג, ניצולת שואה, עיתונאית, סופרת ומתרגמת. בסידרה של מאמרים והרהורי לב, בונדי מעניקה לנו חבט מפוקח על החיים. בגילוי לב אך באיפוק מעודן היא מספרת על לבטים וחיפושים אחר שפיות דעת קיומית בצל מוות וטרור. בתבונה ובהומור היא מהרהרת על נישואים, אהבה, הזדקנות, רדיפה אחר בצע ותקווה למשהו טוב יותר. היא אוהבת את מלאכת הכתיבה; "התמזל מזלי ואני בחרתי בכתיבה או שהכתיבה בחרה בי. רקדניות באלט או זמרות אופרה נאלצות לפרוש מחמת אותות הגיל, אבל אני, המאושרת, יכולה להמשיך להתערטל מאחורי פרגוד המילים."(רמת גן, ינואר 2003).

רות בונדי אוהבת את מדינת ישראל. בעצם, לא, אין היא אוהבת את המדינה אלא המדינה בתוכה; "אינני רואה חיים בלעדיה. זאת לא אהבה. זאת סימביוזה לא בריאה. זה לא עניין של גיל, שכבר נרתע משינויים. כך הרגשתי מאז עלייתי ארצה לפני למעלה מחמישים שנה. ישראל ואני שייכות זו לזו." האזרח הישראלי מן השורה אומרת בונדי חש ששגשוגה של ישראל היא שגשוגו, הצלחתה הצלחתו, כישלונה כישלונו, משבריה משבריו. לא בטוח שזה מצב בריא, אך זה כך. כשמבקשים לשים חיץ בין חיי הפרט וחיי הכלל, בין האני והמדינה, זה לא פועל. במיוחד ביום הזיכרון לחללי צה"ל, "מול הפנים המחייכות מתוך תצלומים ישנים, דמויות הנערים המשחקים עם כלב או מחבקים חברה, אין לאן לברוח מן הכאב... בעת הצפירה ביום הזיכרון עומדים שתי דקות דום, ואחר כך מתחילות המכוניות לנוע שוב. רק הציפורים מתרוממות ברוב בהלה."

יש לה שאלות רבות. מניין צמחה בארץ הדרישה לביטחון! אחרי הכל, מאז ידע בית ישראל להתבטא בכתב יש לנו סיפורים על מבול, בצורת, ארבה, רעב, מלחמות ושריפות שלא לדבר על הקיום השברירי בגולה, בין פורענות לפורענות עד לשואה הגדולה. אז מדוע מצפים מחבורה של פוליטיקאים שקוראים לעצמם ממשלה לשמור על הביטחון! "הביטחון, אם בכלל, הוא תמיד זמני, ארעי, חולף, *לשעה, על תנאי*." ומה זה בכלל *משרד הביטחון!* מרבית אומות העולם מכנות משרד העוסק בענייני צבא בשם משרד ההגנה או משרד המלחמה, אבל מה פתאום ביטחון! ככל שהיא מנסה לחזור ולהיזכר בסיבות שהביאו אותה לעלות ארצה - חזון הביטחון לא היה ביניהן. להפך, היא הגיעה כמתנדבת למלחמת העצמאות. אכן, "לא במקרה ביטחון ואבטיח מאותו השורש: לא בטיח ולא שום דבר אחר." בלי שלום אין וגם לא יהיה ביטחון; לכל היותר אפשר יהיה להגיע למעין שביתת נשק. גדר ביטחון היא אספירין ואין גבולות בטוחים אלא גבולות מוסכמים וגם אלה אינם ערובה לביטחון. החיים פשוט לא בטוחים.

בימינו, בראשית המאה העשרים ואחת, בונדי חוזרת ומהרהרת רבות בשואה. אולי מחמת הגיל, אולי מחמת אירועי העולם. ואולם אין היא אוהבת את העיסוק בניצולי השואה. הכי גרועים הם הפסיכולוגים שמבקשים להפשיט את הנפש שלך. ההופעות בטלוויזיה מאוד מתסכלות. "אתה מגיע לאולפן, ישר למאפרת. שמים עליך פודרה ומסרקים לך את הגבות, ואצל הנשים מורחים מסקרה ושפתון, וכל זה שניראה טוב כשאנחנו מספרים על הרגע האחרון שראית את האמא שלך."

למחברת גם אוצר הסתכלויות מבדרות. למשל בנושא סטיקרים שמודבקים על מכוניות. יותר מכל היא אוהבת להתבונן במכוניות המבשרות על בואו של המלך המשיח. זלגו לי דמעות צחוק למקרא הכתבה שנקראת 'דברים פעוטים'. כל תענוגות האדם מבהירה הכותבת, מלווים בכתמים: שתייה, אכילה ועוד. אבל יש משהו גרוע מכתם בקדמת חולצה חגיגית: שן קדמית שבורה ערב הרצאה בפני סטודנטים! (כתוצאה מאכילת עוגת סומסום). "קשה לתאר, כיצד שן קדמית שבורה יכולה להפוך אישה מבוגרת, אך במצב תקין, פחות או יותר, בתוך כמה שניות לאחת המכשפות ממקבת."

רות בונדי, זוכת פרס סוקולוב לעיתונות, פרס יצחק שדה לספרות צבאית, פרס בוכמן לחקר השואה ופרס חינוך לתרגום. שנים כתבה את הטור השביעי ב"דבר השבוע", פרסמה ארבע ביוגרפיות, ומחקרים רבים בתולדות ציביה. אני מאוד, מאוד ממליצה על **נחמות קטנות.**

SWEET DREAMS SOUP
(Cream of Carrot Soup with Ginger)

1 small potato, peeled & chopped
2 tblsps. margarine
1 small leek, chopped (1 to 1½ cups)
2 large carrots, finely chopped
1/2 tsp. grated fresh ginger
or 1/2 tsp. curry
1/4 tsp. thyme
1/8 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1/2 stalk celery, chopped
2 1/2 cups milk

Boil potato in 2 cups water about 15 mins. Drain, save broth and set potato aside.

Melt margarine in soup pot on med. heat. Add leek, half the carrots, the ginger, thyme, nutmeg, salt and pepper. Sauté for 5 mins. Add celery, the remaining carrots, cooked potato, and potato broth. Add 1 cup water, and stir. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer, covered, about 20 mins. In a blender or bowl, blend or mash 2 cups of the soujp with the milk until thick and silky smooth. Return the blended soup to the soup pot, and stir.

Ladle into bowls and garnish. Yield: 4 to 6 servings.

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It is a basic principle in the laws of tzedakah that this crucial mitzvah cannot be fulfilled by spending in areas where one is already obligated to do so. While buying a mezuzah for a friend living in subsidized housing would qualify as tzedakah, buying the same mezuzah for one's own home is part of the mitzvah of mezuzah, not tzedakah. Tzedakah, in other words, must be part of ones' discretionary spending.

As it is obligatory for parents to provide their children with a Jewish education, it follows that tuition for a Jewish day school cannot be considered a form of tzedakah. Thus, those who can afford to do so must ignore high tuition fees in calculating their tzedakah obligations. Of course, making a donation to a Jewish school so that others' tuition may be subsidized certainly qualifies as tzedakah.

This would seem to place an enormous hardship on many families, struggling as they are to pay the basic tuition costs of our day schools. To tell them they have yet to fulfil the mitzvah of tzedakah would seem to place unfair financial strain on already depleted family budgets. Jewish legal authorities were well aware of this problem. They ruled that the mitzvah of tzedakah only begins after basic needs are taken care of. If after providing for food, clothing, housing and Jewish education there is little left over, one would actually be exempt from the key aspect of the mitzvah of tzedakah, namely the obligation to donate between one-fifth and one-tenth of one's net income to an appropriate cause. In fact, it would be forbidden to donate large amounts of money and then apply for a tuition subsidy. This would, in effect, mean asking a school to fund your tzedakah preferences.

Nonetheless, even parents on tuition subsidy must give at least token amounts to tzedakah, because the mitzvah of tzedakah has two basic components. First and foremost, we must help the needy, and if that means sacrificing some luxuries, so be it. As well, the act of giving to others – irrespective of the actual amount – inculcates within us the trait of chesed (kindness) and serves as a crucial reminder that whatever little we have is a blessing from God.

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The Canadian Jewish news

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

(Answers to the crossword are on page 24.)

Jewish Poets, Playwrights & Composers
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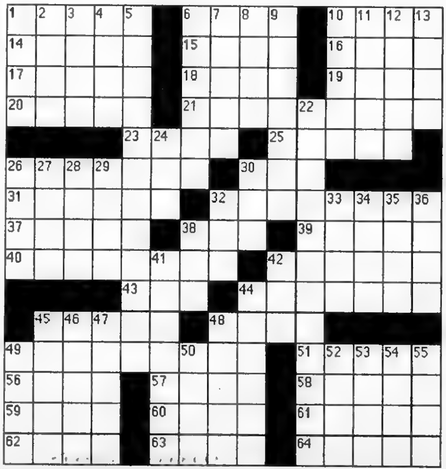
Across
1. Playwright David
6. _____ One, equal to speed of sound
10. Cape, or head, in Italian
14. Spider starter
15. Arthur of the courts
16. You, plural, in Hebrew
17. Birch-bark or dugout
18. Garrison Keillor's alter ego Guy ___
19. Ile de la ____, the heart of Paris
20. Singer-songwriter, once of the Police
21. Composer of Lied Von Der Erde, as his buddies might call him
23. Sci. of habitat relationships
25. Mountain ridge
26. Poet Emma
30. Phone giant
31. "_____ of humor is part of the art of leadership" - Dwight D. Eisenhower
32. Scholars of Tanach interpretation
37. River, cave, and you have one
38. Present tense of to be
39. Dutch island near Venezuela
40. "_____ class", noting where one is who's learning to stitch and baste
42. Large shipping boxes
43. NYC subway line or Midwest state
44. What might be said about 22 Down if his notes were sour
45. Statistical movement
48. Theo Bikel, we might say, was a Jewish ____-badour
49. Singer-songwriter, sings with 22 Down
51. Musical or penciled
56. Pos starter, fittingly
57. Walking or sugar
58. Whale's dinner
59. Harvest
60. Sea eagle
61. Deadly African virus
62. ___ of Capri
63. Tournament pre-ranking
64. Bowling alley between L and N

Down
1. Apples
2. Mount Ar____
3. Ac's crazy starter
4. College subj.
5. George and Ira
6. Tropical fruits
7. "Promise not to tell____!"
8. ___holm Trail
9. In Tarzan, Jane met _____
10. Computer data storage site
11. The Tower of Pisa stands _____
12. Martinique's Mount _____
13. Hebrew counting unit, a wheat sheaf
22. Singer, 49 Across' partner
24. Starting directive or signal
26. _____na, a thin plate or micelle
27. "I've long wanted ____", said the father of four daughters, when the new child was born
28. Cronus' son
29. Poker kitty
30. Bunyan's tool
32. Unit of energy or work
33. What the "E" in Q.E.D. stands for
34. Ballet wear
35. ___ezer, from the Hebrew name meaning "stone of help"
36. What one encloses with a submitted manuscript
38. Conjunction
41. Measuring sticks
42. High corp. money man
44. "That's as much wealth as I would ever want ____"
45. Option to cassettes, LPs, and CDs
46. Urban's antipode
47. Run off to a justice of the peace
48. Ton in Toulon
49. Combining form meaning equal
50. Stallion's love
52. Kazantzakis' hero, Z____
53. Noun ending
54. French fashion magazine
55. Poetry or grand



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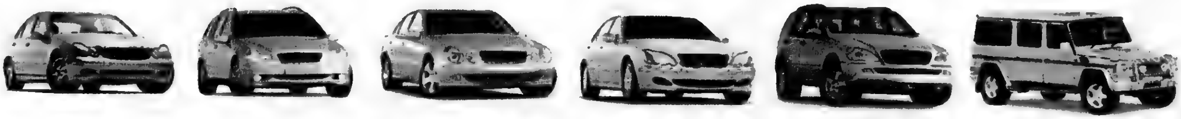

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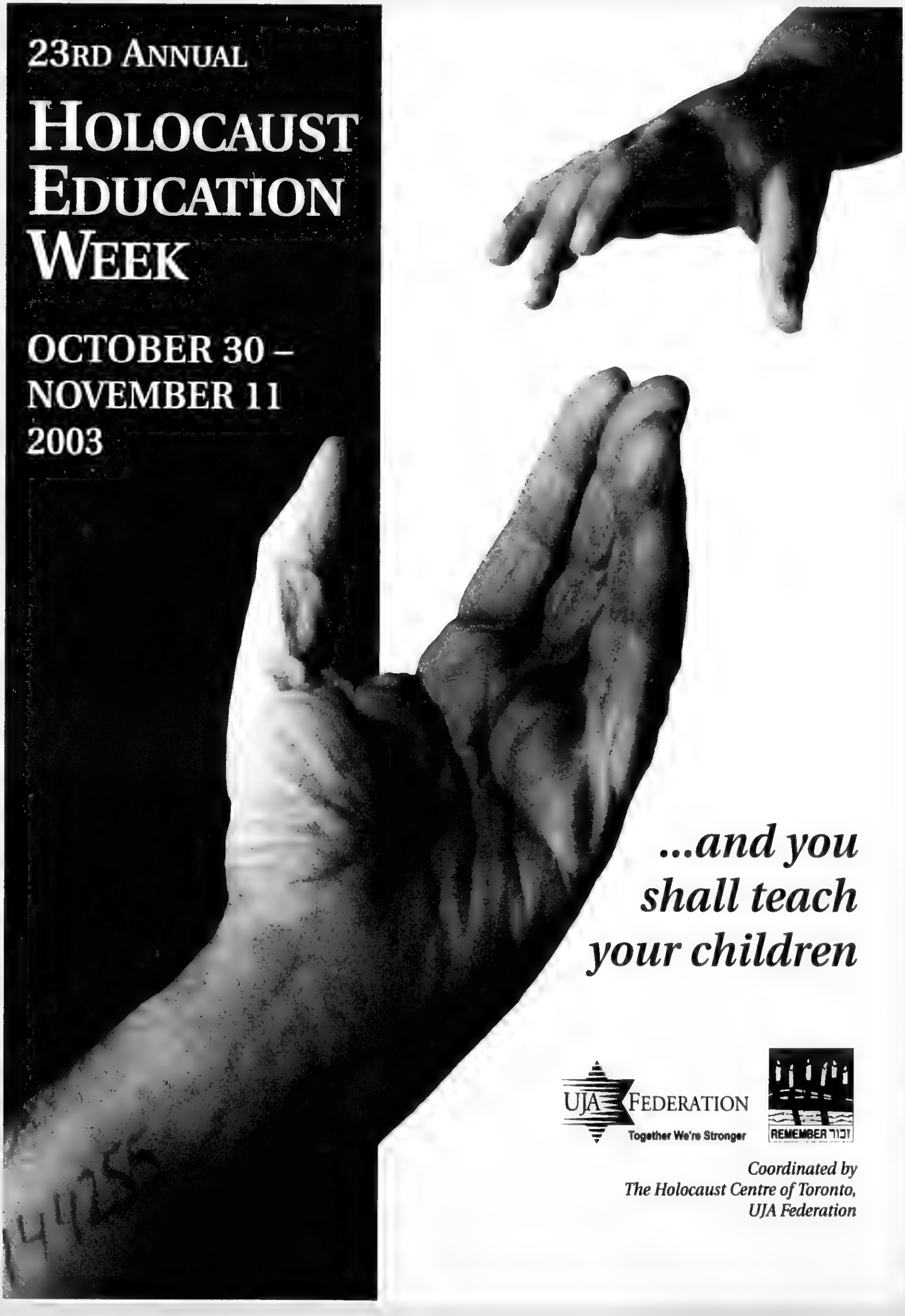

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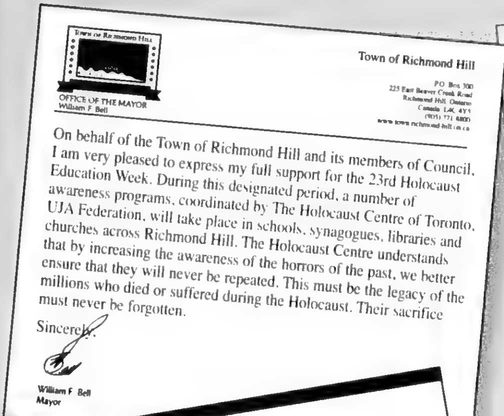

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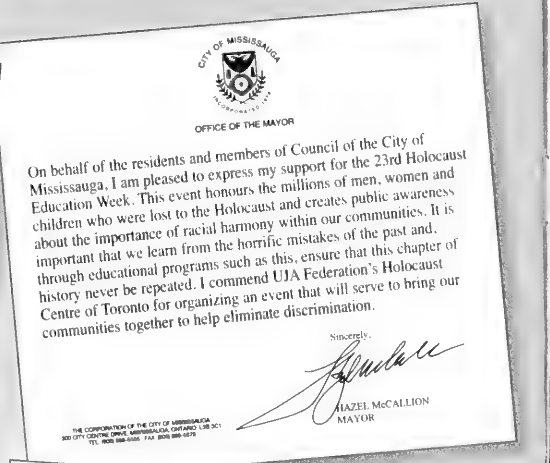
On behalf of the Town of Richmond Hill and its members of Council, I am very pleased to express my full support for the 23rd Holocaust Education Week. During this designated period, a number of awareness programs, coordinated by The Holocaust Centre of Toronto, UJA Federation, will take place in schools, synagogues, libraries and churches across Richmond Hill. The Holocaust Centre understands that by increasing the awareness of the horrors of the past, we better ensure that they will never be repeated. This must be the legacy of the millions who died or suffered during the Holocaust. Their sacrifice must never be forgotten.

Sincerely,

William F. Bell
Mayor



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On behalf of the residents and members of Council of the City of Mississauga, I am pleased to express my support for the 23rd Holocaust Education Week. This event honours the millions of men, women and children who were lost to the Holocaust and creates public awareness about the importance of racial harmony within our communities. It is important that we learn from the horrific mistakes of the past and, through educational programs such as this, ensure that this chapter of history never be repeated. I commend UJA Federation's Holocaust Centre of Toronto for organizing an event that will serve to bring our communities together to help eliminate discrimination.

Sincerely,

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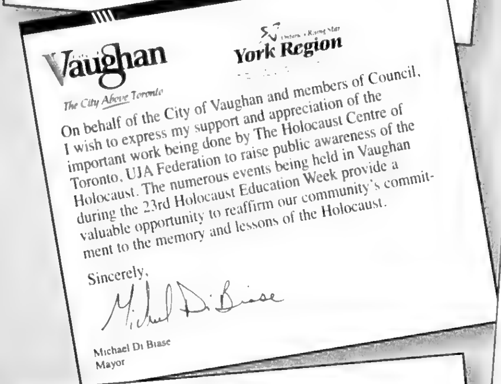

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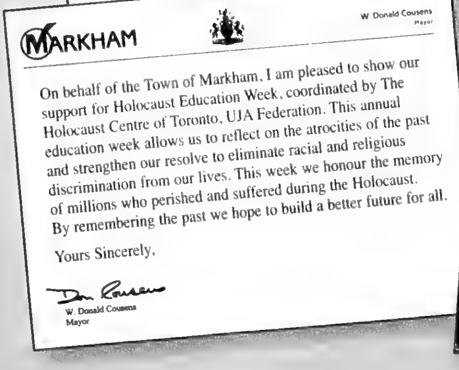
On behalf of the City of Vaughan and members of Council, I wish to express my support and appreciation of the important work being done by The Holocaust Centre of Toronto, UJA Federation to raise public awareness of the Holocaust. The numerous events being held in Vaughan during the 23rd Holocaust Education Week provide a valuable opportunity to reaffirm our community's commitment to the memory and lessons of the Holocaust.

Sincerely,

Michael Di Biase

Michael Di Biase
Mayor



MARKHAM

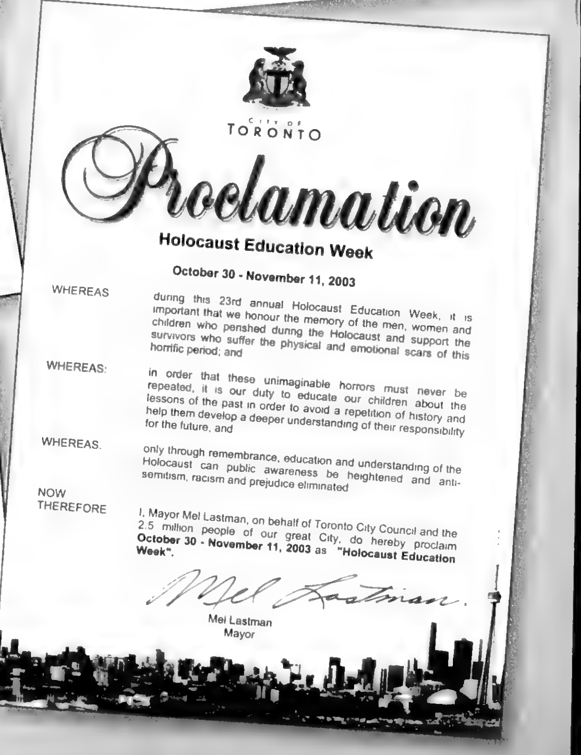
W. Donald Cousens
Mayor

On behalf of the Town of Markham, I am pleased to show our support for Holocaust Education Week, coordinated by The Holocaust Centre of Toronto, UJA Federation. This annual education week allows us to reflect on the atrocities of the past and strengthen our resolve to eliminate racial and religious discrimination from our lives. This week we honour the memory of millions who perished and suffered during the Holocaust. By remembering the past we hope to build a better future for all.

Yours Sincerely,

Don Cousens

W. Donald Cousens
Mayor



CITY OF TORONTO

Proclamation

Holocaust Education Week

October 30 - November 11, 2003

WHEREAS during this 23rd annual Holocaust Education Week, it is important that we honour the memory of the men, women and children who perished during the Holocaust and support the survivors who suffer the physical and emotional scars of this horrific period; and

WHEREAS: in order that these unimaginable horrors must never be repeated, it is our duty to educate our children about the lessons of the past in order to avoid a repetition of history and help them develop a deeper understanding of their responsibility for the future, and

WHEREAS. only through remembrance, education and understanding of the Holocaust can public awareness be heightened and anti-semitism, racism and prejudice eliminated

NOW THEREFORE I, Mayor Mel Lastman, on behalf of Toronto City Council and the 2.5 million people of our great City, do hereby proclaim **October 30 - November 11, 2003** as **"Holocaust Education Week"**.

Mel Lastman.

Mel Lastman
Mayor

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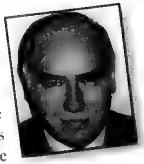

It is once again my great pleasure to invite you to participate in the 23rd Holocaust Education Week, the largest and highest profile initiative of The Holocaust Centre of Toronto. A wide array of outstanding programs is, as usual, being offered to afford you the opportunity to explore and examine many different aspects of the Holocaust.

While our extensive program runs just under two weeks annually in the fall, it is important to bear in mind that Holocaust education and remembrance should be ongoing. Sadly, this fact is brought home to us almost daily as we witness the increasing prevalence of religious and racial intolerance around the world, accompanied by a rise in anti-Semitic incidents and anti-Israel rhetoric and ongoing violence.

We, at The Holocaust Centre, consider it our obligation to remember those murdered during the Holocaust, and to educate the public, particularly students, in an effort to ensure that tragedies such as the Shoah do not recur. This is achieved through events such as Holocaust Education Week and the selfless efforts of our most cherished resource at the Centre, our Survivor Speakers, who teach the lessons of the Holocaust to students throughout the academic year. You will be able to hear many of these remarkable people speak during this year's event.

I would like to congratulate and thank Honey Carr and Joan Shapero and their committee for their passion and commitment in providing a superb roster of programs for Holocaust Education Week. I do hope that you will avail yourselves of the opportunity to participate in as many as possible.

Howard Driman

Howard Driman
Chairman
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Each year, our community takes special note of the Holocaust through the coordination of a week of education. While one can find memorials and events to commemorate the Holocaust around the world, there are few communities that invest in teaching the Holocaust in this unique way.

Reaching within and beyond the Jewish community, the depth and breadth of Holocaust Education Week is truly remarkable. In undertaking this effort, we seek to learn from the past in order to confront the dangers of the present. The continued resurgence and convergence of anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism demand that we reinforce our efforts to remember, to teach, and to safeguard our community.

With best wishes for a successful Holocaust Education Week.

Sincerely,

Leslie Gales
Chair of the Board, UJA Federation

23rd Annual Holocaust Education Week

Holocaust Education Week, with its mandate to promote Holocaust education and remembrance, is a remarkable event, the largest of its kind in the world. Given today's political climate, with racism and anti-Semitism on the rise, Holocaust education takes on a more significant role. There are lessons still to be learned. Are we up to the challenge?

Over the years, the range and scope of programs have greatly expanded and this year's event, replete with diverse, thought-provoking and informative programs, is no exception. There are:

- Survivor first-hand testimonies
- Lectures by world-renowned speakers
- Films, documentaries, theatrical plays & dance recitals
- Seminars for educators
- Church programs
- Exhibits/Cultural events

We are so pleased that, for the first time, eight communities outside the GTA will be participating. The lessons learned from the Shoah will now reach a wider audience and raise public awareness in developing a deeper understanding of our responsibility for the future.

This year also marks the first time that we have received a substantial grant from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. Its recognition and financial support is very rewarding and serves to enhance our efforts.

We are honoured to be co-chairing this 23rd annual event and to be working with a wonderful group of committed volunteers. Each member believes in strengthening Holocaust education and awareness so that hatred, anti-Semitism, and racism will not be repeated. We must not only confront the past, but, as Elie Wiesel has said, "for the dead and the living, we must bear witness."

The assistance and guidance provided by Howard Driman, Chairman of The Holocaust Centre of Toronto, UJA Federation, is greatly appreciated. This event could not take place without the complete involvement and hard work of our staff liaison, Mary Siklos, who has made our job, and that of our committee, that much easier.

We urge you to participate in as many events as possible. There has never been a more appropriate time to reexamine the tragic lessons of the Holocaust. For the most up-to-date program changes and additions, please visit our website - www.holocausteducationweek.com.

Joan Shapero

Honey Carr

Joan Shapero and Honey Carr
Co-Chairs, Holocaust Education Week 2003

THE CHRISTIAN-JEWISH DIALOGUE OF TORONTO

2 Carlton Street
Suite 800
Toronto, Ont
M5B 1J3
(416) 596-4242

The Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto has again coordinated the participation of Christian churches in Greater Toronto and surrounding areas. Not only did we receive the cooperation of the churches that have participated in the past, we have added new churches to our roster. We appreciate the assistance of the clergy and educational staff, without whom it would not be possible to present these programs.

Our opening event on November 3 is very special. Entitled *Sounds of Survival*, it features special guest Esther Gans-Firestone of Congregation Habonim, the first female Cantor in Canada. We cordially invite you to attend this and other church sponsored programs, listed separately this year for your convenience.

Our heartfelt thanks to the participating churches and The Holocaust Centre of Toronto, UJA Federation for supporting us in our efforts to educate people from all walks of life.

Ada Wynston
Chair, Holocaust Remembrance Committee

REGIONAL JEWISH COMMUNITIES OF ONTARIO
הקהילות היהודיות האזוריות של אונטריו

It is indeed a privilege for the RJCO to be a part of Holocaust Education Week. While this is the first year that our member communities have been involved in hosting events, our dedication and passion are strong.

Our sense of responsibility to ensure that the lessons of the Shoah continue, and that the legacy is carried forward to our youth, is paramount to the vibrancy of Jewish life in the small communities across Ontario. This week provides an important opportunity not only to learn about the magnitude and significance of the Shoah, but also to foster a better understanding between all humanity.

We extend an invitation to all the members of our small communities to partake of these events, and help strengthen the bonds between us.

Richard Kizell
Chair, Regional Jewish Communities of Ontario

23rd Annual Holocaust Education Week

Opening Night Program

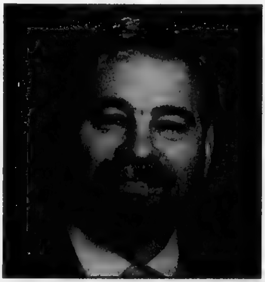
Thursday, October 30 – 7:30 pm
Temple Sinai 416-487-4161
210 Wilson Avenue, Toronto

THE RESCUE OF DANISH JEWRY:
Why was Denmark Different?

In the summer of 1943, after Denmark had been occupied for several years, the Nazis decided that the time had come to round up the Jewish community. Georg Duckwitz, the German delegation's attaché for shipping affairs, leaked word of the impending action to Danish politicians who, in turn, warned the Jewish leaders barely three days before the German raid was to begin. As a result, almost the entire Danish Jewish community was saved, the vast majority being transported to Sweden. Without hesitation, the Danes took risks with no regard for the consequences. The rescue was spontaneous, decentralized and without a command structure. When the Danish Jews returned, they found that their neighbours had looked after their homes and belongings, and their jobs awaited them.

Why was Denmark different? DR. MICHAEL BERENBAUM, who oversaw the creation of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. and subsequently headed the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation, will explore this question. Dr. Berenbaum is a Professor of Holocaust Studies and the author and editor of over twelve books. He has been the historical consultant for several award-winning Holocaust documentaries.

Dr. Berenbaum will reprise his lecture given recently at the Royal Copenhagen Library in the presence of Queen Margrethe II of Denmark. His keynote address marked the official Danish commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the rescue of Danish Jews during the Holocaust.



Dr. Michael Berenbaum

This evening will also mark the opening of a special exhibit, *Denmark 1943**, that has been loaned to The Holocaust Centre of Toronto, UJA Federation for the duration of Holocaust Education Week by the Royal Danish Embassy in Washington, D.C.

This program is generously co-sponsored by the Abraham and Ida Moncik Memorial Fund for Holocaust Education.

***The exhibit can be viewed at Temple Sinai from October 31-November 11.**

Friday, October 31

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

RECOMMENDED FOR EDUCATORS & STUDENTS

Holocaust Centre of Toronto, UJA Federation
416-635-2883 ext. 301
4600 Bathurst Street, Toronto

"HOLOCAUST ORPHANS IN CANADA"

This seminar for teachers and students will explore the web project, *Open Hearts – Closed Doors: The War Orphans Project*, developed by the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre for the Virtual Museum of Canada (VHEC), winner of the Canadian Race Relations Foundation's 2003 Award of Honour. Participants will browse the site – www.vhec.org – examine some of the teaching strategies and learn how stories, artifacts, primary documents and photographs can be used to promote Holocaust awareness as well as about 20th century Canadian immigration policies. A free teachers' guide is available through the website. *For pre-registration call 416-421-0119 no later than October 20.*

FRIEDA MILLER, Education Coordinator at the VHEC, is responsible for developing teaching materials that have received several grants and performance awards. **HAROLD LASS**, retired Head of the English Department at Northern Secondary School, Toronto, will lead a seminar *Holocaust and Literature – A Classroom Approach*. **DR. BELARIE ZATZMAN**, Faculty of Fine Arts, York University, will discuss Fine Arts and Holocaust education.

This program is generously co-sponsored by Helen Stollar, in memory of Jack Stollar.

4:45 pm

Anshei Minsk Synagogue
416-595-5723
10 St. Andrew Street, Toronto

"SHABBATON AT ANSHEI MINSK: SHABBAT IN THE HOLOCAUST"

Following the regular Friday night service, a guest lecturer will discuss the various ways in which Shabbat was observed during the Holocaust. ***The program continues on Saturday, November 1 at 9:30am. To pre-register for Shabbat meals and hospitality, call 416-595-5723.***

8:00 pm

RECOMMENDED FOR EDUCATORS

Beach Hebrew Institute
416-694-7942
109 Kenilworth Avenue, Toronto

"CHILDREN OF THE STORM"

This documentary tells the story of a group of Jewish children who survived the Holocaust and were able to come to Canada aided by the American Joint Distribution Committee and the Canadian Jewish Congress. ANDREW MAYER, who was one of these children, will be available for questions. *Jointly sponsored by the St. John's Norway Anglican Church.*

8:30 pm

Solel Congregation 905-820-5915
2399 Folkway Drive, Mississauga

"MONUMENTS TO MURDERED EUROPEAN JEWRY: A MONUMENTAL TASK"

Architect Peter Eisenman's winning design for the Monument to the Murdered Jews of Europe is currently under construction in Berlin. PROFESSOR SHELLEY HORNSTEIN, a teacher of art and architectural history at York University, will elaborate on the project in the context of Holocaust memorials built on historical sites and the difficult challenge they face. *This presentation will take place during Friday night services with an opportunity for questions during a reception following the program.*

Saturday, November 1

9:30 am

Anshei Minsk Synagogue 416-595-5723
10 St. Andrew Street, Toronto

"SHABBATON AT ANSHEI MINSK: SHABBAT IN THE HOLOCAUST"

PROFESSOR ADAM FUERSTENBERG, Director of The Holocaust Centre of Toronto, will discuss how, in spite of starvation, daily torture and random murder, Jews tried desperately to maintain their Jewishness and humanity through a range of religious and cultural activities. *Participants are requested to arrive on time. This program will take place at Saturday lunch, immediately following the regular Shabbat service.*

8:00 pm

B'nai Brith Canada 416-633-6224 ext. 112
Toronto Centre for the Arts –
George Weston Recital Hall
5040 Yonge Street, Toronto

"ORATORIO TEREZIN" (WORLD PREMIERE)

Composed by Canadian Ruth Fazal, this is a full length work scored for symphony orchestra, children's choir, adult choir, and three vocal soloists. It uses for its text children's poetry which miraculously survived the Terezin Ghetto, woven together with passages from the Hebrew scriptures. *Co-sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada and New Streams. Tickets: $35-$45. Call 416-872-1111 or Ticketmaster 416-870-8000.* ***This performance will be repeated on Sunday, November 2 at 3:00 pm.***

8:30 pm

Aish HaTorah 905-764-1818
949 Clark Avenue W., Thornhill

"WHY THE JEWS?"

What really motivated Hitler's intense hatred of Jews? Why was Nazi anti-Semitism unique? This multi-media presentation will present a comprehensive and surprising approach to the disturbing question – what is the source of the intense, unprecedented and seemingly irrational hatred against the Jews? It will transform the way Jews feel about being Jewish and provides a solid and logical foundation for meaningful Jewish pride.

8:30 pm

Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue
416-789-3213
470 Glencairn Avenue, Toronto

“NICKY'S CHILDREN”

This documentary describes the story of 669 children who were saved by Nicholas Winton, a young British stockbroker. Fifty years after his extraordinary exploit, the story was uncovered when his wife discovered albums and files in their attic. These children learned, at last, how they came to be saved. Winton, now 94 years old, was knighted this year by Queen Elizabeth II for his humanitarian achievements. Guest speaker following the screening will be JOE SCHLESINGER O.C., celebrated *CBC* correspondent and one of the children saved by Sir Nicholas. Mr. Schlesinger has reported on many of the major events of the 20th century, and has received numerous awards for his journalistic excellence.

This program is generously co-sponsored by the Rash family, in loving memory of Harry Rash and in honour of his great-grandson Hayden Gray Steinberg.

Sunday, November 2

10:00 am

Temple Emanu-El
416-449-3880
120 Old Colony Road, Toronto

“MIRACLES AND THE HOLOCAUST”

DR. NORBERT KERENYI, born in Budapest in 1928, survived the Holocaust and left Hungary in 1956. He will share his experiences as a young man during the War, including his participation in the Hungarian Labour Unit 107/302 and, in his capacity as a runner for the Jewish Council, how he met Adolf Eichmann.

10:00 am

Temple Sinai
416-487-4161
210 Wilson Avenue, Toronto

“COMING TO TERMS WITH PSYCHO-SOCIAL TRAUMA IN THE WAKE OF THE HOLOCAUST”

More than half a century after the Holocaust, the question remains: when is the past passed? The psychological consequence of the genocide committed against the Jewish population of Europe continues to resonate through the generations. JOAN SIMALCHIK, teacher and founding Executive Director of the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture, is the Canadian member of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims. She is the recipient of a distinguished service award presented by the Chilean government on behalf of her efforts to assist victims of the Pinochet dictatorship. *Co-sponsored by UJA Federation Women's Campaign & Advocacy.*

10:15 am

Oraynu Congregation for Humanistic Judaism 416-385-3910
St. Andrews Jr. High School
131 Fenn Avenue, Toronto

“THROUGH A HIDDEN CHILD'S EYES – A HOLOCAUST STORY”

SALLY WASSERMAN, born in Katowice, Poland, will recount the story of her survival as a hidden child, rescued by Righteous Gentiles in Poland. She will recall her time in hiding, the bravery of her rescuers and honour the personal story of her mother.

11:00 am

Jewish Storytelling Arts
416-699-8914
Miles Nadal JCC
750 Spadina Avenue, Toronto

“THE LIGHT AMIDST THE DARKNESS”

Stories of courage and heroism during the Shoah will be told by ELI RUBENSTEIN, DAVID BENDER and MERYL ARBING. This program is dedicated to the memory of Alec Gelcer (z"l), a driving force behind Jewish storytelling in Toronto. *Co-sponsored by Congregation Habonim and Miles Nadal JCC.*

11:00 am

RECOMMENDED FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Kehillat Shaarei Torah
416-229-2600
2640 Bayview Avenue, Toronto

“THE HOLOCAUST THROUGH THE EYES OF THREE GENERATIONS”

A thought-provoking and inspiring discussion that will explore three generations' experience of the Holocaust. The panel will be led by a Holocaust survivor, with the participation of the survivor's child and grandchild. *Co-sponsored by UJA Federation Young Leadership, this program is especially recommended for Jewish adults in their 20s and 30s.*

1:30 pm

Lodzer Centre Holocaust Congregation
416-636-6665 ext. 0
12 Heaton Street, Toronto

“UNDYING LOVE”

This documentary, focusing on the struggle of Holocaust survivors in post-War Europe to reconstruct personal identities and forge intimate relationships, is a textured retelling of eight extraordinary love stories. Survivor STEVE FLORIS, whose own story parallels those depicted in the film, will speak and be available to sign his book, *Escape from Pannonia*.

Programs especially suitable for EDUCATORS are highlighted in GREEN.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

2:00 pm – 9:30 pm

RECOMMENDED FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Goethe Institut
416-593-5257
Kinowelt Hall (St. Andrew subway)
163 King Street W., Toronto

"THE MANNS (DIE MANNS)"

This three-part Emmy Award-winning film by H. Breloer and H. Konigstein tells the story of one of the world's greatest authors and Nobel Prize recipient, Thomas Mann, and his family, who fled Germany for the United States after taking a strong stance against the Nazi regime. This docu-drama offers analyses of events in the lives of this artistic and dynamic family, as well as never seen archival footage. *German with English subtitles.*

Part I: 2:30–4:30pm; Part II: 5:00–7:00pm; Part III: 7:30–9:30pm. Admission: $10 for the entire series; $5 per section. Recommended for 18+. Tickets can be reserved 416-593-5257 three weeks prior to the event.

3:00 pm

B'nai Brith Canada
416-633-6224 ext. 112
Toronto Centre for the Arts –
George Weston Recital Hall
5040 Yonge Street, Toronto

"ORATORIO TEREZIN"

Canadian composer Ruth Fazal scored this full-length work, set in the context of the Holocaust, for symphony orchestra, children's choir, adult choir and vocal soloists. World premiere of this work was held on November 1 during Holocaust Education Week.

For complete program and ticket information, see page 2. Co-sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada and New Streams.

5:00 pm

Koffler Centre of the Arts (Loggia)
416-636-1880 ext. 352
4588 Bathurst Street, Toronto

"WOMEN IN THE HOLOCAUST: FACES OF RESISTANCE"

This multi-faceted exhibit tells the inspirational stories of ten courageous women and their diverse acts of resistance during the Holocaust. Exhibited outside Israel for the first time, it will be on display for the duration of Holocaust Education Week. It was researched and developed by the Moreshet Holocaust Education and Research Center of Givat Haviva. Moreshet's Director, AMIRA HAGANI, will be present at this evening's opening and during the entire showing for guided tours and discussion.

The exhibit runs until November 11.

Co-sponsored by National Council of Jewish Women.

7:00 pm

Toronto Jewish Film Society
416-324-9121
Miles Nadal JCC – Al Green Theatre
750 Spadina Avenue, Toronto

"RESISTANCE: UNTOLD STORIES OF JEWISH PARTISANS"

This documentary tells the lesser known story of armed Jewish resistance to the Nazis during World War II. Through archival film footage, interviews with surviving partisans, still photographs, and the contemporary drawings of artist and former partisan Alexander Bogen, it bears witness to military exploits and rescue missions carried out in the forests of Eastern Europe. *Tickets: $9. Co-sponsored by the Miles Nadal JCC.*

7:30 pm

Congregation Darchei Noam
416-638-4783
20 Martin Ross Ave. #100, Toronto

"GYPSIES AND THE HOLOCAUST: PERSONAL STORIES"

Like Jews, the Roma (Gypsy) people were victims of the Nazis' racial policies and subject to deportation, sterilization and murder in concentration camps – yet few have heard personal stories like those about which award-winning author TOBY SONNEMAN writes. The child of a German Holocaust survivor, she will discuss her book, *Shared Sorrows: A Gypsy Family Remembers the Holocaust.* Ms. Sonneman teaches journalism and writing at Whatcom Community College in Bellingham, Washington.

8:00 pm

Israel's, the Judaica Centre
416-256-1010
897 Eglinton Avenue W., Toronto

"ESCAPE FROM PANNONIA"

STEVE FLORIS will read from his book *Escape from Pannonia,* a tale of survival in Hungary and a touching love story. This book, a brilliant piece of historical information told best through the people who lived it, will appeal to those interested in WWII Holocaust history and the Canadian immigrant experience, as well as to romantics.

For more information &
any program changes visit our website
www.holocausteducationweek.com
or call our Hotline 416-631-5689.

8:00 pm

Shaar Shalom Synagogue
905-889-4975
2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill

"JEWISH RESISTANCE DURING THE SHOAH"

PROFESSOR STEVEN T. KATZ will explore the complex and often misunderstood issue of Jewish resistance during the Holocaust. He will examine the historical, political and existential situation in which European Jews found themselves between 1933 and 1945 and will describe the actual, considerable and quite remarkable nature of Jewish resistance. Professor Katz is Director of the Elie Wiesel Center for Judaic Studies at Boston University. He received his Ph.D. from Cambridge University in England, and has published extensively and lectured internationally.

This program is generously co-sponsored by The Sharon Diamond and Walt Family Fund at Shaar Shalom Synagogue, in loving memory of Sharon B. Diamond and Isidore J. Walt.

Monday, November 3

1:30 pm

RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS

Bathurst Clark Resource Library
905-709-1103
900 Clark Avenue W., Thornhill

"MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY"

HENRY MELNICK was born in Lodz, Poland. Shortly after the Nazi occupation in 1939, he was sent to various ghettos as a slave labourer, and then to several death camps including Auschwitz-Birkenau, Buna, Dora-Mittelbau and Bergen-Belsen. The sole survivor of his family, he came to Canada in 1965. *Recommended for students grade 7+.*

1:30 pm

RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS

Danforth/Coxwell Library
416-393-7783
1675 Danforth Avenue, Toronto

"MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY"

Born in Amsterdam, Holland in 1936, ADA WYNSTON and 231 other Jewish children were rescued from a Jewish day care centre by the Dutch Underground. At the age of six, she went into hiding with Dutch-Reform Christian families from 1942-1945. Altogether, 73 members of her family were murdered in the Sobibor and Auschwitz-Birkenau death camps. She immigrated to Canada in 1957. *Recommended for students grade 7+.*

Programs especially suitable for STUDENTS are highlighted in BLUE.

1:45 pm

RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS

Forest Hill Library 416-393-7706
700 Eglinton Avenue W., Toronto

"MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY"

FAYE SCHULMAN was born in Lenin, Poland. When the Nazis murdered her family in 1942, she escaped and joined the Soviet partisans in the forest. Liberated by the Soviet Red Army in 1944, she was decorated by several governments for her bravery. She immigrated to Canada in 1948 and is the author of *A Partisan's Memoir. Recommended for students grade 7+*

2:00 pm

RECOMMENDED FOR EDUCATORS

Ryerson University 416-979-5000 ext. 6293
Jorgenson Hall – *(off Gerrard St. E.)*
380 Victoria Street, Toronto

"THE FATE OF GYPSIES AND JEWS IN THE HOLOCAUST"

Award-winning author TOBY SONNEMAN, the child of a German Holocaust survivor, discusses her book, *Shared Sorrows: A Gypsy Family Remembers the Holocaust. See page 4 for more program details. This program is generously sponsored by Anita Ekstein and the Ekstein family, in loving memory of Frank Ekstein, as well as by the Roma Community & Advocacy Centre.*

4:00 pm

RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS

York University - Centre for Jewish Studies
416-736-5823
Founders Assembly Hall
216 Founders College, Toronto

"THE WAVE"

This film is based on the actual experience of a high school class in Palo Alto, California. In April 1967, history teacher Ron Jones devised a seemingly innocent classroom experiment to demonstrate to his students why, in the '30s and '40s, many young Germans were so under the spell of Adolf Hitler that they allowed or even helped the systematic murder of millions of innocent Jews. The classroom results proved alarming. A panel discussion will follow. *Recommended for students grade 10+.*

7:00 pm – OPENING EVENT

Christian Jewish Dialogue of Toronto
416-598-4242
Metropolitan United Church
56 Queen Street East, Toronto

"SOUNDS OF SURVIVAL: SONGS OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE"

This program will highlight traditional and folk tunes passed on through the years. Songs with music by Charles Davidson and words by children from Theresienstadt concentration camp will also be featured. ESTHER GANS-FIRESTONE, Canada's first female Cantor will lead the program, with participation from members of the METROPOLITAN UNITED CHOIR and other choirs. *Co-sponsored by the Metropolitan United Church.*

7:00 pm RECOMMENDED FOR EDUCATORS

University of Toronto History Department & Hillel at the Wolfond Centre for Jewish Campus Life 416-978-0422
Bahen Centre for Information Technology
40 St. George Street, Toronto

"REFLECTIONS ON THE HOLOCAUST IN HUNGARY: 60 YEARS LATER"

DR. RANDOLPH L. BRAHAM is Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Political Science at The City College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, where he also serves as Director of the Rosenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies. Professor Braham is an internationally recognized authority on the Holocaust and the author or editor of more than 50 books. In addition to reflecting on the Shoah in Hungary 60 years after the War, he will highlight some of the issues discussed in his newest publication, *The Nazis' Last Victims: The Holocaust in Hungary.*

Generously co-sponsored by Edith Sereny and with the support of the Graduate Program in Interdisciplinary Studies and the Centre of Jewish Studies, York University.

7:30 pm RECOMMENDED FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Beth Avraham Yosef of Toronto Congregation
905-886-3810
613 Clark Avenue W., Thornhill

"MARCH OF THE LIVING"

Students REENA FRIEDMAN, MARNINA KOSCHITZKY and YAEL WOLYNETZ, who participated in the 2003 March of the Living program where high school students visit Poland and Israel, will reflect on their personal experiences and the impact the March had on them. A question and answer period will follow.

7:30 pm

Indigo Books Music & Café
416-925-3536 ext. 5102
55 Bloor Street W., Toronto

"MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY"

IBI GROSSMAN, whose husband, parents and two sisters were murdered by the Nazis, lived in Budapest with her baby son during the War. Liberated from the Budapest Ghetto by the Soviet Red Army in January 1945, she is the author of the award-winning book *An Ordinary Woman in Extraordinary Times.*

Church sponsored programs begin on page 17.

7:30 pm

Workman's Circle
416-787-2081
471- 473 Lawrence Avenue W., Toronto

"THE LEGACY OF ARTHUR ZYGIELBOJM"

Zygielbojm's Death, a documentary film in English and Polish by Polish filmmaker Dzamila Ankiewicz, will be screened. ARON FAINER will introduce the film in Yiddish.

8:00 pm

Medina Theatre Ensemble
416-785-1074
Lipa Green Building
4600 Bathurst Street, Toronto

"THE ACHING HEART OF SAMUEL KLEINERMAN"

A staged reading of Marion Andre's play in which intrigue, fear, betrayal, and destroyed loyalties prevail at a time when power or madness demands ultimate courage or self denial. Cruel and bitter choices of action are forced upon people under conditions which should not exist – but do.

Programs especially suitable for YOUNG ADULTS are highlighted in BURGANDY.

8:00 pm

Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies
Hart House Theatre of University of Toronto
7 Hart House Circle, Toronto

"CHILDREN OF A VANISHED WORLD"

From 1935-1938, Roman Vishniac photographed the *shtetlekh* (small villages) of Poland, Romania, Hungary and Russia. With the assistance of his daughter Mara Vishniac Kohn, producer and director JUDY KOPELOW uses his photographs as staging for a special remembrance of the lives of children who vanished in the Holocaust. Over 70 photos will be projected to fill the stage and become an integral part of the dramatization. Yiddish folk songs and instrumentation will accompany dramatic readings. Musical direction and arrangement by SABATINO VACCA.

A discussion will follow with *CBC's* EVAN SOLOMON and JOE SCHLESINGER, as well as LEO ADLER, Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center. *For more information on the program, call 416-787-1060.*

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Tuesday, November 4

8:30 am

B'nai Brith Canada
416-633-6224 ext. 112
15 Hove Street, Toronto

"KINDERTRANSPORT"

SUZY GOLDSTEIN and WENDY SHARE, daughters of a Kindertransport participant, will talk about their father's life as a child growing up in Germany, and later as one of the children on the Kindertransport. Like the majority of the 10,000 children who fled Germany by train in this unprecedented rescue effort, he never saw his parents again.

9:30 am

RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS

Markham Branch Library
905-294-2782
6031 Hwy #7, Markham *(corner of Hwy #48)*

"MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY"

ANITA EKSTEIN, born in Lvov, Poland (now Ukraine) was taken into hiding as a child in 1942 by a Christian family with whom she has maintained close contact, and later by a priest in 1943. She will share her story. A question and answer period will follow. *Recommended for students grade 7+.*

1:30 pm

RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS

Deer Park Library
416-393-7673
40 St. Clair Avenue E., Toronto

"HANA'S SUITCASE"

In March 2000, a suitcase arrived at the Tokyo Holocaust Education Resource Centre. Painted on the outside were the words *Hana Brady, May 16, 1931* and *Waisenkind* – the German word for "orphan." Japanese children were full of questions: Who was Hana? What sort of girl was she? What happened to her? *Recommended for students grade 4+.*

2:00 pm

RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS

North York Central Library
416-395-5784
5120 Yonge Street, Toronto

"MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY"

Born in Lodz, Poland, JERRY KAPELUS survived the Lodz Ghetto, where he worked as a slave labourer for four years. In 1944 he and his family were transported to Auschwitz-Birkenau where his family was murdered. Later he became a slave labourer on a farm and survived the death march to Buchenwald concentration camp. *Recommended for students grade 7+.*

2:15 pm

RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS

Louis-Honoré Fréchette School
905-738-1724
40 New Westminster Drive, Thornhill

"MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY"

HERB GOLDSTEIN was born in Stanislawow, Poland in 1924 and later moved to Germany with his family where he witnessed and survived the *Kristallnacht* pogrom in 1938. Finding refuge in the U.K., he eventually joined the British Royal Navy and immigrated to Canada in 1947. *Recommended for students grade 6+.*

7:00 pm

RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS

Bathurst Clark Resource Library
905-709-1103
900 Clark Avenue W., Thornhill

"THE COURAGE TO CARE"

This moving documentary describes how rescuers from various European countries risked their lives to protect Jews during the Holocaust. Following the film, NATE LEIPCIGER will share his personal experiences. Born in Chorzow, Poland, he survived a series of ghettos and camps, including the Sosnowiec Ghetto and Auschwitz-Birkenau. *Recommended for students grade 7+*

7:00 pm

Goethe Institut
416-593-5257
Kinowelt Hall (St. Andrew subway)
163 King Street W., Toronto

"BRONSTEIN'S CHILDREN (BRONSTEIN'S KINDER)"

Based on the novel by *Jakob the Liar* author Jurek Becker, this is a story of intergenerational conflicts and questions of personal justice arising from the Holocaust. Set in East Berlin in 1973, Hans Bronstein discovers that his father and two other men are holding a former concentration camp guard captive until he confesses his crimes. Though Hans cannot bring himself to turn his father in, an intense conflict between the two begins. *German with English subtitles. Admission: $5. 18 yrs.+ Tickets can be reserved by calling 416-593-5257 three weeks prior to the event.*

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any program changes visit our website
www.holocausteducationweek.com
or call our Hotline 416-631-5689.

7:30 pm

Beth Torah Congregation
416-782-4495
47 Glenbrook Avenue, Toronto

"INTERVIEWING FAMILY MEMBERS ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST"

GAIL MENTLIK, a Toronto documentary maker, will screen and discuss excerpts from interviews she conducted in English and Yiddish with her mother, Hilda Mentlik, a Lodz Ghetto and Auschwitz survivor. She will talk about the process, highlighting interview techniques, equipment requirements and the particular challenges of interviewing family members about the Holocaust. She will also address Second Generation Holocaust perspectives and her role as a translator, daughter and documentary maker. A brief video, *Translation: My Mother's Testimony*, will be shown.

7:30 pm

Dutch Canadian Assoc. of Greater Toronto
416-229-1753
Lipa Green Building
4600 Bathurst Street, Toronto

"RESISTING FORCES"

This film describes how the Jewish Council in Enschede, the only council in Holland to offer resistance against the Nazis between 1941-43, saved one third of Enschede's Jews.

8:00 pm

Canadian Society for Yad Vashem
416-785-1333
Beth Tzedec Congregation
1700 Bathurst Street, Toronto

"ANTI-SEMITISM/ANTI-ZIONISM: CONVERGING HATREDS"

SHULAMIT IMBER, Pedagogical Director of the International School for Holocaust Studies at Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, will focus on how Yad Vashem promotes Holocaust education, particularly in Eastern Europe, where constant anti-Semitic incidents and attitudes are being experienced. A renowned lecturer, she is a member of the International Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research. Following her presentation, she will be joined by BERNIE FARBER, Executive Director of Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region and an expert on anti-Semitism, to discuss the rise of anti-Semitic incidents in Canada. *Recommended for the general public and educators.*

This program is generously co-sponsored by The Chenstochover Society, in loving memory of Phillip Skovronek, Holocaust survivor and long-time President of the Society.

Wednesday, November 5

10:00 am

RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS

Milliken Mills Community Library
905-513-7977 ext. 5359
7600 Kennedy Rd. #1, Unionville

"MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY"

HELEN YERMUS, born in Kovno, Lithuania, is a child survivor of the Kovno Ghetto where she stayed with her family until its liquidation in 1944. She and her mother were then sent to the Stutthoff concentration camp in Germany. *Recommended for students grade 7+.*

10:30 am

RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS

Mount Pleasant Library 416-393-7737
599 Mt. Pleasant Road, Toronto

"HANA'S SUITCASE"

In March 2000, a suitcase arrived at the Tokyo Holocaust Education Resource Centre. Painted on the outside were the words *Hana Brady, May 16, 1931* and *Waisenkind* – the German word for "orphan." Japanese children were full of questions: Who was Hana? What sort of girl was she? What happened to her? *Recommended for students grade 4.*

1:00 pm

B'nai Brith Canada 416-633-6224 ext. 112
15 Hove Street, Toronto

"KINDERTRANSPORT"

SUZY GOLDSTEIN and WENDY SHARE, daughters of a Kindertransport participant, will talk about their father's life as a child growing up in Germany, and later as one of the children of the Kindertransport. Like the majority of the 10,000 children who fled Germany by train in this unprecedented rescue effort, he never saw his parents again.

1:30 pm

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living
416-225-2112 ext. 116
1003 Steeles Avenue W., Toronto

"TRANSNISTRIA – THE FORGOTTEN CEMETERY"

DR. FELICIA CARMELLY, a survivor of Transnistria, will describe the fate of nearly half a million victims who perished in hundreds of camps under the control of Romanian Fascist armies and their Ukrainian collaborators. Her lecture is based on her book *Shattered! 50 Years of Silence, History and Voices of the Tragedy in Romania and Transnistria.*

1:30 pm

RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS

Thornhill Community Public Library
905-513-7977 ext. 3538
7755 Bayview Avenue, Toronto

"MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY"

Born in Poland, BRONKA KRYGIER spent two years in the Warsaw Ghetto between 1939-1941 before she escaped. Captured, she worked as a farm labourer but again managed to escape and went into hiding from 1942-1944. She was liberated by the Soviet Red Army in July 1944. *Recommended for students grade 7+.*

2:00 pm

RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS

Northern District Public Library
416-393-7619
40 Orchard View Blvd., Toronto

"MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY"

GEORGE BERMAN, born in Poland in 1923, lived in the Lodz Ghetto with his parents between 1940-1944. In 1944, they were taken to Auschwitz where his father was murdered. The fate of his mother is unknown. George was transferred to Gorlitz concentration camp where he remained until his liberation in 1945. *Recommended for students in grade 7+*

4:00 pm – 7:00 pm RECOMMENDED FOR EDUCATORS

Regional Jewish Communities of Ontario
416-635-2883 ext. 151
Lipa Green Building
4600 Bathurst Street, Toronto

"RJCO HOLOCAUST TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM"

Recognizing the diversity of the Canadian population, Regional Jewish Communities of Ontario (RJCO) is committed to studying the Holocaust within the context of what it means to be a responsible citizen. MICHAEL SOBERMAN will discuss using a multi-media approach to teaching about the Holocaust in a sensitive and age-appropriate manner, while illustrating how Holocaust study can be used to enhance Human Rights Education. MAX EISEN, a Holocaust survivor from Czechoslovakia, will recount his personal experiences in Auschwitz-Birkenau and his survival on death marches. CARSON PHILLIPS will round out this interactive workshop with a discussion on teaching tools and resource materials for the enrichment of Holocaust education in Ontario schools.

This program is designed especially for secondary and high school educators. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Call 416-635-2883 ext. 151. Co-sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region.

7:00 pm

Goethe Institut
416-593-5257
Kinowelt Hall (St. Andrew subway)
163 King Street W., Toronto

"THE GOLEM"

This rare silent-era film, produced in 1920 and directed by Paul Wegener and Carl Boece, addresses the early persecution of the Jews in Eastern Europe. It deals with an order given by a 16th century Habsburg Emperor that Jews be driven out of Prague. According to Jewish lore, Rabbi Loew sought help from supernatural forces by summoning the *Golem* (Hebrew for shapeless thing) in order to save his people. Live piano accompaniment by BILL O'MEARA. *With English intertitles.*

7:00 pm

RECOMMENDED FOR EDUCATORS

RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS

Israel's, the Judaica Centre 416-256-1010
897 Eglinton Avenue W., Toronto

"FACES OF COURAGE: YOUNG HEROES OF WORLD WAR II"

SALLY ROGOW will launch her new book, a compilation of 12 true stories of courageous teenagers from all across Europe, both Jewish and non-Jewish, who resisted the Nazis. *While appealing to a wide audience, this program is especially recommended for teachers and high school students as well as children with disabilities and their parents.*

7:30 pm

Chabad Lubavitch Markham 905-886-0402
83 Green Lane, Thornhill

"THE VOID"

This documentary film traces the life of PINCHAS GUTTER. Born in Lodz, Poland, he and his family lived in the Warsaw Ghetto and were later deported to Majdanek, where he managed to survive. In May 2002, Gutter returned to Poland with his three children and, for the first time, shared his story with them. He will speak following the screening.

7:30 pm

Chapters Inc. (Bayview Village)
416-222-6323
2901 Bayview Avenue, Toronto

"THE SON OF AN EXTRAORDINARY WOMAN"

ANDY RETI, a child survivor from Budapest, will talk about his new book written as a tribute to his Holocaust survivor mother, Ibi Grossman, and will reflect on being a Canadian citizen. The book is a sequel to Grossman's own book, *An Ordinary Woman in Extraordinary Times.*

7:30 pm

Pride of Israel 416-226-0111
59 Lissom Cres., Toronto

"ATLANTIC DRIFT"

When 2,000 Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi persecution boarded the ship Atlantic, they hoped to make it to Palestine – and safety. When the British stopped them from entering the country, they were deported to Mauritius to what were, in effect, concentration camps where amidst illness and deprivation, they sat out the War. HENRY WELLISCH, one of the few survivors of this horrific journey, will recount his personal experiences and answer questions following the screening. *English, German and Hebrew with English subtitles.*

Cultural events and Exhibits begin on page 20.

8:00 pm

Holy Blossom Temple 416-789-3291
1950 Bathurst Street, Toronto

"THE NUREMBERG LAWS: ORIGINS, EXPLANATION AND SIGNIFICANCE"

PROFESSOR MICHAEL MARRUS will explore the murky, obsessive and utimately murderously-inspired world of Nazi anti-Jewish legislation, beginning with the impulses that led to the infamous Nuremberg Laws of 1935, the political maneuvering that called them into being, and an assessment of their significance in the history of the Third Reich and the Holocaust. Professor Marrus is Dean of the Graduate School and the Chancellor Emerita Rose and Ray Wolfe Professor of Holocaust Studies at the University of Toronto.

This program is generously co-sponsored by Henry and Elaine Melnick, in loving memory of Hela Melnick.

8:00 pm

Temple Har Zion 905-889-2252
7360 Bayview Avenue, Thornhill

"FROM DEFEAT TO VICTORY"

Born in Prague, Czechoslovkia in 1926, VERA SCHIFF was deported to Theresienstadt (Terezin) in 1942. She will discuss the fate of survivors during the Holocaust, and how people confronted their challenges before, during and after the War. She is the award-winning author of two books that recount life in this unique concentration camp, *Hitler's Inferno: Eight Intimate and Personal Histories from the Holocaust* and *Theresienstadt: The Town the Nazis Gave to the Jews.* She will describe her personal expriences and read selected passages from both works.

Thursday, November 6

1:30 pm

RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS

Deer Park Library 416-393-7673
40 St. Clair Avenue E., Toronto

"MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY"

FANNY PILLERSDORF, born in Bendzin, Poland, survived seven camps: Ortmunt, Blechamer, Klein Mangelsdorf, Wizau, Gross Rosen, Gross Maslowich, and Cillertal. Towards the end of the War she managed to escape and was hidden by a farmer. With her parents and two younger sisters murdered, Fanny, the sole survivor of her family, was liberated by the Soviet Red Army. *Recommended for students grade 7+.*

1:30 pm

Miles Nadal JCC 416-924-6211
750 Spadina Avenue, Toronto

"SURVIVING DIFFICULT YEARS 1930-1945: HYSTERICAL, HISTORICAL MEMORIES"

A talk and discussion led by MARGARET COHEN-TUTEUR, an honoured member of the Miles Nadal JCC's Good Age Club.

2:00 pm

Wychwood Library 416-393-7639
1431 Bathurst Street, Toronto

"MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY"

ROMAN ZIEGLER was born in Dombrowa, Poland. He spent 31 months in four slave labour and concentration camps and, as the youngest of eight children, is the sole survivor of his family. He is the author of *Voice From the Heart.*

7:00 pm

RECOMMENDED FOR EDUCATORS

Centennial College 416-289-5000 ext. 2601
The Centre for Creative Communications
951 Carlaw Ave., Toronto *(south of Mortimer, west of Pape, at Pape subway on Bloor line)*

"JEWISH WIVES/GERMAN HUSBANDS: BROKEN BONDS AND SHATTERED IDENTITIES IN PRE-HOLOCAUST NAZI GERMANY"

Following a performance of Bertolt Brecht's play *The Jewish Wife,* directed by Dorothy Kelleher, a panel of educators will lead a discussion on issues related to the play, such as: what can we learn from the way the Jewish wife wrestles with her identity in a hostile climate? and why did so few Germans express dissent or engage in resistance? Following the discussion, moderated by PROFESSOR MAARTEN VAN DIJK, the panel will discuss a framework of materials (available free of charge), positions and arguments that may be used for classroom teaching, lessons and debates.

7:00 pm

Goethe Institut 416-593-5257
Kinowelt Hall *(St. Andrew subway)*
163 King Street W., Toronto

"NOWHERE IN AFRICA (NIRGEND GENDWO IN AFRIKA)"

Just before the outbreak of World War II, the German-Jewish Redlich family manages to escape Nazi terror and begin new lives on a small isolated farm in Kenya. There they lead an impoverished existence far removed from their roots in Germany. While five-year-old Regina discovers the magic of Africa, her parents become increasingly nostalgic for Germany, even after learning of the death of their family at the hands of the Nazis. *German with English subtitles. Admission: $5. 18 yrs.+ Tickets can be reserved 416-593-5257 three weeks prior to the event.*

7:30 pm

Indigo Books, Music & Café
905-731-8771
8705 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill

"MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY"

PETER SILVERMAN, partisan and co-author of *From Victims to Victors,* will share his War-time experiences. Mr. Silverman, who witnessed the massacre of his hometown's Jewish population, escaped and spent eight months in hiding. After joining the Jewish-Russian Partisan Brigade, he actively participated in armed resistance.

7:30 pm

Indigo Books, Music & Café (Yorkdale)
416-781-6660
3401 Dufferin St. #29, Toronto

"MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY"

CHAVA KWINTA was born in Sosnowiec, Poland. As a child she was transported to the Srodula Ghetto where she became a smuggler in order to feed her family. She spent over two years in concentration and death camps before being liberated in April 1945. She is the author of *I Am Still Living*.

7:30 pm

Jewish Genealogical Society 416-961-0608
Shaarei Shomayim Congregation
470 Glencairn Avenue, Toronto

"SURVIVING THE WARSAW GHETTO"

Of the 28,000 Jews who went into hiding in the Polish district of Warsaw during the Holocaust, more than 11,000 survived. This lecture by GUNNAR S. PAULSSON, who holds a D.Phil. from the University of Oxford, will consider how some Jews managed to avoid death by starvation, then death by deportation to Treblinka, and finally death by denunciation on the "Aryan side."

7:30 pm

Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre
for Holocaust Studies
Beth Sholom Synagogue 416-864-9735 ext.28
1445 Eglinton Avenue W., Toronto

"PROSECUTION OF NAZI CRIMINALS"

ELI ROSENBAUM, Director of a U.S. Justice Department Special Investigations Unit, will discuss ongoing efforts around the world, particularly in the U.S., to investigate and prosecute Nazi criminals. He will describe the techniques employed by his office, which is the most successful unit of its kind in the world, as well as the obstacles encountered in these cases. During the past 20 years, his unit has persuaded courts to revoke the citizenship of 62 Nazi war criminals and to deport 53. *Co-sponsored by Beth Sholom Synagogue.*

7:30 pm

Miles Nadal JCC, Al Green Theatre
416-924-6211 750 Spadina Avenue, Toronto

"THE HOLOCAUST: A CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE – YIDDISH SONGS OF RESISTANCE"

The Miles Nadal Cultural Arts Group, with the UJA Federation Committee for Yiddish, Friends of Yiddish, the Morris Winchevsky School and the United Jewish People's Order, present an evening dedicated to perpetuating the memory of the Holocaust and its victims through the creativity of contemporary artists. With MITCH SMOLKIN, LENKA LICHTENBERG, THE MILES NADAL JCC COMMUNITY CHOIR and the TORONTO JEWISH FOLK CHOIR. The program will also commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and all resistance fighters. *Pay-what-you-can admission. Suggested donation: $10.*

8:00 pm

Beth Tikvah Synagogue 416-221-3433
3080 Bayview Avenue, Toronto

"AUSCHWITZ: A SYMBOL FOR THE 20TH CENTURY"

DR. ROBERT JAN VAN PELT, one of the world's foremost authorities on Auschwitz and an expert defence witness at the trial of Holocaust denier David Irving, will speak about Auschwitz as a symbol for the 20th century as well as about the trial. GERALD ZIEDENBERG, a member of Beth Tikvah, will address the moral question of the failure to bomb Auschwitz.

8:00 pm

Chapters Inc. 905-881-2846
7040 Yonge Street *(at Steeles)*, Thornhill

"MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY"

NECHEMIA WURMAN was born in 1927 in Kurov, Poland. From 1942 - 1944 he worked in a Nazi slave labour camp from which he escaped and joined the Partisan resistance fighters. Liberated by the Soviet Red Army in 1945, he is the author of *Nechemia - German and Jew in the Holocaust*.

8:00 pm

RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS

Netivot Hatorah Day School
905-771-1234 ext. 226
8 Atkinson Avenue, Thornhill

"ONE OUT OF TEN"

One and a half million Jewish children were murdered by German and local Nazis in Europe between 1939 and 1945. Only one out of ten children survived. In this film, some of these child survivors recount their extraordinary experiences. CLAIRE BAUM, a child survivor from Holland who, along with her younger sister, survived in hiding from 1942-1945, will tell her story. *This program is also recommended for students in grade 4+.*

Saturday, November 8

8:00 pm

Narayever Congregation 416-927-0546
187 Brunswick Avenue, Toronto

"AN ARTIST CONFRONTS THE HOLOCAUST"

ALLEN KAEJA will talk about his father's experiences surviving the Holocaust, of his own journey to discover his roots in Poland and of his motivation for presenting Holocaust-related themes through dance. Kaeja is a choreographer, film director, teacher and Co-Artistic Director of Kaeja d'Dance, an award-winning dance company based in Toronto.

Out of Town Programs appear on page 19.

Community Commemoration of Kristallnacht

Saturday, November 8 – 8:00 pm
Beth Tzedec Congregation 416-781-3514 ext. 34
1700 Bathurst Street, Toronto

DESIGNING SACRED SPACE:

Memorializing the Holocaust

Daniel Libeskind

DANIEL LIBESKIND, born in Poland to Holocaust survivors, is the internationally renowned and influential architect, recipient of many awards, and acclaimed for his design of such buildings as the Jewish Museum in Berlin and the Felix Nussbaum Museum in Osnabruck, Germany.

Mr. Libeskind will address the issues he considers, his aims and objectives, and the particular challenges he faces when designing buildings to memorialize the Holocaust.

This program will commemorate the 65th anniversary of *Kristallnacht*, the Night of Broken Glass, when, on November 9-10, 1938, a massive, coordinated attack was carried out against Jews throughout Germany and Austria. Hundreds were killed or injured, synagogues burned, businesses destroyed, cemeteries and schools vandalized and thousands of Jews arrested and sent to concentration camps.

This program is generously co-sponsored by Nicholas M. and Hedy J. Munk and The Firestone Family Annual Lecture, and by the Goethe Institut.

"In Berlin...fire engines stood by to protect the nearby main post office while the Oranienburgstrasse synagogue burned." Photo – *Kristallnacht: the Nazi night of terror* by Anthony Read and David Fisher. Published by Random House.

Sunday, November 9

8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care
416-785-2500 ext. 2271
Baycrest Wagman Centre
55 Ameer Avenue, Toronto

"SURVIVOR FAMILIES: FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH (L'DOR V'DOR)"

A one-day conference for adult children of Holocaust survivors and their partners, this Second Generation gathering will explore the impact of the Holocaust on their families, their past, their future and their community.

Speakers include: DR. ANNA BARANOWSKY, DR. ALAN BARDIKOFF, PAULA DAVID, EVA DOJC, LISA REITMAN-DOBI, BERNIE FARBER, CARY GREEN, MARTIN HERSKOVITZ, SUSAN JACKSON, MARGIE LEVITT, LEN RUDNER and LISA ZAID.

$18 per person, includes lunch and materials. Kashruth observed. Limited space available. **Pre-registration necessary by October 20.** *Contact Brenda Quek, Baycrest Centre 416-785-2500 ext. 2853. For more information and to print a registration form, visit www.baycrest.org (go to All Events).*

Co-sponsored by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region.

10:00 am

Congregation Habonim 416-782-7125
Bathurst JCC - Jerusalem Room
4588 Bathurst Street, Toronto

"HOW TO ENSURE THAT THE HOLOCAUST WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN"

IRVING ROTH, a native of Czechoslovakia and Hungary, is a survivor of Auschwitz and Buchenwald. In addition to being the Director of the Holocaust Resource Centre of Manhasset, New York, he is an award-winning historian, lecturer and writer on the Holocaust. In 1998, he developed the "Adopt a Survivor" program, instituted throughout the U. S. in public and parochial high schools and universities, that attempts to capture and preserve the survivor's experience. Through individual interaction between survivors and students, the student absorbs the survivor's life, spirit and soul and is able to retell the survivor's story accurately for generations beyond the survivor's life. Mr. Roth will share his moving story of survival as well as discuss the innovative educational activities he has initiated. ***Recommended for educators teaching about the Holocaust.***

This program is generously co-sponsored by Gayle, Alf, Ava, Lara and Shane Kwinter, in loving memory of Mila and Zalman Kwinter.

10:00 am

RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS

United Congregational Schools
416-633-1338
Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue
100 Elder Street, Toronto

"KRISTALLNACHT"

INGE SPITZ was born in Potsdam, Germany in 1927 where she witnessed the *Kristallnacht* pogrom in 1938. During the War years, she and her sister hid in France and escaped to Switzerland in 1944. *Recommended for students grade 4+.*

2:00 pm

Miles Nadal JCC – Al Green Theatre
416-924-6211
750 Spadina Avenue, Toronto

"BETWEEN STAGES: THE SECRET OF GABI'S DRESSER"

This reading is based on the award-winning novel, a moving, insightful and educational work of historical fiction for young people by children's author Kathy Kacer. Presented as part of *Between Stages*, a playwright's "Work-In-Progress" reading series established in 1996 to provide contemporary playwrights with an informal venue to showcase their newest script. *Co-produced by Te-Amim Music Theatre and supported by the City of Toronto through the Toronto Arts Council.*

3:00 pm

RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS

Beit Rayim Synagogue
905-770-7639
9711 Bayview Avenue, Thornhill

"FROM SORROW TO JOY: MARCH OF THE LIVING"

A three-generational discussion on the impact of the March of the Living program, where high school students visit Poland and Israel. Special guests include Holocaust survivor FAIGIE LIBMAN, RABBI ELLIOT DIAMOND and students REBECCA ORBACH and RACHEL SHIFF. *Recommended for adults and children over the age of 10 with parental guidance.*

3:00 pm

Antisemitism Must End Now (A.M.E.N.),
B'nai Brith Canada and International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (ICEJ)
Toronto Centre for the Arts – Main Stage
5040 Yonge Street, Toronto

"IN THE SHADOW OF DEATH"

Traditional acting, dance, powerful audio/visual effects and haunting music embrace the audience on its journey through 1930s Germany as mass insanity replaces the heart of a once proud nation. Holocaust survivor VERA SCHIFF will address the audience following the performance. *See page 14 for more program and ticket information. This performance will be repeated tonight at 8:00 pm.*

5:00 pm

Polish Jewish Heritage Foundation
Koffler Centre of the Arts – Lecture Hall
416-636-1880 ext. 270
4588 Bathurst Street, Toronto

"NEVER FAR AWAY – THE AUSCHWITZ CHRONICLES OF ANNA HEILMAN"

ANNA HEILMAN, a native of Warsaw, Poland, survived the Warsaw Ghetto, the killing fields of Majdanek and Auschwitz, and a death march. Liberated in Germany, she is considered a War hero because of her involvement in the destruction of a crematorium in Auschwitz. Her life is chronicled in her award-winning biography, *Never Far Away*, a book that provides a unique insight into the courage and ingenuity of the rebels who worked in an armaments factory.

Co-sponsored by the Koffler Centre of the Arts.

7:00 pm

RECOMMENDED FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Ve'ahavta: the Canadian Jewish Humanitarian & Relief Committee
416-964-7698 ext.16
Shaarei Shomayim Congregation
470 Glencairn Avenue, Toronto

"WE HAVE TALKED ENOUGH"

Since the end of the Holocaust, billions of dollars have been invested in literature, memorials and programs to remember the atrocities committed against the Jewish people by the Nazis. Similarly, much discussion internationally has ensued about the terrible genocide responsible for the deaths and murders of over a million Rwandans in 1994. Ve'ahavta and members of the local Rwandan community will join together in a discussion dealing with what can be done to ensure that genocides never occur again. Guest panelists include AVRUM ROSENSWEIG, Director, Ve'ahavta and LEO KABALISA, teacher with the York Region District School Board and a member of the Board for Hope for Rwanda's Children Fund. *Co-sponsored by the Young Adult Division of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.*

7:30 pm

Temple Kol Ami 905-709-2620
Leo Baeck Day School
36 Atkinson Avenue, Thornhill

"RACISM: A CHALLENGE TO US ALL"

LEN RUDNER, Director of Community Relations, Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region and ELIZABETH MOORE, anti-racist educator and former member of the Canadian Heritage Front, will discuss the challenge that racism currently presents to Canadian society. A short video *Not In Our Town* will be shown before the discussion.

8:00 pm

Congregation Habonim 416-782-7125
5 Glen Park Road, Toronto

"THROUGH DIFFERENT EYES: HOW OTHERS VIEW THE HOLOCAUST"

After a brief *Kristallnacht* memorial service, four young Canadians – a Muslim, a Polish Canadian, a First Nations and a Rwandan student – who travelled to Poland to study the Holocaust and to promote better relations among people of diverse cultures will share their reflections. IRVING ROTH, a Holocaust survivor and Director of the Holocaust Resource Centre of Manhasset, New York, will also share his experience of the same trip.

8:00 pm

Jewish Russian Community Centre
416-222-7105
5987 Bathurst Street #3, Toronto

"G-D AFTER THE HOLOCAUST"

RABBI LEVI JACOBSON, acclaimed educator, writer and lecturer of the Jewish Russian Community Centre's Thornhill Branch, has travelled the world sharing the wealth and beauty of Judaism. He brings to his lectures his knowledge of Talmudic scholarship as well as his engaging and thought-provoking style.

8:00 pm

Antisemitism Must End Now (A.M.E.N.),
B'nai Brith Canada and International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (ICEJ)
Toronto Centre for the Arts - Main Stage
5040 Yonge Street, Toronto

"IN THE SHADOW OF DEATH"

Traditional acting, dance, powerful audio/visual effects and haunting music embrace the audience on its journey through 1930s Germany as mass insanity replaces the heart of a once proud nation. The play, written and directed by Stephen Puddle, exposes the evolution of hate that fuelled the Holocaust and reveals the undercurrent of anti-Semitism that is stirring up a new storm of hatred and intolerance today. Holocaust survivor ELLY GOTZ will address the audiece following the performance. *A Velocity Theatre Production. Tickets: $10-$20. Group rates of 25 or more, call Debbie at A.M.E.N. at 416-424-6613 or Ticketmaster at 416-870-8000.*

Monday, November 10

1:00 pm

RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS

Unionville Library
905-513-7977 ext. 5519
15 Library Lane, Unionville

"MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY"

MANDEL GOOD, born in 1925 in Nowy-Sancz, Poland, was taken to the ghettos of his hometown and then Tarnow. Jailed twice, he is a survivor of seven camps: Roznow, Muszyna, Plaszow, Auschwitz-Birkenau, Mauthausen, Melk and Ebensee. *Recommended for students grade 7+.*

7:30 pm

Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Studies
416-864-9735 ext. 28
Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue
100 Elder Street, Toronto

"A JEWISH YOUNGSTER IN THE HOLOCAUST"

CANTOR LOUIS DANTO's emotional rendition of songs from the Shoah will set the tone for this Holocaust remembrance program. GEORGE PREGER will recall his experiences of how, as a Jewish youngster during the Holocaust, he survived in Hungary under an assumed identity. JAMES PALMER will discuss the economic implications of the Shoah and provide information about compensation claims against successor governments of Nazi regimes. Mr. Palmer is President of Mondex Corporation, a company that specializes in helping beneficiaries recover unclaimed property. *Co-sponsored by Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.*

7:30 pm

RECOMMENDED FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Kolel, The Adult Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning 416-485-7007 ext. 222
151 Eglinton Avenue W., Toronto

"ANSWERING ANTI-SEMITISM, THEN AND NOW"

Anti-Semitism, the expression of hatred of Jews, has plagued the world for thousands of years. Yet, despite the efforts of the Jewish community and others since the Shoah to educate and stem the tide of anti-Semitism, there is a shocking rise in anti-Semitic incidents around the world, including Canada. PROFESSOR ED MORGAN will address issues of anti-Semitism in Ontario today and discuss ways to respond to it. Professor Morgan holds law degrees from the University of Toronto and Harvard and is a Professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto, specializing in constitutional and international law. *Sponsored by Reviving Eden, Kolel's initiative for Jews in their 20s.*

7:30 pm

RECOMMENDED FOR EDUCATORS

Te-Amim Music Theatre
416-489-4709
Rosedale Heights School of the Arts
711 Boor Street E., Toronto

"THE SECRET OF GABI'S DRESSER"

A pilot production of a Canadian premiere based on Kathy Kacer's award-winning children's book, this story of hope and courage is founded on actual events which took place in Eastern Europe during World War II. The play will be performed by drama students of ROSEDALE HEIGHTS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS under the direction of teachers and professional artists. A panel discussion will follow. *Educators are encouraged to attend. Produced by Te-Amim Music Theatre in cooperation with the Rosedale Heights School of the Arts with support from the City of Toronto through the Toronto Arts Council.*

7:45 pm

RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS

Village Shul & Aish HaTorah Learning Centre
416-785-1107
1072 Eglinton Avenue W., Toronto

"THE GENERATIONS OF THE MARCH OF THE LIVING"

RABBI ELLIOT DIAMOND, Vice-Principal of Netivot HaTorah Day School, was a chaperone on the 2003 March of the Living. IRVING EISNER, a Holocaust survivor and participant in the first March, has gone on many "Marches" since. He and a recent student participant relate their moving experiences. *Recommended for students grade 9+*

8:00 pm

Beth Tikvah Synagogue
416-221-3433
3080 Bayview Avenue, Toronto

"POLISH JEWRY BETWEEN TWO WORLD WARS"

PROFESSOR PIOTR WRÓBEL will speak about the new Polish Republic between 1919-1939, one of the most remarkable periods in the history of the Jewish people. Dr. Wróbel holds the Konstanty Reynert Chair of Polish Studies at the University of Toronto and currently sits on the Board of Directors of the Polish-Jewish Heritage Foundation of Canada and on the Governing Council of the American Association for Polish-Jewish Studies.

8:00 pm

Shaarei Tefillah Congregation
416-787-1631
3600 Bathurst Street, Toronto

"TRANSNISTRIA – THE UNKOWN CHAPTER OF THE HOLOCAUST"

DR. FELICIA CARMELLY, a survivor of Transnistria, will describe the fate of nearly half a million victims who perished in hundreds of camps under the control of Romanian Fascist armies and their Ukrainian collaborators. Her lecture is based on research for her award-winning book, *Shattered! 50 Years of Silence, History and Voices of the Tragedy in Romania and Transnistria.*

Tuesday, November 11

2:00 pm

Barbara Frum Library
416-395-5440
20 Covington Road, Toronto

"THE PIANIST"

Roman Polanski's Academy Award-winning film is based on the memoirs of the talented pianist Wladyslaw Szpilman, a Polish Jew, who miraculously survived World War II. The story is told through Szpilman's eyes, and thus carries as much confusion and fear as disgust and torment. His struggle to survive, with some help from non-Jews, is seen through long, silent, languid stretches filled with the imagined piano music that inspires him to live.

Closing Program

Tuesday, November 11 – 7:30 pm
Adath Israel Congregation 416-635-5340
37 Southbourne Avenue, Toronto

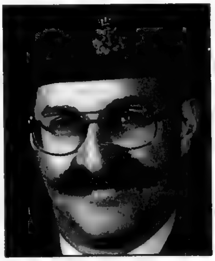
HOLOCAUST AND HUMAN RIGHTS: What Have We Learned? What Must We Do?

Professor Irwin Cotler

PROFESSOR IRWIN COTLER, O.C., is Member of Parliament for Mount Royal in Montreal. He is internationally renowned for his tireless efforts in promoting human rights, having represented such famous prisoners of conscience as Nelson Mandela, Andrei Sakharov and Jacobo Timmerman. For many years, he has worked on behalf of peace in the Middle East. He is a long-time advocate in the world-wide struggle against racism and discrimination, and has chaired or served on many international Commissions of Inquiry.

This program, with special participation of CANTOR ELI KIRSHBLUM, the ADATH ISRAEL CHOIR and the JEWISH VETERANS OF CANADA, will also include a candlelighting ceremony for the victims of the Shoah.

In commemoration of Remembrance Day, and on behalf of the Canadian Forces, MAJOR-GENERAL EDWARD FITCH will discuss Canada's participation in WWII. Major-General Fitch is the highest-ranking Jewish officer in the Canadian Forces. He was promoted to his present rank in December 2001 and is currently Project Manager of Land Force Reserve Restructure. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his work in the former Yugoslavia, was appointed an Officer of the Order of Military Merit in June 1999 and was presented with the Golden Jubilee Medal in 2003.



Major-General Edward Fitch

Reserved seating will be available for veterans.

This program is generously co-sponsored by Joseph Gottdenker in loving memory of the members of the Gottdenker and Zuckerbrot families who perished in the Holocaust.

Sunday, October 26

10:30 am

St. Ansgar Lutheran Church
416-783-3570
1498 Avenue Road, Toronto

"MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY"

Guest preacher, ADA WYNSTON, a hidden child from Holland, will recount her personal story as part of the regular Sunday morning service.

2:30 pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church
416-924-6257
520 Sherborne Street, Toronto

"FAITH THAT CONQUERS..."

Wednesday, October 29

7:00 pm

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
416-249-8851
1630 Lawrence Avenue W., Toronto

"HIDDEN HEROES"

This film, created for *Vision TV*, tells the story of Dutch Christians who rescued Jewish children during the Holocaust. A Dutch survivor featured in the film will attend and take questions following the screening.

Thursday, October 30

7:30 pm

Eglinton St. George's United Church
416-481-1141
St. George's Hall
35 Lytton Blvd., Toronto

"HIDDEN HEROES"

This film, created for *Vision TV*, tells the story of Dutch Christians who rescued Jewish children during the Holocaust. Two Dutch survivors, VERA YEROS and ADA WYNSTON, who are featured in the film, will attend and take questions following the screening.

Sunday, November 2

10:00 am

Augsburg Lutheran Church
905-459-3262
224 Mill Street S., Brampton

"REFLECTIONS OF A SURVIVOR: WOMEN IN THE HOLOCAUST"

JUDY COHEN was born in Hungary in 1928, the youngest of seven children. Her parents and most of her family were murdered by the Nazis in various camps. Deported to Auschwitz- Birkenau in July 1944, she survived the Bergen-Belsen camp, a slave labour camp in Aschersleben and a death march, and was liberated in May 1945 by the U.S. Army. She is the editor of www.womenandtheholocaust.com.

10:00 am

Emmanuel Lutheran Church 416-757-1593
1684 Victoria Park Avenue, Toronto

"LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF"

This is the story of a Jewish girl in Holland saved by Righteous Gentiles. *Co-sponsored by the Adult Education Committee of the Church.*

10:30 am

St. Peter's Anglican Church, Erindale
905-828-2095
1745 Dundas Street W., Mississauga

"THE RIGHTEOUS GENTILES"

MARTIN MAXWELL, who escaped Nazi Germany on a Kindertransport to England, will tell the story of non-Jews who, against all odds and at great personal risk, helped Jews survive the Holocaust. He will preach the sermon at the regular worship service.

12:30 pm

Agricola Lutheran Church 416-489-7600
25 Old York Mills Road, Toronto

"COME OUT FIGHTING – THE 761ST"

This documentary tells the story of a segregated tank battalion of African-American soldiers who fought in World War II under the command of General George Patton. They were responsible for helping the Allies defeat the Germans in the Battle of the Bulge and were credited with liberating several concentration camps in Austria. Because of their courage and determination, President Harry Truman desegregated the American military in 1948. Holocaust survivor MARK LANE will be available for questions.

Monday, November 3

7:00 pm

Christian Jewish Dialogue of Toronto
Holocaust Remembrance Committee
416-598-4242
Metropolitan United Church
56 Queen Street E., Toronto

"SOUNDS OF SURVIVAL: SONGS OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE"

See page 5 for full program details.

Tuesday, November 4

7:30 pm

Christ Lutheran Church
416-293-2233
2850 Midland Avenue, Toronto

"MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY"

SALLY WASSERMAN, born in Katowice, Poland, will recount the story of her survival as a hidden child rescued by Righteous Gentiles in Poland and will reflect on the bravery of her rescuers. *Co-sponsored by Knox United Church and Church of St. Giles.*

7:30 pm

Royal York United Church 416-231-9401
851 Royal York Road, Toronto

"EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK"

This program will allow people to come forward and ask those questions which might be embarrassing to them but are not for the speaker, LEONARD VIS, a survivor from Holland.

7:30 pm

St. James Bond United Church 416-485-0723
1066 Avenue Road, Toronto

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Wednesday, November 5

7:30 pm

Christ Church Deer Park
416-920-5211
1570 Yonge Street, Toronto

"DENMARK 1943"

This film tells the story of the rescue efforts of the Danish Jews in 1943. A panel discussion will follow led by REV. ROBERT PEARSON.

7:30 pm

L'Arche Daybreak - Dayspring Chapel
905-884-3454 ext. 246/226
11339 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill
(3 lights N. of Elgin Mills & Yonge)

"CONFRONTING EVIL"

A program featuring ANITA EKSTEIN, Holocaust survivor, and LEO KABALISA, survivor of the Rwandan genocide, in conversation. Music by well-known Toronto musician BRIAN KATZ. *Co-sponsored by Richmond Hill United Church & St. Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic Church.*

7:30 pm

St. Philip's Lutheran Church
416-622-5577
61 West Deane Park Drive, Toronto

"HIDDEN HEROES"

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7:30 pm

St. Gabriel's Passionist Parish (Rom. Cath.)
416-221-8866
650 Sheppard Avenue E., Toronto

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Thursday, November 6

7:30 pm

St. Bonaventure Roman Catholic Church
416-447-5571 1300 Leslie Street, Toronto

"HIDDEN HEROES"

This film, created for *Vision TV*, tells the story of Dutch Christians who rescued Jewish children during the Holocaust. A Dutch survivor featured in the film will answer questions following the screening.

Sunday, November 9

10:30 am

Runnymede United Church 416-767-6729
432 Runnymede Road, Toronto

"THE RIGHTEOUS GENTILES"

MARTIN MAXWELL, who escaped Nazi Germany on a Kindertransport to England, will tell the story of non-Jews who, against all odds and at great personal risk, helped Jews survive the Holocaust. He will preach the sermon at the regular worship service.

7:00 pm

St. Andrew United Church 416-929-0811
117 Bloor Street E., Toronto

"HIDDEN HEROES"

This film, created for *Vision TV*, tells the story of Dutch Christians who rescued Jewish children during the Holocaust. A Dutch survivor featured in the film will answer questions following the screening. *Co-sponsored by Bloor St. United Church.*

Monday, November 10

7:30 pm

Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church
416-923-8471
354 St. Clair Avenue W., Toronto

"HIDDEN HEROES"

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Sunday, November 2

2:00 pm

RECOMMENDED FOR EDUCATORS

RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS

St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church
705-722-1153
161 Hanmer Street W., Barrie

"HOLOCAUST ORPHANS IN CANADA"

This multi-media seminar for teachers and students will explore the web project, *Open Hearts – Closed Doors: The War Orphans Project*, developed by the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre for the Virtual Museum of Canada. For registration call Mrs. Bertelsen at 705-722-1153. Leading the seminar will be FRIEDA MILLER, Education Coordinator at the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre. A free teachers' guide is available at www.vhec.org. *For more program details, see page 2. Co-sponsored by Am Shalom Synagogue (Barrie) and the Regional Jewish Communities of Ontario.*

Monday, November 3

7:00 pm

Beth Zion Synagogue 905-723-2353
144 King Street E., Oshawa

"MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY"

MAX EISEN was born in Moldava, Czechoslovakia. He and his family were deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau in 1944 where they worked as slave labourers. He later survived a death march to Mauthausen and Ebensee and was liberated by the 80th U.S. Infantry division on May 6, 1945. A short commemorative service will follow. *Co-sponsored by the Regional Jewish Communities of Ontario.*

7:30 pm

Or Hadash Synagogue 905-898-2220
17665 Leslie St. #14, Newmarket

"THERESIENSTADT: THE TOWN THE NAZIS GAVE TO THE JEWS"

Award-winning author VERA SCHIFF has written a poignant and riveting account of the years she was incarcerated in Theresienstadt. She will discuss her experiences and read selected passages from this and her latest book *Hitler's Inferno: Eight Intimate and Personal Histories from the Holocaust. Co-sponsored by the Regional Jewish Communities of Ontario.*

7:30 pm

Sons of Jacob Congregation
416-635-2883 ext. 152
211 Victoria Avenue, Belleville

"RACISM: A CHALLENGE TO US ALL"

LEN RUDNER, Director of Community Relations of Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region, and ELIZABETH MOORE, an anti-racism educator and former member of the Heritage Front, will discuss the challenge that racism currently presents to Canadian society. *Co-sponsored by the Regional Jewish Communities of Ontario.*

Thursday, November 6

7:30 pm

Beth Israel Congregation 613-542-5012
116 Centre Street, Kingston

"HITLER'S INFERNO"

Theresienstadt survivor VERA SCHIFF will discuss her personal experiences and read selected passages from her books, *Hitler's Inferno: Eight Intimate and Personal Histories from the Holocaust* and *Theresienstadt: The Town the Nazis Gave To the Jews. Co-sponsored by the Regional Jewish Communities of Ontario and the Jewish Community Council of Kingston.*

7:30 am

Beth Israel Congregation
705-745-8398
775 Weller Street, Peterborough

"THROUGH MY EYES:
A PERSONALIZED VISIT
TO AUSCHWITZ"

Educator MICHAEL B. SOBERMAN has developed an interactive workshop that deals with the emotions and impact of the Shoah. During this multi-media presentation, participants will discover how an individual felt visiting the concentration camps of Poland some 50 years after the Shoah. *Co-sponsored by the Regional Jewish Communities of Ontario.*

Sunday, November 9

7:00 pm

Am Shalom 705-728-7699
767 Huronia Road, Barrie

"TRANSNISTRIA –
THE FORGOTTEN CEMETERY"

DR. FELICIA CARMELLY, a survivor of Transnistria, will describe the fate of nearly half a million victims who perished in hundreds of camps under the control of Romanian Fascist armies and their Ukrainian collaborators. *See page 8. Co-sponsored by the Regional Jewish Communities of Ontario.*

Monday November 10

7:30 pm

RECOMMENDED FOR EDUCATORS

Congregation B'nai Israel
905-227-5551 ext. 2207
190 Church Street, St. Catharines

"LET MEMORY SPEAK"

Based on children's writings and testimonies, this award-winning documentary deals with the experiences of child survivors before WWII, during the Holocaust, liberation and the present. A discussion with the film's writer and director BATIA BETTMAN, a child survivor and educator will follow. A free teachers' guide is available from www.bjec.org. *Co-sponsored by the Regional Jewish Communities of Ontario.*

– EXHIBITS –

The Holocaust Centre of Toronto,
UJA Federation
Lipa Green Bldg, 4th Floor
4600 Bathurst Street, Toronto

"WE WHO SURVIVED..."

A permanent interactive exhibition featuring contemporary portraits of Holocaust survivors, autobiographical sketches and archival photographs and documents. *Call 416-635-2883 ext. 301 for more information.*

October 31 - November 11

Temple Sinai
210 Wilson Avenue, Toronto

"DENMARK 1943"

An exhibit marking the 60th anniversary of the rescue of Danish Jews during the Holocaust. Loaned to The Holocaust Centre of Toronto by the Royal Danish Embassy in Washington, D.C. for the duration of Holocaust Education Week. *See page 1 for more details. Call 416-487-4161 ext. 234 for information on school and group visits and organized tours.*

November 2 – 11

7:30 pm

Koffler Centre of the Arts (Loggia)
416-636-1880 ext. 352
4588 Bathurst Street, Toronto

"WOMEN IN THE HOLOCAUST: FACES OF RESISTANCE"

This multi-faceted exhibit tells the inspirational stories of ten courageous women and their diverse acts of resistance during the Holocaust. *See page 4 for more details.*

November 16 – December 14

Bathurst Jewish Community Centre
416-636-1880
Koffler Centre of the Arts
4588 Bathurst Street, Toronto

"THE GESHER PROJECT"

Gesher, the Hebrew word for bridge, is a collection of 17 mixed-media paintings and 10 smaller pieces created in Vancouver by 19 survivors, child survivors and 2nd Generation to bridge the topic of the Shoah between generations. The aim is to stimulate dialogue through these poignant, emotional, and haunting pieces.

Opening Reception – Sunday, November 16th, 2:00-4:00pm in the Koffler Centre Loggia. Admission is free.

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For information call
416-591-7400 ext. 2802

Saturday, November 1 – 3:00 pm

"VOYAGE OF THE DAMNED"

As part of a Nazi propaganda effort to show that Jews are the most unwanted race on earth, a ship is loaded with Jewish refugees and sent to Havana in 1939. Stars Faye Dunaway, Max Von Sydow, Orson Welles, Malcolm McDowell and Jose Ferrer.

Monday, November 3 – 4:00 pm

"CHILDREN OF TEREZIN"

The spirit of hope is embodied by a group of children in a Jewish ghetto in WWII as they publish a magazine despite horrible conditions.

Monday, November 3 – 5:00 pm

"THE FEAR OF FELIX NUSSBAUM"

This program pieces together the quest for the forgotten and hidden art of Felix Nussbaum, a German Jewish artist who perished in the Holocaust. What is remarkable about the story is that the campaign to resurrect Nussbaum's works and build a museum to house them is spearheaded by the mayor of Osnabruck, Nussbaum's home town - the same town that ostracized him nearly sixty years ago and watched the Nazis transport Jews to their graves. *(Closed captioned.)*

Wednesday, November 5 – 1:00 am

"TRAIN OF LIFE"

A Jewish community, warned of the impending arrival of the Nazis, builds a fake deportation train to escape Russia and head towards safety in Palestine.

Wednesday, November 5 – 3:00 am

"VOYAGE OF THE DAMNED"

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VISIONTV

For information call
416-368-3194 ext. 240

Thursday, November 6 – 10:00 pm

"UNDYING LOVE"

This documentary tells the true stories of Jewish men and women who found love during the Holocaust, and who, through their devotion to one another, managed to endure the horror and its shattering aftermath.

November 8 – 16

Bathurst Jewish Community Centre –
Leah Posluns Theatre
416-636-1880 ext. 368
4588 Bathurst Street, Toronto

"27TH ANNUAL JEWISH BOOK FAIR"

A nine-day event featuring authors prominent in their field.

For more information & any program changes visit our website www.holocausteducationweek.com or call our Hotline 416-631-5689.

THE ROYAL CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC will present *Music Reborn*, a weekend of concerts and lectures that celebrates the lives and music of composers who died under the Nazi regime and examines the social, political and ideological climate that led to their suppression and persecution.

December 5 – 2:00 pm Mazzoleni Hall

"HISTORY, FAMILY AND THE LEGACY OF THE THIRD REICH: THE WAGNER PARADIGM"

This program will feature DR. GOTTFRIED WAGNER, Richard Wagner's great-grandson, stage director and musicologist, who will discuss the politics of Bayreuth, his family's friendship with Adolf Hitler and the ways in which these issues have shaped his life. *Admission free.*

December 5 – 4:00 pm Royal Ontario Museum

"MUSIC REBORN I"

A concert by students of the Royal Conservatory of Music's GLENN GOULD SCHOOL. Program introduced by SIMON WYNBERG, Artistic Director. *Admission free.*

December 6 – 2:00 pm ROM Lecture Theatre

"FROM WAGNER TO HITLER"

A multi-media lecture by DR. GOTTFRIED WAGNER, exploring the symbolism, influence and implications of Richard Wagner's philosophy and musical status as Hitler's preferred composer and their common anti-Semitism. *Free with admission to the Royal Ontario Museum.*

December 6 – 5:30 pm Mazzoleni Hall

"JEWISH MUSICIANS AND THEIR MUSIC IN NAZI GERMANY AND BEYOND"

A lecture by DR. MICHAEL KATER, Distinguished Research Professor of History at York University, and one of the most highly respected and internationally recognized authorities on the social, intellectual and cultural history of Nazi Germany. *Free admission.*

December 6 – 8:00 pm Mazzoleni Hall

"MUSIC REBORN II"

Works by Jewish composers written during the War years. A concert by ARC (ARTISTS OF THE ROYAL CONSERVATORY) – faculty ensemble-in-residence).

December 7 – 1:00 pm ROM Lecture Theatre

"THE MUSIC OF TEREZIN"

Terezin, a fortress town near Prague, was used by the Nazis as a staging post for transporting Europe's Jewish elite to death camps in the east. This *BBC* documentary examines the lives and works of the composers and musicians who were incarcerated there. *Free with admission to the ROM.*

December 7 – 2:15 pm Royal Ontario Museum

"MUSIC REBORN III"

A program of works by Jewish composers of the Nazi era, selected and performed by students of the GLENN GOULD SCHOOL. *Free with admission to the ROM.*

December 7 – 5:30 pm Mazzoleni Hall

"THE KULISIEWICZ COLLECTION"

BRET WERB, musicologist at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. discusses the work of Aleksander Kulisiewicz, a political prisoner at the Sachsenhausen concentration camp. *Admission free.*

December 7 – 8:00 pm Mazzoleni Hall

"MUSIC REBORN IV"

A concert by ARC (ARTISTS OF THE ROYAL CONSERVATORY) – faculty ensemble-in-residence). Artistic Director: Simon Wynberg. *Admission free.*

All programs in Mazzoleni Hall are at 273 Bloor Street W., Toronto.

All programs at the Royal Ontario Museum are at 100 Queen's Park, Toronto.

For specific RCM event locations, program details and tickets for ARC events please call 416-408-2824 ext. 321.

Information about all the ARC events will also be available on the RCM website: www.rcmusic.ca

During Holocaust Education Week, displays of Holocaust-related books will be mounted at the following bookstores:

- ALEPH BET JUDAICA
  3453 Bathurst St., Toronto
- ANOTHER STORY
  164 Danforth Ave., Toronto
- BATNER BOOKSTORE
  180 Steeles Ave. W., Thornhill
- BOOK CITY
  1950 Queen St. E., Toronto
- CANADIAN CHILDREN'S BOOK CENTRE
  35 Spadina Road, Toronto
- CAVERSHAM BOOKSELLERS
  98 Harbord St., Toronto
- CHAPTERS INC.
  Toronto
  181 Bay St. #116
  2901 Bayview Ave.
  110 Bloor St. W.
  2225 Bloor St. W.
  142 John St.

  Brampton
  Market Hall,
  52 Quarry Edge Drive

  Burlington
  Woodview Place,
  3315 Fairview

  Etobicoke
  90 Ronson Drive
  1950 The Queensway

  Markham
  3175 Hwy. #7

  Mississauga
  100 City Centre
  3050 Vega St.

  Newmarket
  17440 Yonge St.

  Oakville
  Oakville Town Centre,
  310 N. Service Road W.

  Scarborough
  Kennedy Commons,
  20 W. Kitchen Road

  Thornhill
  7040 Yonge St.

  Woodbridge
  E. Woodbridge Centre,
  3900 Hwy. #7 W. #1
- COLES
  Toronto
  200 Bay St.
  939 Lawrence Ave. W.
  4841 Yonge St.
  Bramalea
  25 Peel Centre Drive

  Etobicoke
  250 The East Mall
  25 The West Mall #56

  Mississauga
  2225 Erin Mills Parkway
  5100 Erin Mills Parkway #170

  Pickering
  1355 Kingston Road

  Richmond Hill
  Hillcrest Mall, 9350 Yonge St.

  Scarborough
  300 Borough Drive #82
  Eglinton & Victoria Park
- CONTACT EDITIONS
  759 Mt. Pleasant Road,
  Toronto
- DAVID MIRVISH BOOKS ON ART
  596 Markham St., Toronto
- INDIGO BOOKS MUSIC AND CAFÉ
  Toronto
  55 Bloor St. W.
  3401 Dufferin St. #29
  2300 Yonge St.

  Brampton
  30 Great Lakes Drive

  Burlington
  1250 Brant St. #102

  Richmond Hill
  8705 Yonge St.
- ISRAEL'S, THE JUDAICA CENTRE
  897 Eglinton Ave. W., Toronto
  441 Clark Ave. W.,
  Thornhill
- JAMIE FRASER BOOKS
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  662 Mount Pleasant Road,
  Toronto
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  256 Queen St. W., Toronto
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  201 Harbord St., Toronto
- RYERSON UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE
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  1000 Gerrard St. E., Toronto
- SMITH BOOKS
  1 First Canadian Place, Toronto
  1800 Sheppard Ave. E., Toronto
  2187 Queen St. E., Toronto
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  111 Harbord St., Toronto
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  79A Harbord St., Toronto
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  4700 Keele St., Toronto

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For more information, please call Mary Siklos at 416-635-2883 ext. 301 or email her at msiklos@ujafed.org

Thank you for your support.

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For almost two decades, the Centre has been committed to preserving the memory of the victims of Nazi persecution while also serving as a Centre for education.

Visitors of all ages can view audio-visual presentations portraying European Jewry before, during and after World War II; witness first-hand the horror of the Holocaust through memorabilia and displays; and experience the reflective Hall of Memories, where families pay tribute to their loved ones.

School groups have the opportunity to hear the personal testimony of Holocaust survivor speakers whose shining example of courage and dignity serves as a role model for a new generation. A newly-inaugurated interactive exhibit, "We Who Survived..." features contemporary portraits of these survivors and autographical sketches.

As well, The Anita Ekstein Holocaust Resource Library, with its extensive Holocaust-related collection, serves all segments of the community.

The Centre is located in the Lipa Green Building at 4600 Bathurst Street in Toronto. For more information, call 416-635-2883 ext. 153 or visit www.jewishtoronto.net

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Some 10,000 people , including more than 4,000 Christian pilgrims, took part last week in the annual Sukkot March in Jerusalem. The pilgrims arrived from approximately 80 different countries. The poster behind the "Mountie"explains why the pilgrims came to Israel: "Canada loves and supports Israel." *[Isranet photo]*

Malaysian PM condemned

CJN News Services

PUTRAJAYA, Malaysia — Canadian Foreign Minister Bill Graham condemned as "totally unacceptable" remarks made last week by Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad at the Organization of the Islamic Conference summit, in which he said, "Jews rule the world by proxy" and "get others to fight and die for them."

In his opening address to the 57-nation summit in Putrajaya, Malaysia, Mahathir called on the world's 1.3 billion Muslims "to unite against a few million Jews who rule the world by controlling the world's major powers," and he charged that Jews had "invented socialism, communism, human rights and democracy so that persecuting them would appear to be wrong, so that they can enjoy equal rights with others."

Mahathir, 77, who is stepping down Oct. 31 after 22 years in office, said Muslims should employ "new tactics to fight the enemy," including leveraging the political, economic and demographic forces at the disposal of Muslim nations to "defeat Israel."

Anti-Semitic diatribe

Graham joined the United States, Australia and a number of European nations in condemning the remarks. He said he discussed the speech with other ministers gathered in Bangkok for an Asia-Pacific economic conference and has instructed his officials in Ottawa to call in Malaysia's high commissioner to Canada to register a formal protest.

"What is important is that we make it clear to our own citizens that we totally reject both the premise and spirit of where this is coming from," Graham told reporters by phone from Bangkok.

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Intifadah hijacked envoy's agenda

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Michael Bell

Michael Bell's "agenda" as Canada's ambassador to Israel was basically hijacked by the violence and terrorism of the Palestinian uprising.

Bell, who recently returned to Canada after spending nearly four years in Tel Aviv, sought to develop "normal" relations with Israel.

Having concluded that Israel and the Palestinians had embarked on a path of reconciliation after the signing of the 1993 Oslo accords, he set his sights on expanding Canada's free trade agreement with Israel and upgrading cultural exchanges.

Bell, who took up his post in the fall of 1999 shortly after Yom Kippur, said he was keenly aware that terrorism could derail Israel's talks with the Palestinians.

Nevertheless, he hoped to reconfigure Canada's relationship with Israel so that it would not be completely overshadowed by one compelling issue – the perennial question of war and peace in the Middle East.

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Store Software Deal

TORONTO — Retalix, an Israeli supplier of retail marketing software, said earlier this month that Global Payment, a leading provider of retail data processing services, will be using its software to bill gasoline buyers in Canada. In the West, Retalix software is being rolled out in gas stations and convenience stores of Calgary-based Husky Energy. In Atlantic Canada, Irving Oil has said it will also use Retalix technology in its next generation payment systems.

ISRAEL

Israelis Against Plan

JERUSALEM — Most Israelis are opposed to an unofficial peace plan drafted by left-wing Israelis, led by Meretz MK Yossi Beilin, and Palestinian figures, a poll of 500 Israelis published last week in *Yediot Achronot* found. Some 59 per cent don't support the proposal, and 69 per cent said such talks should not be held without government approval. Thirty per cent backed the plan, which calls for the division of Jerusalem. Government officials have derided the plan as misguided and undemocratic.

Nuke Report Denied

JERUSALEM — Israel's former deputy defence minister Ephraim Sneh last week dismissed recent reports in the *Los Angeles Times* that Israel has upgraded its submarines to hold nuclear weapons, calling the reports "simply impossible." Ted Hooton of *Jane's Naval Weapons Systems*, a magazine that covers the defence industry, agreed, saying Israel's Harpoon subs can't accommodate nuclear weapons.

Café Hillel Reopens

JERUSALEM — A café rocked by a Sept. 9 suicide bombing that killed seven people re-opened Oct. 9. New Jersey-born Jerusalemite Martin Lee paid for all customers' drinks at Café Hillel, the *Jerusalem Post* reported.

Lulavs, Etrogs Seized

JERUSALEM — Customs agents at Ben-Gurion Airport last week confiscated two of the four ritual items used on Sukkot from tourists visiting for the holiday, *Ha'aretz* reported. Agriculture Ministry regulations prohibit the import of etrogim and lulavim, which are used along with willow and myrtle-tree branches. The Tourism Ministry said it would replace any confiscated kits.

WORLD

Russian Attacks

MOSCOW — A Jewish man, Robert Aminashvili, 25, died last week of head injuries received on the night of Yom Kippur, when he was severely beaten on a Moscow street after leaving a downtown yeshiva. Police are investigating. Also last week, an Israeli yeshiva student suffered severe head injuries when he was beaten on a street in the central Russian city of Perm. The student, whose name was not released, was in hospital last week in serious but stable condition.

Swiss Banks Deal

ZURICH — Swiss banks agreed to give some access to dormant accounts involved in a settlement with Holocaust victims. One of the lawyers who represented survivors in the $1.25 billion (US) settlement said the deal would allow more money from the fund to be released to survivors and their families, the *New York Times* said. The deal comes shortly after the investigator involved in overseeing the fund filed a report critical of the banks for limiting access to documents needed to make payouts. But a spokesperson for the banks said the deal came before the report was filed.

Neil Postman Dies

NEW YORK — Social critic and media scholar Neil Postman died Oct. 5 of lung cancer at age 72. The New York University professor wrote 20 books, but he was perhaps best known for 1982's *The Disappearance of Childhood*, which argued that television blurs the line between childhood and adulthood, and 1984's *Amusing Ourselves to Death: Public Discourse in the Age of Show Business*, which argued that TV trivializes public discussion.

Jews Criticized

SAO PAULO — Nobel laureate José Saramago said last week the Jewish people no longer deserve "sympathy for the suffering [they] went through during the Holocaust." Saramago, who won the 1998 Nobel Prize in literature, said "living under the shadows of the Holocaust and willing to be forgiven for anything they do on behalf of what they have suffered seems abusive to me. They didn't learn anything from the suffering of their parents and grandparents." A regular critic of Israel, the Portuguese novelist also compared Ramallah to Auschwitz.

Pro-Palestinian Protester Acquitted

TORONTO — A judge has dismissed the case against a pro-Palestinian demonstrator charged with assaulting a Jewish heart surgeon, suggesting the doctor's description of his attacker was unreliable.

Judge David Fairgrieve issued his ruling Oct. 10, right after closing arguments in the two-day trial before him in the Ontario Court of Justice, the *Toronto Star* reported.

Murad Ebeid, 39, a safety marshal at pro-Palestinian protests, pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault causing bodily harm stemming from an incident in March 2002.

Dr. Bernard Goldman, 67, testified he was assaulted outside Chapters bookstore on Bloor Street near Avenue Road after calling out "stop the suicide bombing" to a group of pro-Palestinian protesters. After viewing police video of the protest that did not show the alleged assault, Goldman identified Ebeid as the man who grabbed him and shoved him against a car, fracturing his shoulder.

Ebeid told the court he had no contact with Goldman and never left his position in the demonstration line.

A police officer testified that hours after the incident, Goldman told police his attacker weighed 150 pounds and had a beard. But in a later written statement, he said the man was 6 feet, 200 pounds, stocky and with a moustache, a description roughly matching Ebeid's.

Noting that "honest witnesses make mistakes," Fairgrieve said, "The question is, how reliable is the evidence?" He added, "It's obvious Mr. Ebeid, does not, and did not, have a beard."

Fairgrieve also criticized police for losing two notepads with notes on the case, and he wondered why police didn't ask Goldman about the discrepancies in his descriptions.

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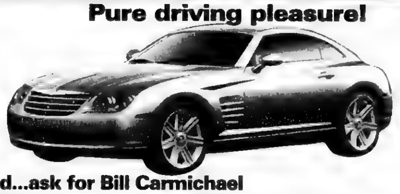

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Student sukkah vandalized at York University

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Jewish students at York University – a campus plagued in the past year by heightened Mideast-related tensions – were disheartened last week following the destruction of their on-campus sukkah.

As of last week, the incident was being treated as a crime of mischief by police, but Det. James Hogan of the Toronto Police Service's Hate Crimes Unit stressed that such occurences are "investigated just as thoroughly [as obvious hate crimes], whether we conclude they're hate crimes or not."

Although there was no anti-Semitic message in the form of graffiti or literature, Bernie Farber, executive director, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, told *The CJN* there was no doubt in his mind that the vandalism was a hate crime.

A sukkah has no meaning other than its religious connotation, he said. "It would have taken three or four people probably 30 minutes to an hour to destroy it." The 12-foot by 12-foot sukkah, with tarp walls supported by copper piping, was built with extra care this year to prevent damage from wind, as had happened in the past, he noted.

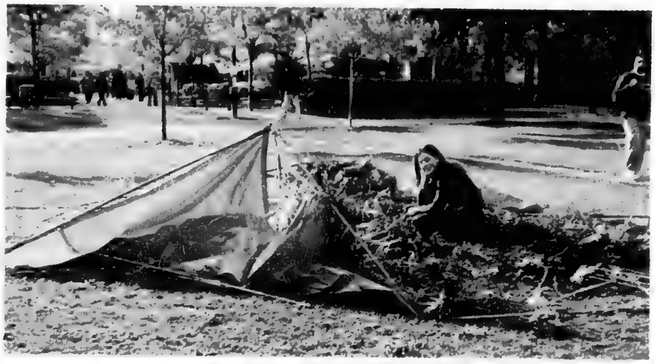
"This is clearly a crime," said Hogan, adding that an identifiable community was the victim. "It's entirely possible that it was a hate crime, but we don't have any [conclusive] evidence."

Police from 31 division and York University security conducted a "very thorough" investigation, he added. There were no suspects, and the investigation was still open as of late last week.

The sukkah was erected Thursday, Oct. 9, in Vanier Field, an open area between the student centre and Vanier College, and near student pubs, which are heavily populated on Thursdays (pub night).

The following morning, a student discovered minor vandalism, which was repaired, and two days later, on Sunday night, Talia Klein, director of Hillel at York, discovered the sukkah had been destroyed.

"It was uprooted from the ground," said Hillel at York president Jordie Saperia. "It was impossible for the wind to have blown it down. You would have had to physically take it apart."



Student sukkah was destroyed at York University.

With mid-terms approaching, there was no time to put the sukkah back up, he said. "It's very unfortunate and very disappointing."

Several programs that had been scheduled to run in the sukkah were cancelled, and Klein noted that observant students, some of whom

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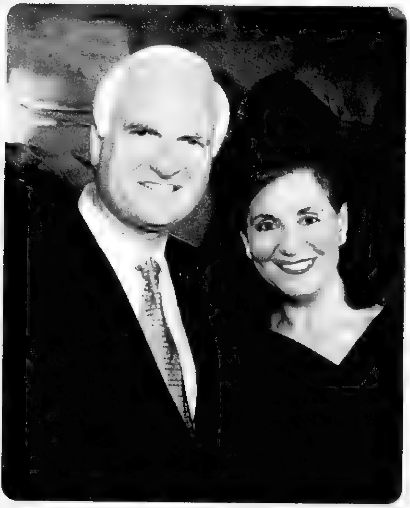

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A wider view of advocacy

From the editor's desk

Ronen Gil-Or is a large man who walks with a slight stoop. When he speaks, you listen. His opinions are informed and he speaks with the authority that comes from years of diplomatic and other experience. As well, he speaks with an endearing quasi-musical lilt that makes his basso-profondo voice almost ariatic to the listener.

I listened a great deal to Gil-Or when we met early one morning two weeks ago to discuss the "situation" in Israel.

Gil-Or is the deputy head of mission at the Embassy of Israel in Ottawa. He has been in the post just over a year and, along with his family, is still discovering the many seasonal pleasures and climatic nuances of life in Canada.

But it was life in Israel that occupied our minds and stirred our discussion that morning.

The international community was reacting with its predictable condemnation over Israel's strike at the Islamic Jihad training camp in Syria. The spotlight at the UN was once again shining on Israel like the proverbial bare-bulb shining from the ceiling on a criminal suspect in a police interrogation cell. The media were focused on the Security Council "debate."

The subject was a logical jumping-off point, for me, to ask about Israel's security needs. Gil-Or answered my questions fully, without hesitation, but politely reminded me that security for Israel encompasses far more than the prevention of terrorism and military incursions from other hostile forces.

Without diminishing the significance of the need for security for Israelis in the sheer physical sense, the term also includes economic, social and cultural well-being, which, Gil-Or said, the government of Israel is also determined to try to provide its people.

Thus, for example, promoting trade and investment policies in the offices of Canadian decision-makers is as important for Israel as promoting certain foreign affairs policies.

It follows, therefore, that an expanded notion of security means a concomitantly expanded notion of advocacy on Israel's behalf.

It was a not-too-subtle proposition that Gil-Or underscored in a number of ways.

Despite the recent steep reduction in the number of Israeli diplomatic missions around the world necessitated by severe budgetary cuts imposed on Israel's Foreign Ministry, Israel still maintains three missions in Canada: the embassy in Ottawa and consulates in Montreal and Toronto.

Only two other countries have an equal or greater diplomatic Israeli presence: China has three missions, the United States has 10.

The three missions in Canada are a reflection of the high priority that Israel attaches to its relations with the people of Canada, the foundation of which is the shared belief in the sanctity of democratic values – the rule of law and freedom.

Into that foundation, Israel hopes to plant strongly burgeoning, security-enhancing roots of more bilateral trade, investment and industrial and cultural relations. In this regard, "bilateral" does not only refer to relations between governments, but also to relations between companies and individuals.

Gil-Or brought my attention to a number of current and proposed bilateral economic projects in which the embassy staff was engaged with its Canadian counterparts: _

- **Agricultural research and development.** A seminar will be held in Ottawa next month with officials from Agriculture Canada and Israel's Agriculture Research Office to inaugurate broader scientific co-operation between the two countries in agriculture research.
- **Bio, nano and environmental technologies.** The embassy is facilitating research and development collaboration with interested parties, including provincial governments that have expressed an interest in Israeli technology. It also supports the important work of the Canada Israel Industrial Research and Development Fund, headed by Henri Rothschild in Ottawa.
- **Safety and security.** The embassy has made initial contacts with individuals, companies and governments that it deems might benefit from Israel's advanced technologies in the area of security and transportation safety products.
- **Information and communication technology.** The embassy hopes to capitalize on the interest being shown by various levels of Canadian governments in Israel's communication-related industries.
- **Space exploration.** A letter of intent, setting out areas of bilateral co-operation in research and development, was signed after a meeting this summer between the Canadian and Israeli national space agencies.

These are only a few of the economic areas in which embassy staff are finding ties with Canadians. There are more ongoing projects and more projects that will be developed. By the end of our meeting, Gil-Or had effectively made the point about expanding and re-thinking Israel's security, as well as the related point about Israel advocacy.

Thus, in addition to the way they already support Israel, Canadian advocates should also think in terms of supporting policies that enhance access in Canada to Israeli technologies, products, goods and services; that promote joint investment ventures among Canadian and Israeli firms; that create more opportunities for co-operation in joint research and development; and that encourage cultural, literary and artistic exchanges between the two peoples.

This shift in approach should not be too hard to achieve. —***MBD***

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JNF SOLIDARITY MISSION: Israel Defence Forces Maj.-Gen. (Res.) Danny Rothschild (behind podium) spoke to Jewish National Fund (JNF) solidarity mission participants last month about his role in the negotiation processes that led to peace agreements with Jordan and the Palestinians. The group visited agriculture-based communities that have been developed by the JNF in the Negev Desert.

Israelis, Palestinians must enjoy same rights: activist

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Israel will not enjoy peace and security unless the Palestinians enjoy the same rights, says an Israeli peace activist.

Oren Medicks, a member of Gush Shalom, led by publisher Uri Avneri, called on Diaspora Jews to impart this important message to Israel.

Jewish communities outside Israel should support the Jewish state. But Jews should encourage Israel to settle its conflict with the Palestinians on the basis of a two state solution, the return of Jewish settlers in the territories to Israel, Israel's withdrawal to the pre-1967 border and a mutually satisfactory resolution of the Palestinian refugee problem that preserves Israel's demographic status as a Jewish state, he said.

Comparing Israel to a reckless adolescent, he said, "Israel is the child of the Jewish people, and it's unwise to let this child go astray."

In an interview at the start of a Canada-wide tour, Medicks – an Israeli army veteran who fought in the Yom Kippur War and served in the territories during the first intifadah – said, "If you want true peace, you have to recognize the Palestinians as equals."

Israel and the Palestinians are currently locked in a deadly embrace, but peace is possible if both sides compromise, he said.

Medicks, a 49-year-old video editor from the Tel Aviv suburb of Ranana who runs Gush Shalom's Web site, said that the Palestinians will continue to resist Israel's occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

In a reference to suicide bombings, he denounced "some of these forms of resistance as ugly."

But Medicks warned that Israel could become "an apartheid state" and expose itself to "a dangerous future" if it does not end the occupation.

Israel shows no willingness to bring the occupation to a close, he said. Since the 1993 Oslo accords, the Jewish population in the territories has doubled.

Medicks charged that Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has no interest in giving the Palestinians a viable, contiguous state, one of the prerequisites of peace.

"He wants to push the Palestinians into a bantustan, into fragmented territorial enclaves."

Medicks claimed that Sharon's predecessor, Ehud Barak, followed the same policy when he negotiated with Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat at Camp David in the summer of 2000. "Their ideas are identical."

Israel has no alternative but to negotiate with Arafat, the only Palestinian leader with the moral and political authority to make peace with Israel.

"I don't think Arafat loves the idea of Israel, but he recognizes he can't annihilate Israel by force."

In his judgment, Arafat is willing to settle for 22 per cent of mandatory Palestine, the land encompassing the West Bank and Gaza.

Medicks acknowledged that Arafat was in breach of the Oslo accords by resorting to violence to resist Israel's occupation. But he said that Israel has used violence as well.

A way out of the impasse is a mutual ceasefire, he suggested.

In his view, Arafat will deal with terrorism once a Palestinian state has been established. Until then, he added, Arafat has no real incentive to crack down on groups such as Hamas.

Medicks said that Gush Shalom opposes the demolition and uprooting of Palestinian homes and olive groves for military purposes, as well as the targeted killings of Palestinian leaders.

Weizmann Society to honour former head

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

Sharon Zuckerman, national president of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science from 1995 to 2000, will be honoured at the society's national annual meeting at the Sutton Place Hotel, Oct. 26 at 10 a.m.

Lunch will follow.

A spokesperson said Zuckerman has been active in the Canadian Society almost since its inception. She is a major donor to the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot and visits there frequently.

Guest speaker at the meeting will be Dr. John Trachtenberg, who was himself honoured by the society at a gala last June. He is a professor in the department of surgery and a professor of medical imaging at the University of Toronto and is director of the Prostate Centre at Princess Margaret Hospital.

Trachtenberg is currently conducting clinical trials at Princess Margaret of Tookad, a drug to fight prostate cancer that was developed at the Weizmann Institute by Avigdor Scherz and Yoram Salomon. Results so far have been very promising, the society spokesperson said, and trials will begin shortly to see if it can help other kinds of cancers, such as breast cancer.

Trachtenberg's topic will be "Tookad – From Dream to Reality."

For more information or for reservations, call Sheri Federman, 416-733-9220.

CORRECTION

Mayoral candidate David Miller was misquoted in the story "Toronto mayoral hopefuls square off in debate" (*CJN*, Oct. 16). In voicing his opposition to a fixed-link bridge to the Toronto Island Airport, Miller was quoted as saying that "a small, sleepy commuter airport is fine, but to expand it to serve 900,000 people a day is incredibly shortsighted." The correct figure should have been 900,000 people a year. *The CJN* regrets the error.

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Moderator: Frank Samuels

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◆ Rabbi Menachem Leibtag
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Session B Religious Extremism and the Roots of Terror
◆ Dr. David Schatz
Moderator: Dr. Martin Lockshin

Session C Emmanuel Levinas and the Holocaust
◆ Dr. Tamra Wright
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11:15am

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◆ Yoel Ben-Avraham
Moderator: David Kaufman

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◆ Dr. Rivkah Blau
Moderator: Esther Friedman

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◆ Rabbi Nati Helfgot
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◆ Rabbi Yosef Blau
Moderator: Rabbi David Aronson

Session B Why Timing is Everything - King David, The Beit Hamikdash, and Missed Opportunities
◆ Rabbi Menachem Leibtag
Moderator: Aliza Jesin

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Session A Am I My Brother's Keeper?: Relationships between Orthodox and Non-Orthodox Jews and Movements
◆ Rabbi Nati Helfgot
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Jewish Book Fair offers something for everyone

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

The 27th annual Jewish Book Fair, presented by The Koffler Centre of the Arts, is set to take place Nov. 8 to 16 at Bathurst Jewish Centre's Leah Posluns Theatre.

Helen Redner, the fair's director for 23 years, says visitors – they expect about 10,000 this year – can look forward to attending a wide range of programs and looking at thousands of books that cover the gamut of Jewish cultural life.

A.B. Yehoshua

Redner, along with her board of about 27 members, has spent the year since the last fair reading catalogues and reviews, and planning this year's event.

It is the aim of any Jewish book fair to "reinforce Jewish identity, and get Jewish books into Jewish homes," she says.

Setting up the fair is an enormous job, "just like opening up a book store. Volunteers spend hours unpacking books, laying them out, handing out brochures and taking cash."

Among the highlights of the fair is a special advance program, Nov 1, 8 p.m., at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave., featuring Robert Meeropol. He is the son of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, who were executed by the United States in 1953 for conspiracy to commit espionage. Meeropol will speak on his newest book, *An Execution in the Family: One Son's Journey*.

At the opening night presentation moderated by Harvey Atkin, to be held Nov. 8 at 8 p.m., guests such as Marilyn Lightstone, Morley Torgov, Paul Soles and Sarah Swartz will read from *Beautiful as the Moon, Radiant as the Stars: Jewish Women in Yiddish Stories*, an anthology of stories newly translated into English. Also on the program will be singer Honey Novick.

On Nov. 9, 8 p.m., Gabriel Schoenfeld, senior editor of *Commentary* and author of the forthcoming book *The Return of Anti-Semitism*, will explore how and why a murderous anti-Semitic rage has once again come into being.

Israeli novelist A.B. Yehoshua, author of *Mr. Mani*, *Open Hart*, *Journey to the End of the Millennium* and his latest book, *The Liberated Bride*, will speak on "The Israeli Writer: Between Mythology and History," Nov. 10 at 8 p.m.

A number of programs are planned for children: On Nov. 9, 11 a.m., Sharon Abron Drache will read from her new book, *The Magic Pot*; Nov. 11, 1:30 p.m., and Nov. 13, 10:30 a.m., Kathy Kacer, author of *The Secret of Gabi's Dresser*, *Clara's War* and her latest, *The Night Spies*, will speak about the importance of understanding and remembering the Holocaust; and Aubrey Davis, author of *Bone Button Borscht* and the *Enormous Potato*, will read from his new book, *Bagels from Benny*, on Nov. 9 at 2 p.m.

Also scheduled is Anita Diamant, author of *The Red Tent* and *Pitching My Tent*, who will talk on Nov. 13, 8 p.m., about "Marriage, Motherhood, Friendship and Other Leaps of Faith."

CANCER SUPPORT: Edda Laxer (right), president of Beth Tikvah Synagogue Sisterhood, presents Marsha Urowitz, president of L'Chaim Cancer Research Support Group for Jewish Women, with a cheque for the funds from their recent fashion show. For more information about L'Chaim, call 416-633-0409.

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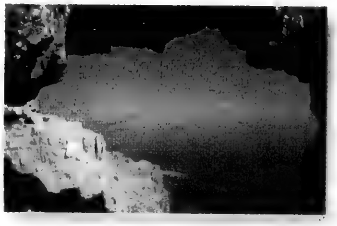
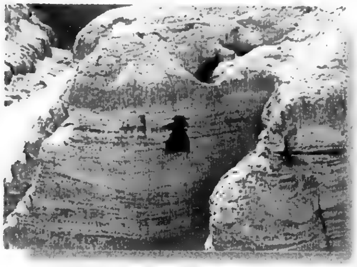
For those who crave caves, with all their history, mystery and the pure joy of exploration, few countries can top Israel. Caves have housed holy men, heroic warriors and members of ostracized sects. But you don't have to be an archaeologist or a geologist to appreciate their significance. In Israel, cave-hopping can provide active family fun.



THE SOREQ CAVE - On the western ridge of the Judean hills, this small cave - 60 metres wide by 82 metres long - features dozens of stalactites, formations formed over thousands of centuries that look like icicles. In fact, scientists, who use them to study climate changes, tell us that many stalactites are 300,000 years old. The Soreq Cave, part of a government nature reserve, is open year-round, with a slide show, a guided tour and a reasonable admission fee



THE QUMRAN CAVES - In 1947, in these caves, south-east of Jerusalem, a young Bedouin shepherd happened upon one of the world's most remarkable archaeological finds - the Dead Sea Scrolls. From 1951-1956, hundreds of biblical manuscripts and thousands of historical fragments were unearthed in 11 caves. From these extraordinary discoveries, historians shed light on the life of Essenes sect members who lived in the area.The scrolls are currently housed at the Israel Museum, but the Qumran caves and the accompanying ruins are still quite a spectacular sight, under the protection of Israel's Parks Authority.

THE SEA CAVES - As if the scenery in Israel's northernmost coastal city of Rosh Hanikra isn't spectacular enough, try descending by cable car from the city's heights to gaze at 200 metres of Mediterranean Sea caves below. Millions of waves carved caverns and grottoes from the limestone cliffs surrounding Rosh Hanikra. At the bottom of one cliff, there's a train tunnel along a route that once ran from Cairo to Beirut, through Israel.

THE BELL CAVE - Named for its bell shape, this popular tourist attraction in Beit Guvrin, about 60 kilometres south of Jerusalem is actually very roomy, with its 20 metre-high ceiling. About 800 caves resembling bells are among a total of 2000 in the region. Many of them, which served as quarries for building materials in ancient days, are linked by underground passageways.

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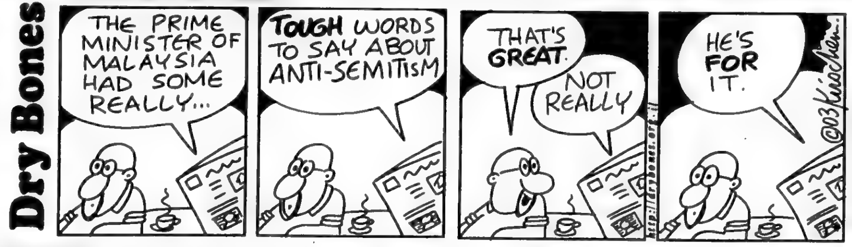
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Repugnant

Scapegoating the Jewish people is a ploy plucked straight from the pages of any medieval manual on the inter-relationship between the successful oppression of one's own people and the demonization of the Jews. Many rulers through the ages have used the ploy. All of them have had malevolent hearts.

Thus, it came with little surprise that the outgoing prime minister of Malaysia, Mahathir Mohamad, last week "read" from the manual in his farewell remarks to a summit his country hosted of the 57-member state Organization of Islamic Conference.

"Jews rule the world by proxy… and get others to fight and die for them," Mahathir offered. Jews "invented socialism, communism, human rights and democracy so that persecuting them would appear to be wrong, so that they can enjoy equal rights with others."

Mahathir was expounding on the state of the Muslim world and was, ostensibly, providing a pep talk of sorts to his fellow Muslims to use their demographic critical mass in the realm of politics and economics to "achieve a final victory" over Israel, if not over the remaining few Jews in the world, as well.

Though the remarks were not surprising, they were nevertheless distressing in at least three aspects:

- That the ruler of a country, in the year 2003, can still pass off such profound ignorance as enlightened opinion.
- That his audience, which included an august assembly of world leaders, received Mahathir's rubbish with a standing ovation. None of the leaders in attendance voiced even slight discomfort over the remarks.
- That the same ruler responded with indignation when he heard the reaction of the West and then proceeded to utter fresh absurdities about the Jews.

In sharp contrast to the applause conferred upon Mahathir by the leaders of Organization of Islamic Conference was the reproach expressed throughout the western world.

Canada, the United States and the European Union unambiguously condemned Mahathir's musings. Foreign Minister Bill Graham said the statement was "totally unacceptable." He also explained why it was important to condemn the remarks, and in this he demonstrated a keen understanding of the significance of the role of elected responsibility. "What is important is that we make it clear to our own citizens that we totally reject both the premise and the spirit of where this is coming from."

Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs regretted that Mahathir "could not restrain himself from resurrecting vile invectives, innuendoes and outright lies," and warned that "the civilized world has seen the results of such violent rhetoric in the past."

The resort to scapegoating by Mahathir was as repugnant as the substantive opinions he expressed. But the apparent acceptance of the scapegoating by the leaders of the Muslim world is tragic for the people they govern and potentially very dangerous for those they do not.

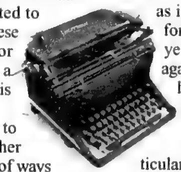
LET OUR PEOPLE GO…

MIAs: Ron Arad, Zachary Baumel, Tzvi Feldman and Yehuda Katz. **KIDNAPPED:** Elchanan Tannenbaum.

Hamas comparison wrong

I was appalled at Mel Shipman's letter ("Sharon sounds like Hamas," Letters to the Editor, *CJN*, Oct. 2), in which he compared Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to Hamas and claimed that "Mr. Sharon and company sound and behave like Hamas and its suicide killers."

Mr. Shipman, allow me to explain the fundamental difference between Sharon and Hamas: Hamas, Islamic Jihad and all the other terrorist groups are committed to killing as many Israelis as possible – whether these are babies in their mothers' arms on a bus or children eating pizza or families celebrating a Pesach seder, it doesn't matter. Killing Israelis is their entire reason for living.



Israel's actions, by contrast, are undertaken to protect the lives of Israelis. Sharon, like all other Israeli prime ministers before him, has run out of ways to deal with Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat and his lifelong dream of annihilating Israel. The only way Israelis can be protected from terrorist attacks – of which there are 35 attempts on a daily basis – is to try to cut off the head of the beast. This means killing the leaders of the terrorist groups who raise the money to buy explosives, manufacture the bombs and suicide belts, recruit youngsters to become suicide bombers and incite hatred against Israel.

Jews in the Diaspora need to understand the very critical situation Israel is in. The intifadah has all but destroyed its tourist industry and economy. The western media constantly try to portray Israel as being in the wrong. And worst of all, Israelis live each day in fear of being killed. It is a sad state of affairs when Jews in Canada are so influenced by the anti-Israel bias in our media that they begin to ask the kind of question voiced by Shipman.

Diane Lavi
Thornhill, Ont.

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Clarifies Hamas comparison

Yehuda Anshel's letter ("Condemns moral equivalency," Letters to the Editor, *CJN*, Oct. 9) merits a reply. First, I did not say that Israel policy toward Hamas was petty. Vengeful, punitive, provocative – yes, but not petty. Secondly, I stated that these actions were counterproductive – they do not stop Hamas from killing and they certainly do not further the cause of peace.

Finally, in terms of moral equivalency, let me close with a statement by Israeli reserve soldier Dan Goldenblatt, a Montreal-born Israeli citizen who recently went to jail rather than continue to serve in the occupied territories: "I refuse to participate in the policy of revolving and stupid revenge… And I refuse to guard the poisonous and extremely costly settlements, which are the foundation of the policy of oppression and occupation. I believe with all my heart that… I am serving the State of Israel in the most important manner."

Mel Shipman
Toronto

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Child sacrifice

Over the last few years, increasing numbers of Islamic youth (mainly boys, but also girls) have been choosing *shahada*, or self-sacrifice for the glory of God.

Islamic theology states Islam is heir to the ethical monotheism of the ancient Hebrews, and looks to Abraham as its forebear. In the Book of Genesis, Abraham is forbidden to sacrifice his son, Isaac. In fact, 3,000 years ago, or thereabouts, God cautioned the Jews against mimicking the idolatrous ways of those whose lands they were about to enter. One of the injunctions was against *moloch*, sending children to fiery deaths to sate the appetite of a god.

The clerics need to clarify Islamic theology, particularly for children and their parents. At what point in the history of Islam has child sacrifice become acceptable? And what god or gods are really being sated?

Gershon H. Growe
Nomi Kaplan
Vancouver, B.C.

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Designate one Shabbat for tolerance

I applaud Avrum Rosensweig ("I believe…," *CJN*, Oct. 2) for trying to make the community, if not the world, a better place. I take my own poll every Shabbat. I'm lucky if I get a nod, let-alone a "Good Shabbos," even after I initiate the greeting. Maybe we should designate one Shabbat in the year where we all make a concerted effort to greet our fellow Jew. If we open our hearts just a bit, improve our generosity of spirit and show tolerance and respect, our efforts will be rewarded.

Debbie Bauer
Toronto

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Article missing information

Your article ("Canada's passport policy on Jerusalem questioned," *CJN*, Oct. 2) on giving a birthplace as Jerusalem rather than Israel on a Canadian passport left out important facts. Before one can understand the decision, one should know the following.

Was the person born in a part of Jerusalem that was Israeli according to the ceasefire line of 1948? Was it in the part of Jerusalem designated as international in the partition of 1947? Was it in a part of the occupied territories annexed as part of Jerusalem in 1967? Was it in parts of the occupied territories annexed to Jerusalem in later unilateral designations by Israel?

Eric Mendelsohn
Toronto

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Yom Kippur, 1973: A different image of war

By PETER R. NEWMAN

I was looking out at a spectacular view from Prospect Point in Stanley Park, Vancouver, but my radio was tuned to the news. At 2 p.m., Oct. 6, 1973, Egypt and Syria unleashed co-ordinated attacks on Israel. I knew that air-raid sirens were sounding everywhere in the Jewish state, shattering the calm of Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year. I could picture people in synagogues turning to each other in disbelief before hurrying home and scrambling to join their reserve army units.

The images of the news contrasted sharply with the peaceful beauty around me. I looked at the sea and the rich green hues of Vancouver's forested mountains. The Egyptian army, the announcer said, had crossed the Suez Canal under clouds of covering smoke and was overruning Israel's defensive Bar Lev line. Syrian fighter planes were over the Golan Heights. Israel had been taken by surprise and was completely unprepared. The beauty of the Canadian scene meant nothing to me.

I was a young doctor then living in Vancouver. I felt a strong need to be in Israel rather than enjoying the view of the mountains halfway around the world. Although I had never been a soldier, every Israeli man from age 18 to 55 was being called up to the army. Clearly Israel would need volunteers in every sector of society.

Only 436 Israeli soldiers had been manning the 175-kilometre Bar Lev Line along the Suez Canal. They were overrun by thousands of Egyptian troops, tanks and missiles. The Egyptians had new Soviet weapons technology – hand-held anti-tank weapons and better surface-to- air missiles that proved very effective. Israel would not succeed in the ground war without air support, but for the first time in its history, Israel did not have supremacy in the skies.

I listened as military analysts speculated that the Syrians and Egyptians would bomb Israel's airports. If they were right, and Lod Airport was destroyed, it occured to me that if I were to go to Israel and it was defeated, I might be unable to come back to Canada. How the Arab nations, if victorious, would treat conquered Israelis was something nobody wanted to think about.

To add to my concerns about going, I was feeling ill and my doctor was ordering tests to investigate the possibility of a serious illness. I had two small children, a wife, an exciting new career. Thoughts of illness or death put an unfamiliar weight on my spirits.

But the thought of leaving my small children behind was the most painful part of the decision-making process. It was a very difficult time for me. For Israelis, of course, it was immeasurably more difficult. I made my choice and prepared to leave.

At the first news of war, every airline cancelled their flights to Israel except El Al. Getting to Israel became virtually impossible. Faced with an impossible demand, El Al instituted a policy for distributing seats. First priority, I was told, was given to Israeli pilots who were caught overseas at the outbreak of war, second priority was given to tank crews and the third to doctors.

I flew from Vancouver to Toronto and then to New York. At Kennedy Airport, I asked a policeman for directions to the El Al terminal. He studied me closely and looked worried.

"How're we doin' over there?" he asked. I was struck by the "we."

For security reasons, El Al had been moved to the most remote edge of the airport. The scene in the terminal was chaotic. There were long lineups of people talking anxiously. It took the strained El Al employees more than three hours to check us in, and then two more hours for very thorough security checks and interrogations.

Peter Newman (centre) on Kibbutz Nir Yitzhak with nurses Chava (left) and Ilana, at the end of the Yom Kippur War.

When the plane stopped to refuel in Paris, French soldiers stood on the surrounding rooftops, machine guns at the ready, guarding us. The war was starting to feel decidedly less abstract.

Arriving early the next morning, I walked along the eerily quiet streets of Tel Aviv. All the men were away in the army. Car headlights were painted blue to make the city darker at night and a more difficult target.

One consequence of Israel's being taken by surprise was the lack of any reception for arriving volunteers. We who did manage to reach Israel found ourselves entirely on our own. There was nobody around to direct us. Many volunteers had no idea where to go to be useful, or what jobs to do.

Some creative people created their own jobs. I met one young physician, just arrived from South Africa, who was upset that the lack of co-ordination prevented him from providing medical help. Undeterred, he set to work collecting garbage from the streets of Tel Aviv. The sanitation workers had been called up into the army like everybody else. The principled young doctor collected the garbage they had left behind.

Unlike some volunteers, I already had a niche in Israeli society and was fortunate that I could contribute in my own field. I had previously lived for two years in the Upper Galilee, working as a family doctor in kibbutzim, moshavim and immigrant towns. I had also worked in Druze villages as the first civilian doctor in the Golan Heights following the Six Day War.

During the Yom Kippur war, I went to the western Negev to replace a doctor who had been hurt in an accident on army manoeuvres. I moved into Nir Yitzhak, a lovely kibbutz close to the Sinai border, and drove each day to different towns and villages to give clinics for adults and children. These communities had been without a doctor for months. The patients seemed as happy to see me as I was to see them. I have warm memories of them looking me in the eye and saying quietly, "Thank you for coming. For the encouragement." I was moved by the simple sincerity. I derived great satisfaction from just being there. I felt that my presence made a meaningful, existential statement.

I also teamed up with an old friend, Peter Carlen, a Toronto neurologist then working in Jerusalem. At the outbreak of war, he volunteered in the Be'er Sheva Hospital, where many casualties from the Sinai had been brought. We were given a room in a student residence, and I entered the hospital with him.

I was startled by the sheer number of wounded soldiers. The surprise of the onslaught was now personalized in the saddest possible way. There were soldiers who had been badly burned inside their tanks. On the neurosurgery ward, young people lay unconscious, some on life-support machines. At some bedsides, X-ray screens showed fragments of metal shrapnel in the brain. Many patients were undergoing neurosurgery to remove shrapnel. Sadly, some of the X-rays showed shrapnel in the brainstem, a vital area that controls the body's most basic functions of breathing and circulation. Surgery could not be performed here, and some of these people would not recover.

I watched the caring nurses tend to their patients. In this hospital ward, the war took on an intensely human dimension. Outside, the war was portrayed very differently. The talk in the media was of territory lost or gained, of strategy, of geopolitics. Here in this quiet hospital ward, such talk seemed artificial. Here, one had an overwhelming realization that war was really about young people, full of promise, full of dreams, now struck down.

The launching of war on Yom Kippur, of all days, seemed particularly odious. I tried to imagine the thinking of Egyptian and Syrian leaders. Had they felt any hesitation before attacking on the holiest day of the year, when much of the population was in synagogue, praying? Was I naive to think that ethical considerations might influence attacks on one's enemy? If military tactics are to be subject to moral constraints, how should these constraints be balanced against the attacker's own strategic self-interest?

These questions are obvious when one thinks of the Yom Kippur attack on Israel. However, they apply equally to Israel and to every other country that uses military force.

I will always carry with me the images of those days of inhumanity. These images will never allow me to rejoice in victory. Neither, however, do they make me a pacifist at any cost. There are times when nations must use legitimate force to defend themselves from tyranny or terrorism. The challenge for fair-minded people is to retain our humanity, not just in peaceful times when it's easy, but also in the crunch, in the dark days of struggle.

For Israelis and Arabs, for Muslims and Jews, and for all of us around the world emotionally caught up in our own conflicts, the challenge is to get beyond the rhetoric of "honour" and "glory" on one hand, and "revenge" and "punishment" on the other. The challenge is also to remember the innocents of both sides who will be struck down in consequence of our deeds.

A month after the war ended, I returned to my family and to the calm of distant Canada. My own illness had resolved. I looked again at the vista of sea and mountains, and this time felt more complete. I felt changed by the experience of sharing with beleaguered Israelis such sadness and hope. I felt healed by experiencing humanity in the midst of inhumanity.

Perhaps our finest triumph, when those who cruelly attack us show no humanity, is to remember our own.

Peter Newman practises and teaches family medicine in Toronto.

Needed: happiness warriors

It should be easy. We are constantly prodded to be merry, easygoing and jovial. Songs instruct us to "don't worry, be happy," bumper stickers carry the ubiquitous happy face logo, and even the chassidic rabbi, Nachman of Breslov, tells us it's a "great mitzvah to be constantly joyous." So how come happiness isn't as easy as a simple slogan?

Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz in Montreal

Actually, happiness is often a struggle. Life can be miserable. If you don't believe me, just read the newspaper. There are terrorist attacks, suicide bombings, ethnic cleansings, civil wars, not to mention bankruptcies and unemployment. On a personal level, it seems we frequently hear about a crime, illness or death that has affected someone close to us.

And frankly, these are the good *new* days. For most of history, life was far more dismal.

But just because happiness is hard to achieve doesn't mean it's absurd. Rabbi Nachman was right. God intended the world to be a joyous place. And if life is, to quote political philosopher Thomas Hobbes, "nasty, brutish and short," creating happiness is our responsibility.

To transform a difficult world, we need people who understand that happiness is neither simple nor trivial. We need people willing to fight for a happier world. We need happiness warriors.

The first battleground is within ourselves. Virtually everyone has had to battle some form of melancholy. Winston Churchill even had a name for his dark moods, calling them "Black Dog." Happiness warriors never let "black dog" get the best of them. Even during their bleakest moments, they can discover a bit of joy. Steve Lipman, in *Laughter in Hell: The Use of Humor During the Holocaust*, documents how concentration camp inmates invented a genre of dark, yet hopeful humour. How do you beat back "black dog?" By chuckling at a wisecrack while living in hell.

But happiness warriors are not content with personal bliss. Their goal is world happiness. They may seem like ordinary people doing ordinary things, but actually they are transforming the world one smile at a time. Like the secretary who greets everyone she meets with a warm welcome. Or the college student who spearheads a fundraising campaign with his friends to help an impoverished family. Or the middle-aged woman who visits hospital patients with a thermos of chicken soup. Or the Israeli high school student who learns first aid so she can save lives in the event, God forbid, of a suicide attack.

These may be simple, small, everyday acts, but they transform an otherwise difficult world into a happier place.

Happiness warriors know they face a tough opponent. They stand armed and ready – with smiles, jokes and chicken soup.

Perhaps you'll consider joining the fight. The fate of the world depends on it.

From Kishinev to Canada: the poetics of anti-Semitism

Around the time I began teaching, some 15 years ago, it became fashionable for Jewish studies professors across North America to announce to classes: "Yours is the first generation to know anti-Semitism only as a subject of history, or a phenomenon on foreign soil."

Not all Jewish studies professors shared this conviction. But the view was prevalent enough to find its way into scholarly articles.

Sara R. Horowitz in Toronto

Jewish studies professors no longer speak that way. These days, professors sound alarmed. Like others, academics debate the pervasiveness of the "new anti-Semitism," and try to articulate precisely what defines its rhetoric and attitudes. Now, on the cusp of the new millennium, we worry about a problem whose disappearance was celebrated at the close of the last.

The phrase "new anti-Semitism" is something of an oxymoron. The term points to new ways that this old hatred is negotiated in contemporary politics. It also suggests our sense of having been blindsided.

Recently, I had occasion to reread Haim Nahman Bialik's magisterial poem, *B'Ir Haharega*, written exactly 100 years ago. Composed in response to the 1903 massacre of the Jews of Kishinev in Bessarabia, and ably translated by the Canadian poet A.M. Klein as *In the City of Slaughter*, Bialik's poem played an important role in shaping the Zionism of his contemporaries. At a recent colloquium of Israelis and North Americans marking 100 years of the event and the poem, Kishinev had an uncanny resonance.

What does Kishinev mean to us, a turbulent century later? How do past events speak to us and become meaningful for our time?

By the end of the 19th century, modernity and the Enlightenment had reached eastern Europe, affecting the lives and expectation of its Jews. In 1881, in the midst of progressive social changes, a series of government-sanctioned pogroms erupted. This was a jolt to liberal Jewish optimism.

Then, after more than two decades of calm, the massacre of Kishinev Jews shocked European Jewry. Today, after the wholesale slaughter of millions during the Shoah, the Kishinev casualties, which numbered under 50, may strike us as relatively merciful. Without our hindsight, however, the brutality and deaths were stunningly awful.

Even more, the pogrom at Kishinev was a betrayal of the promise of modernity – equality, social acceptance and of the rights of citizenship for Jews. For many, that shining vision of progress was shattered.

It struck several of the North Americans at the colloquium that we experience a similar moment of shock and betrayal, although, thankfully, without the physical destruction of Kishinev. One hundred later, the upsurge of the "new anti-Semitism"startles those who saw this hatred as safely in the past, at least for democracies.

Soon after the pogrom, Bialik came to Kishinev at the behest of a committee of Jewish leaders including Achad Ha'am and Simon Dubnow. Commissioned to write a report, Bialik interviewed survivors, filling four notebooks with testimonies. But instead of a report, Bialik composed *B'Ir Haharega*. Dismissing the eyewitness testimonies, he built the poem around a fiction: that the Jews of Kishinev did not defend themselves.

Bialik's poem took on a life of its own. For decades, it spoke to readers about the supposed passivity of the Diaspora Jew, distancing the inhabitants of the Yishuv from their European roots. It is not a stretch to say that in *B'Ir Haharega*, Bialik blames the Jews of his time for the vicissitudes of anti-Semitic violence. But what more could they have done? Overpowered by the number of assailants and by the power of the state, many resisted.

Let me be clear. My digression from 21st century Canada to pogroms of 100 years ago is not meant to suggest that we are falling backwards into history. Concordia is not Kishinev. York is not Yehupetz. On this continent, the violence has been largely confined to language.

But there are connections to consider. Today's new anti-Semitism is situated in the contemporary democratic state. Rather than following Bialik's example and focusing on Jewish internal dynamics, we might ask about the perseverance of anti-Semitism, across ideologies and regimes. When it surfaces in a modern democracy, what political ends does it serve? Even beyond naming anti-Semitic rhetoric for what it is, unravelling its uses might help us to thwart its progress.

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Pay it forward

Rabbi Emanuel Forman recently alerted Montreal's Shaar Hashomayim synagogue to the plight of a young father of four paralyzed in a terror attack. The 37-year-old American oleh, Steve Averbach, rode bus number 6 early Sunday morning on May 18. Sensing something was amiss, he reached for his gun. A terrorist masquerading as a religious Jew blew himself up, killing seven and wounding 20 severely, including Averbach, who was paralyzed below the neck after a steel ball bearing ripped into his spine.

Gil Troy in Montreal

Israel's Defence Ministry has honoured Averbach, a former police officer and Golani unit hero, for saving countless lives, because the bus was about to fill up with dozens of schoolkids and commuters. Averbach regrets he did not stop the bomber – an impossible expectation he imposed on himself – and wonders how to rebuild his life. "I was always pretty strong, mentally and physically," he told a reporter. "And now… I control nothing, zero. I can't turn over, lift a hand… So they tell me that I'm my kids' father, and no one can take that away from me. But look at me, what kind of a dad can I be?… I want to walk and play with my kids, what can I do now? What does anyone need me for?"

Just before Rosh Hashanah, I spoke at an "Israel Update" to the synagogue's sisterhood. I began by reading the names of recent victims of the Palestinians' immoral turn from negotiation to terrorism. And I pleaded for the community to help Averbach. "Think of how much money we are about to spend on flowers, on wine, on brisket, on useless little presents thanking our hosts," I said. "Couldn't we redirect some of that money to Israelis for whom this New Year is bittersweet?" I challenged each member to give $1,000 to Averbach, either individually or with friends.

Remarkably, people responded to the appeal, and to Rabbi Forman's subsequent discussion in his Rosh Hashanah sermon about Averbach's new search for meaning in his radically transformed world. One woman rose at the sisterhood meeting, donated $1,000 and asked others to follow – and some did immediately. Another woman changed her holiday flower order, sending more modest arrangements with a card saying a donation had been made to Averbach's fund. A high school student inquired about raising funds at her school – and other Jewish high schools in the area. I challenged her to broaden it to other high schools with Jews and all freedom-loving people opposed to terror. A Dawson College student later launched a fundraiser through Hillel that raised $1,000 in two days.

More people asked how they could help. We were living out the rabbinic teaching "*mitzvah gorreret mitzvah*" – one mitzvah tugs another. We were bringing to life the recent Hollywood movie *Pay It Forward*, in which one good deed breeds another. "We have been offered help by so many people around the world who have heard of Steve's injuries," Steve's father wrote to the student who organized Hillel's fundraiser, "but only a wonderful few have actually done something. You are certainly among the select few." Reporting on other acts of kindness, such as the Hadassah angels ministering to Averbach and his family, the senior Averbach said, "There are many more wonderful people in the world than I ever realized."

Yes, these modest efforts barely address the financial demands of someone facing decades of rehabilitation and limited job prospects. And synagogues could do much more, from institutionalizing a twinning program as part of all bar mitzvahs and weddings, to diverting a serious percentage of their building funds to meet the devastating emergency situation imposed on Israel by Palestinian death merchants.

But the symbolic power of these donations enhances their financial impact – both as models for others and for the supportive message they transmit to victims and their families. There are five million North American Jews and fewer than 5,000 victims, meaning a ratio of one thousand potential givers to every casualty of Yasser Arafat's war.

Cash is the currency of the modern world. More of us need to use more of it to speak eloquently, morally and lovingly. "People don't realize that when they give just how much they can benefit," the president of Shaar Hashomayim sisterhood said that night. That's the power of being a part of a moral community. That's the beauty of paying it forward.

Israel adopts a tougher attitude toward Syria

Syria's president, Bashar Assad, was apparently shocked when Israeli F-16 jets struck an empty Palestinian training camp deep inside Syria on Oct. 5, a day after Islamic Jihad claimed credit for a suicide bombing in Haifa that killed 21 Israelis.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

The attack, the first Israeli military strike on Syrian soil in 30 years, may have shattered an armistice agreement Henry Kissinger, the U.S. secretary of state, had painstakingly brokered in the spring of 1975 after weeks of shuttle diplomacy.

The disengagement accord, as it was known, ended a war of attrition on the Golan Heights that erupted in the aftermath of the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

Although Israel and Syria clashed in the 1982 war in Lebanon, these battles were strictly confined to Lebanese territory. Israel's border with Syria remained uncannily quiet as both sides observed the Kissinger agreement.

But subsequently, Israel was greatly irritated by the fact that the Syrians used Hezbollah as a proxy in southern Lebanon and permitted radical Palestinian factions, such as Islamic Jihad and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, to maintain facilities in Syria.

Israel's Oct. 5 raid, which may yet be seen as a watershed in the annals of Israeli/Syrian relations, was something of a shot across Syria's bow.

By attacking this remote base northwest of Damascus, Israel served notice that Syria will have to bear the consequences of its support of Palestinian rejectionist groups. It may not be the last such attack. Israel's prime minister, Ariel Sharon, warned Syria that he would not hesitate to order further strikes if need be.

Sharon's warning was in keeping with the increasingly tough attitude Israel has adopted toward Syria since its withdrawal from Lebanon in May 2000. In response to Hezbollah bombardments of Israeli army positions in the disputed Shabaa Farms district on the Golan, Israel has twice bombed Syrian radar stations in Lebanon.

Israel's resolve to hold Syria directly responsible for Islamic Jihad's bombing of a Haifa restaurant has not been challenged by the president of the United States, George W. Bush. In a grand gesture of solidarity, he observed that Israel has a right of self-defence and should not feel constrained by defending its homeland. With this remark, Bush equated the United States' campaign against terrorism with that of Israel's.

When it comes to Syria, Washington's empathy with Israel has been unwavering. The Bush administration has made it clear that it will veto a pending Syrian United Nations Security Council resolution condemning Israel for its recent strike. And in the past six months, Washington has repeatedly urged Assad to close radical Palestinian offices and camps in Syria, to co-operate with Washington in the struggle against terrorism and to staunch the flow of Muslim militants from Syria into Iraq.

The United States, which claims to have had no prior knowledge of Israel's recent raid, believes that the camp was being readied by construction crews as a staging point for attacks on Israel and American soldiers in Iraq. As of last week, 103 U.S. troops had been killed in combat there since May 1.

Significantly enough, Syria did not react militarily to Israel's strike. But a day later, Syrian-supported Hezbollah gunmen, in a drive-by shooting, killed an Israeli soldier patrolling the Lebanese border near Metullah.

Assad, who has ruled his nation since his father's sudden death in June 2000, described Israel's raid as an attempt to terrorize Syria and drag it into a regional war. Syrian officials – Syria's ambassador in Spain and a spokeswoman in Damascus – warned Israel that Syria reserved the right to respond to "aggression."

It is impossible to predict what Assad will do should Israel hit Syria again. But by any objective standard, Syria would be reluctant to engage Israel in hostilities. On paper, the Syrian armed forces appear formidable. Syria can field 12 divisions, comprising 380,000 soldiers, and 3,800 tanks, 2,600 artillery pieces and 500 aircraft. Syria, too, has long-range Scud missiles capable of reaching virtually any target in Israel, as well as a stockpile of chemical and biological weapons.

But much of Syria's aging Soviet-equipped military machine is in dire need of a drastic upgrade. In addition, Syria cannot match Israel in electronic warfare and lags far behind in terms of command-and-control expertise. The last time Syria faced Israel on the battlefield, 21 years ago in Lebanon, the Syrians were completely outclassed. Today, Syria does not have the same easy access to sophisticated Russian weaponry it enjoyed during the Soviet period. Yet with five divisions on the Golan, and batteries of missiles aimed at Israel, Syria could bloody the Israelis in a confrontation.

Syria is also aware that the diplomatic balance favours Israel. As never before in its modern history, Syria is isolated, completely surrounded by unfriendly countries.

Iraq – Syria's ally in the 1948 War of Independence, the Six Day War and the Yom Kippur War – has been removed from the strategic picture by the United States. With the demise of Saddam Hussein's Baathist government, a sometime rival, Syria has lost a potential ally.

To the north looms Turkey, which has close ties with Israel and which pressed Syria to deport a troublesome Kurdish leader some years ago. To the west is Jordan, which signed a peace treaty with Israel nine years ago and is firmly in the American camp. And in Lebanon, a Syrian protectorate since the second Lebanese civil war, Syria is under pressure to withdraw.

Worst of all, Syria's volatile relationship with the world's sole superpower, the United States, is currently so bad that the U.S. Congress is seriously considering imposing economic sanctions on Syria.

The Syrian foreign minister, Farouk al-Shaara, blames Israel for its poor state of relations with the United States. But this is an oversimplification.

Bashar Assad

Before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States, Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld accused Syria of producing chemical and biological weapons in violation of international treaties.

In the wake of Sept. 11, Washington improved its relations with Syria after Damascus provided the United States with credible intelligence on Al Qaeda's networks in western Europe.

Syria also ingratiated itself with the United States by supporting a pivotal 2002 Security Council resolution demanding Iraqi compliance with UN resolutions regarding weapons of mass destruction. Due to these Syrian goodwill gestures, rumours began flying that the U.S. State Department might remove Syria from its list of states sponsoring terrorism.

But Washington's sensitive and complex relations with Damascus deteriorated sharply when Syria bitterly denounced its invasion of Iraq last March.

Even as fighting in Iraq raged, Rumsfeld accused Syria of allowing hostile Syrian and foreign fighters, as well as night vision goggles, into Iraq. Meanwhile, Colin Powell, the U.S. secretary of state, called on Syria to stop backing Hezbollah, Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

On April 13, four days after Baghdad's liberation and amid speculation that Syria might be the next "Iraq," Bush weighed in with harsh criticism of Syria. He said that Syria faced serious consequences by harbouring members of Saddam's former government. Acting on the belief that Syria had indeed provided sanctuary for Saddam's cronies, the United States severed an oil pipe line running from Iraq to Syria and blocked the cross-border trade routes between Syria and Iraq, thereby depriving Damascus of about $1 billion (US) in revenues.

Shortly afterward, Bush suggested that Syria had mended its ways. Riding this momentum, Powell visited Damascus and met with Syria's leadership. He hoped to convince the Syrians to back the internationally sponsored road map to peace. Powell asked Syria to shut the offices of radical Palestinian organizations, which oppose the road map. Syria reportedly assented, but drew the line at expelling their leaders.

Since then, the United States' relations with Syria have fallen into a rut again. This followed damaging disclosures that Assad was permitting militant Muslim combatants to cross into Iraq from Syria and tolerating Hezbollah and Islamic Jihad operations aimed at Israel.

Claiming that Damascus is on "the wrong side of the war on terrorism," the Bush administration has dropped its opposition to the Syria Accountability Act. The proposed bill, which was passed by the House of Representatives last week by a 398-4 margin, would ban mutual trade and business investment and reduce diplomatic contacts.

Sharon backs the legislation, and has asked the United States to raise certain Israeli demands with Syria. Israel wants Syria to oust all Palestinian radicals from Damascus, force Hezbollah to dismantle its network of missiles in southern Lebanon, eject Iran's Revolutionary Guards from Lebanon's Bekaa Valley and persuade Lebanon to deploy its army along the tense Lebanese border.

Since Syria will probably reject these demands, the current level of tension between Israel and Syria is unlikely to abate.

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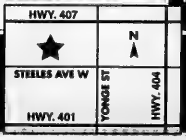

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Bible film renders Gospel of John verbatim

By **PAUL LUNGEN**
Staff Reporter

In a scene in the middle of *The Gospel of John*, Jesus is preaching to a crowd in the Temple in Jerusalem, but he is encountering resistance to his message. Turning to a crowd of Jews, he chastises them for "trying to kill me" because he is telling them "the truth I heard from God."

When the crowd tells him they are the children of Abraham and also the children of God, Jesus, in frustration, blurts out, "Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to listen to my message. You are the children of your father, the devil, and you want to follow your father's desires.

"From the very beginning he was a murderer and has never been on the side of truth because there is no truth in him… But I tell you the truth and that is why you do not believe me."

The disturbing passage in the gospel is recreated, verbatim, in *The Gospel of John*, a three-hour film that will be released later this week in Toronto and southern Ontario. A visually sumptuous film with tremendous attention to detail in costumes and props, the film cost $20 million to make and includes a cast of 75 principal actors and 2,000 extras.

Though it debuted last month during the Toronto International Film Festival, *The Gospel of John* has received far less attention than the much-anticipated Mel Gibson film, *The Passion of Christ*, which has stirred tremendous controversy over its allegedly anti-Semitic theme.

While Gibson's focus on the crucifixion and passion of Jesus has come under fire for its message that Jews killed Christ, reviews of *The Gospel of John* have generally been favourable, lauding the film for its sensitive portrayal of first century intra-Jewish theological disputes.

Rendering the gospel in its entirety, word for word, creates a context to events of the time and blunts the sharper edges of the charge that Jews were responsible for the death of Jesus, said Garth Drabinsky, the film's Jewish producer.

But, he added, a film based on John cannot in any way be considered anti-Semitic.

Drabinsky said the film passed muster before a panel of biblical experts – including two Jews – who were consulted extensively on the material.

The Gospel of John itself was written 70 years after the events it portrayed, at a time when the followers of Jesus were breaking with mainstream Judaism. All the major characters in the film are clearly Jewish, including Jesus, he said.

"It has questions that challenge one concept of Judaism and from a historic perspective, it is important for people to see this transition happening, the origins of the early church."

Drabinsky, who stresses the educational aspect of the film, acknowledged that the Gospel of John has in the past been quoted "in a narrow sense" to justify an animus against Jews.

This film, he said, "allows you to look at the entire landscape and not pick one line."

From it, "more people will have a greater understanding of the issues" and will learn that "Christ was challenging and took on the establishment," he said.

Asked whether a film depicting the gospel of John might stir anti-Jewish emotions once again, Drabinsky said, "I never thought about that at all. I produced a film that is all about a Jewish world. Everybody in the film is Jewish."

He said his interest in the subject matter goes back to his days in high school, when he was fascinated by the book *The Bible as History*. When he was asked by the American Bible Society to participate in a project to film the Bible's 66 books (which includes the Hebrew and Christian testaments), he readily accepted.

He said he finds the period in history fascinating and thought that a word-for-word recreation of the gospel would avoid an out-of-context, Hollywood-style treatment.

Recognizing the potential difficulties that could result if the script was not just right, his first step was to bring together the advisory committee, which recommended beginning with the Gospel of John.

"It is the best-loved and most-quoted of all the books of the New Testament," Drabinsky said. "Structurally, dramatically, it is a terrific piece of writing. In many ways it is exquisite."

To soften the text's more polemical passages, which blamed "the Jews" for a variety of sins (for example, that "the Jews" urged Pilate not to release Jesus, and that Jesus avoided Judea because "the Jews" were looking for a chance to kill him), the script was based on the American Bible Society's *Good News Bible*. In that text, "the Jews" become "the Jewish authorities."

Alan Segal, a professor of religion at Barnard College, Columbia University, said he and the second Jewish consultant, Adele Reinhartz, "were both concerned and we wanted to make sure it was done right."

He said the Gospel of John does employ the term "the Jews" more often than other gospels, which also refer to "scribes and Pharisees," and the phrase "'children of the devil' is a very unfortunate phrase and historically through the ages has been a problem for Jews."

Segal believes that today, "ordinary Christians will not look at it as a platform for doing violence against Jews."

But it was used when Jesus was extremely angry and it was blurted out as an oath, not as a prophecy, he said.

"The fact of the matter is, that's what's there.

"The world we live in is one where the gospels are very significant documents and strangely enough, very few people understand what's in them, Jews or Christians."

Most people, he said, are familiar with only a few verses and are not aware of the entire broad sweep of the gospels.

"If you depict an entire gospel instead of just a few verses, then you give people the opportunity to see the work in the way it was written."

Unlike the Gibson film, *The Gospel of John* is an accurate representation of the gospel without adding or subtracting scenes that did not appear in the original texts. "If you find what's on the screen troubling, it's because the gospel is troubling," Segal said.

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Analysis

Gospel of John *stands to revive deicide charge*

By **RON CSILLAG**
Staff Reporter

Those behind the production of *The Gospel of John* say the film does its level best to avoid rekindling the age-old canard that the Jews were ultimately responsible for the death of Jesus.

To soften the message, an advisory committee of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish theologians and scholars (including three Canadians) has employed disclaimers, subtle uses of language, and emphasis on the distinctions between the Jewish public and its leadership of the day.

But the movie, which opens this week in Toronto, will likely still leave Jewish viewers – should there be any – shifting uncomfortably in their seats and tugging at their collars.

Despite the committee's efforts, the Jewish establishment of the day comes across as bloodthirsty, petty and almost flip about wanting Jesus dead.

For its part, the Jewish rabble, faced with a clear choice, picks Barabas the thief to be freed and lets Jesus die, flanked by two petty criminals.

While it's not quite on par with a movie adaptation of the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, as one critic charged recently, the film clearly presents Jewish authorities as the betrayers of Jesus and the primary instigators of his crucifixion.

Like Mel Gibson's much-anticipated and already maligned *The Passion, The Gospel of John* stands to revive the deicide charge against Jews, and won't do much to advance Jewish-Christian relations.

To boot, it's co-produced by Garth Drabinsky, whose involvement in the project isn't likely to endear him to the Jewish community.

Those behind the camera defend against the charge that the film may stir up anti-Semitism by saying it treats Jews the same way John's Gospel does. It's a point expanded on by a member of Drabinsky's advisory committee, Adele Reinhartz, a Sir Wilfrid Laurier University professor of religious studies, specializing in the Gospel of St. John. Reinhartz, who is Jewish, told the *Vancouver Sun* recently that if there is a danger of the film's engendering anti-Jewish feeling, it comes in the text itself. There is a negative portrayal of Jews in the gospel, she said, and the filmmakers knew that if they wanted to be accurate, they had to show the hostility between Jesus and the Jewish nonbelievers.

Of course, that in turn raises age-old questions about the text's fairness and literary intent.

Made by Toronto-based Visual Bible International, which has produced video versions of the books of Matthew and Acts, *The Gospel of John* is a three-hour, word-for-word adaptation of the Book of John based on the American Bible Society's accessible *Good News Bible*.

John was the last of the Gospels to be written – between 40 and 60 years (some say more) after Jesus' death. It stands apart from the books of Matthew, Mark and Luke, called the Synoptic ("same eye") Gospels due to their similarities, because it states up front that Jesus is God.

University of Toronto professor Peter Richardson, who chaired the advisory committee, contends the *Good News Bible* is the best vehicle for blunting any misunderstandings.

"It differentiates between Jews, Judeans and Jewish authorities," he said, but that's a subtle parsing likely to escape the average viewer.

He said at the time John was written, the new church had become less Jewish and more gentile. Judaism itself was splintered – there were Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes and Zealots. It was a polemical time and John is a polemical book.

The film's opening slate makes the same argument, saying the period reflected "a polemical and antagonistic" relationship between the nascent church and the Jewish establishment.

One of the committee's Jewish scholars, Alan Segal of Barnard College, conceded that of the four Gospels, John is "the most Jewish in its subject matter, and the most anti-Jewish in its perception.

"We did a great deal of thinking and soul-searching, but ultimately, we had to do it as it was written."

But did they? In the original Greek, John used the word *Ioudaioi* ("the Jews") 67 times, suggesting collective Jewish involvement in opposing Jesus. The *Good News Bible* – and thus the film – morphs the word into "Jewish authorities," thereby sidestepping the inflammatory notion that all Jews conspired against Jesus.

So the message that the Jews killed Christ is softened by the translation, but the actual narrative, which the film can't but follow, has the Temple authorities plotting early on to kill Jesus and demanding that a hesitant Pontius Pilate give the Roman go-ahead for crucifixion.

Since the Pharisees didn't have the legal authority to execute Jesus, they hand him to Pilate, who finds the itinerant preacher has done nothing to warrant a death sentence under Roman law.

Pilate relays this to the Jewish authorities, who insist he find that Jesus has done terrible things, namely, blasphemy and working on the Sabbath.

Finally, Pilate reads the charges to Jesus, who admits to having worked on the Sabbath. Then comes the line from the High Priest, Caiaphas, to Pilate that's difficult to put a spin on: "Kill him."

Succinct enough. Caiaphas says, "kill him," so Pilate does, and washes his hands of the whole messy affair.

Despite this, Drabinsky believes the film "will illuminate understanding of both religions, and make a stronger Christian-Jewish relationship."

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Lubavitch expands presence in Richmond Hill

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

Lubavitch emissaries continue to follow their mandate to bring religious amenities to underserved Jewish communities.

A case in point is Chabad of Richmond Hill, which last month opened a school-cum-shul in a storefront in a plaza at Yonge Street and Elgin Mills Road in Richmond Hill.

Rabbi Mendel Bernstein, spiritual leader of the congregation, told *The CJN* that he and his wife Toby moved onto Elgin Mills six years ago. Before that, they had worked at the Chabad Community Centre near Bathurst Street and Steeles Avenue.

"We did research and discovered that this area is underserviced, and there was tremendous potential to build a vibrant Jewish community," Rabbi Bernstein said.

After the family moved to Richmond Hill, they started holding services in their home. The next year, he said, they started a preschool at Yonge and Elgin Mills.

The school quickly became too small and the shul too cramped, and they were pleased when a storefront in the neighbourhood plaza became available during the summer.

The preschool, Gan Shalom, now has an enrolment of 70 children, and it is staffed by seven teachers and several volunteers.

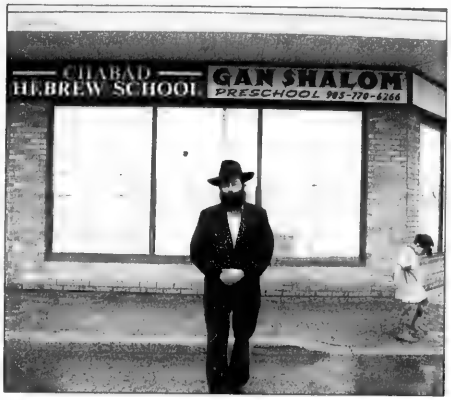
On Friday afternoons, Rabbi Bernstein said with relish, the school closes, and there is a dash to turn the school into a shul, complete with an Aron Kodesh and a bimah, both on wheels. Some 100 people attend on Shabbat, and far more came to High Holy Day services held at a nearby community centre.

"We have a core of really committed members," the rabbi said.

While most of the congregation is not religious, he said, they respond to the friendly, heimish atmosphere, which he called "addictive." Shabbat includes two children's programs, and a kiddush featuring Toby Bernstein's cholent.

There are also weekday services on Sunday, Monday and Thursday mornings.

Classes are held regularly, mainly in private homes, on such subjects as chassidic philosophy and Chumash. There are also special programs. A recent one taught participants how to make sushi.



Rabbi Mendel Bernstein stands outside the new Chabad of Richmond Hill quarters on Bathurst Street at Elgin Mills Road.

The Bernsteins occasionally hold Shabbatons, where 150 people have been known to turn out for a meal, a speaker and singing. So popular have these programs proven that "we have to have separate ones for parents of pre-school kids and for the community," Rabbi Bernstein said.

Other special events have included Chanukah on Ice last year, when the youngsters went to a local arena for a skating party; a Purim party, featuring costumes and entertainment; and a latke evening.

Last year for the first time, a public menorah was lit in the plaza in which they ultimately opened.

Last year also, realizing that most people in the area did not send their children to day school and that there were no educational facilities for them in the area, Chabad of Richmond Hill founded a Hebrew school, which meets at Silver Pines Public School.

"Last year we had 35 kids. This year, 110 students have enrolled."

The city of Vaughan has just approved a block plan that will enable the congregation to build a shul and community centre on three acres of land on Bathurst Street just south of Elgin Mills Road.

Rabbi Bernstein said their goal is not necessarily to make people Orthodox. "We are here to make Yiddishkeit more accessible to those who might not have access to it – to make people more Jewishly aware."

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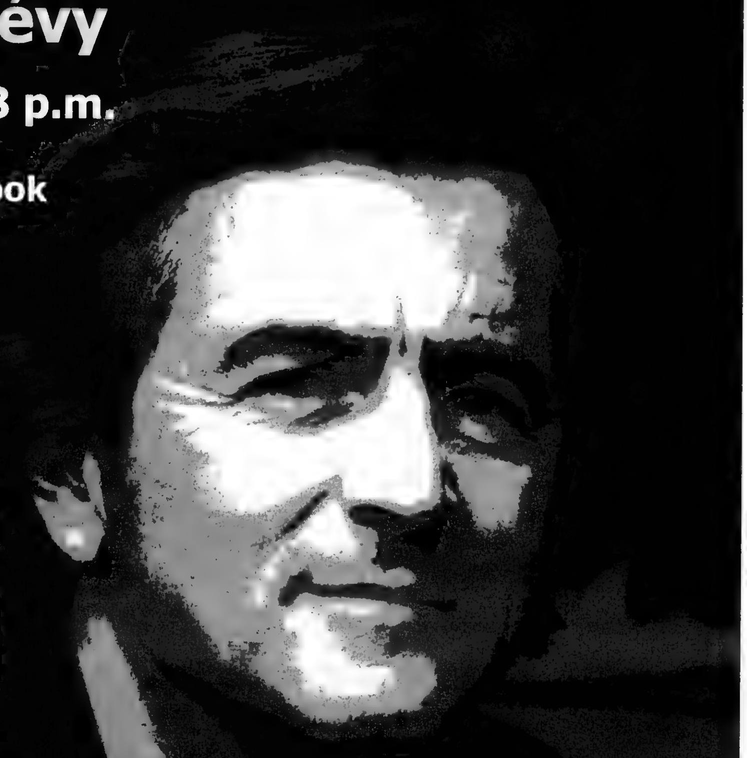

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Argentine families celebrate Toronto

By WENDY LAMPERT

When Cynthia Strugo arrived in Toronto from Buenos Aires in August 2002 with her husband Mario and their two children, she realized that she was about to embark on a new and different Jewish life.

That's why she jumped at the chance to attend a Rosh Hashanah party, hosted by UJA Federation, JVS of Greater Toronto (formerly known as Jewish Vocational Service), Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Toronto (JIAS) and the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre to welcome Argentinean Jewish families to Toronto. The organizations sponsoring the party are core members of the Community Task Force Aiding Argentine Jews to build a dialogue with new immigrants and learn better ways to meet their needs by coordinating services. The task force also includes representatives from synagogues as well as cultural and community organizations.

"We are new immigrants, and it's very important for us to find a place within the Jewish community, to have support, and to know where we can go if we need any help," said Strugo. "Until now, we were moving in the community by intuition. It was a good opportunity to learn about what's available to us."

Monica Zalcman, who arrived with her family from Argentina in June 2002, and sits on the task force, was thrilled that more than 70 people came to the party.

"This kind of event allows new immigrants to connect with each other and with those who can give them a hand in terms of social integration, work opportunities, Jewish education and community and cultural services," she said. "Everyone had a great time. The meeting was supposed to end at 8:30, but didn't end until someone shut the lights at 10 p.m. – nobody wanted to leave!"

"The representative who spoke about Jewish education (Dr. Seymour Epstein, UJA Federation Vice President of Education) really impressed me," said Strugo, a former lawyer whose seven-year-old daughter just started attending a supplementary school program. "He was very warm and knew a lot about Jewish education in Argentina. He really touched me – he understood where we were coming from, and that was really important to me."

"This is a wonderful community initiative started on behalf of the Latin American Jewish community in Toronto. It's an attempt to reach out to families, see what we have been able to do for them, what has worked and what still needs to be done, said Janis Roth, Executive Director of JIAS. "I've already met with several families since the party. They have wonderful feedback about how they can be involved in the community, and what we can do for them. We're seeing immediate results," she added.

Monica Zalcman

Director of Israel Now Consortium recognized for communal service

By DANIEL HOROWITZ

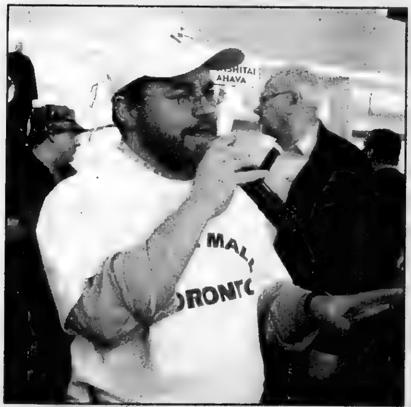
Dani Fine, the Director of the Israel Now Consortium, has been to Israel 10 times before, however, after a visit to Jerusalem this November, Fine will return home with a whole new set of memories.

He will be receiving the World Council of Jewish Communal Service (WCJCS) Exemplar Award, given to communal professionals who have displayed exemplary service to their communities during a time of crisis.

As Director of the Consortium – spearheaded by UJA Federation and the Consulate General of Israel – and consisting of 115 community organizations in solidarity with Israel – Fine has been at the helm of countless successful community rallies and other programs.

"I nominated Daniel Fine, because without him, we simply would not have had such an incredible myriad of grassroots initiatives ranging from incredible speakers to community vigils and rallies, that Toronto is so proud to host," says Consortium Chair, Julia Koschitzky.

"It's been a privilege to serve under the expert leadership of Julia Koschitzky," says Fine. "Her determination and insight has secured the success of the Consortium and the membership of over 115 organizations."



Dani Fine, Director of the Israel Now Consortium, helps drum up business at last March's Israel Mall at the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre.

New immigrant to Israel realizes life-long dream

By SIMON GRIVER

On a scale of one to 10, Jonas Schwam's dream of singing in the Jerusalem Great synagogue over the High Holidays was as high as he could go. And this year, Jonas, 28, who immigrated to Israel from Argentina in July realized his life-long dream.

"I've always thought of myself as both an opera singer and chazan," explained Schwam, who often led services at the synagogue in his native Tucuman in Northern Argentina. "I would like to be like Israeli star Dudu Fisher, who is a chazzan and also sang the lead in Les Miserables on Broadway."

Jonas Schwam, 28, immigrated to Israel from Argentina in July.

Photo by Shimi Nachtailer

Schwam's achievement in being chosen for the 30-man choir at the Jerusalem Great Synagogue is quite remarkable. This is a professional choir which pays participants for performing on Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Succot and Simchat Torah.

"I went along and asked if I could be part of the choir," he recounted. "They gave me an audition and told me I was in. Since then I've been busy at rehearsals every evening."

In Argentina, Schwam also worked as a concert pianist and helped out in the family clinic. His father Raul is an oncologist and his mother Sara is a biochemist. One of seven children, he is the only one to have made aliyah so far. "I think that all Jews should be in Israel," he stressed. "At any rate this is the right place at the right time for me."

Schwam spent two years in Israel with his parents when he was two years old but then they returned to Argentina. "But something of the language and culture stayed with me," he said. "I always loved Hebrew and singing Hebrew songs and I went to a Jewish high school."

"I did come to Israel in the early 90's and thought about aliyah," he added. "But I could not take the plunge then. This is the right time for me. The economic crisis in Argentina and rising crime also persuaded me to leave Argentina but I felt like Israel was knocking on my door and saying come now."

Schwam's aliyah and the immigration of other Jews to Israel is financed by the Jewish Agency, through the support of the worldwide Jewish Federation network.

The future of our city

UJA Federation's Real Estate Cabinet and Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region recently sponsored a lively debate among Toronto's mayoralty candidates. Pictured here are Richard Venn, Chair of UJA Federation Campaign 2004 (with Allan Silber), and Ed Morgan, Chair, Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region. *(Photo by Bruce Kurta).*

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Jewish Chamber of Commerce learns the virtues of impatience

By WENDY LAMPERT

When it comes to her business, the old saying, patience is a virtue, doesn't sit well with Beth Horowitz, President and General Manager of Amex Canada Inc.

Horowitz, who is also President and CEO of Amex Bank of Canada, told a sold-out breakfast sponsored by UJA Federation's Jewish Chamber of Commerce that impatience is a much more important trait.

Beth Horowitz

"My personal preference is for qualities like drive, determination, and an unwavering desire to win in the marketplace," she said. "I believe that virtuous impatience leads to the bold, aggressive search for new ways of doing things, the challenging of the status quo and the urge to want to make things happen now, today."

The Jewish Chamber of Commerce, is an initiative offering Toronto's young Jewish business and professional community the opportunity to meet and network with business leaders.

Horowitz, a graduate of Cornell University and the Harvard MBA program, who has spent 19 years with American Express compared her current role of CEO to that of a head coach. "As much as I push the organization to do more, I'm also the loudest cheerleader when we celebrate our successes together and I'm the most vocal spokesperson for Canada within our company."

Horowitz sees her Jewish values as similar to those of her company – integrity and respect for people, and the desire to be a compassionate member of the community.

That compassion is evident in her appreciation of Amex Canada's volunteerism initiatives. Horowitz talked about the 10th annual Amex Cares Day, on which hundreds of employees volunteer at non-profit organizations. She herself helped plant trees in Eglinton Flats Park. "We felt great about giving something back to the community," she said.

Horowitz is also a member of the Board of Governors of Junior Achievement, which has partnered with Amex Canada and the Tiger Woods Foundation on *Dream Big*, a new program for high school students that encourages them to articulate their own dreams and build on their strengths and abilities. "The students display a virtuous impatience to start the journey to fulfilling their own personal dream," she noted.

Passion is behind everything Horowitz does – she believes that's how she has come so far in her career. "I am drawn towards ideas, I'm inspired by people," she said. "I suppose I am a rare being in the corporate world – someone who lets my heart rule my head."

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Toronto to host 2005 General Assembly

Toronto will host the world's largest assembly of Jewish leaders - the General Assembly (GA) in 2005.

Each year, thousands of professionals and volunteers from Jewish communities around the world attend the Jewish Federation - sponsored GA with world renowned guest speakers.

"I think it is fantastic, says Leslie Gales, Chair of the UJA Federation Board. "Hosting the GA will give us a wonderful opportunity to showcase our innovative and creative blueprint for the future of Toronto's Jewish community. It's also a great chance to put Toronto back on the map in the wake of the problems we've experience lately – especially SARS. As always, UJA has a great volunteer base to assist in orchestrating such an event, and we have the committed and strong lay leadership to do this."

United Jewish
Communities

Natan Sharansky, the Israeli Cabinet Minister responsible for Diaspora relations, was one of last year's keynote speakers at the GA held in Philadelphia.

United Jewish Communities (UJC), the umbrella organization for Jewish Federations, asked UJA Federation of Greater Toronto to host the 2005 event because of Toronto's reputation as one of North America's leading Jewish communities. The selection committee also considered the success of the last GA in Toronto in 1984.

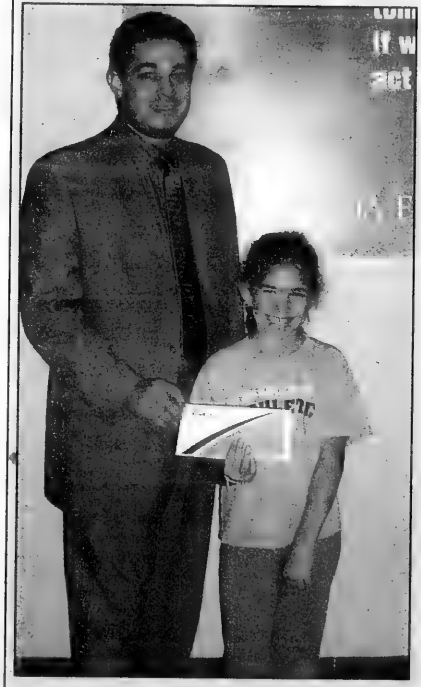
"I think we're recognized as a community that is growing, dynamic, vibrant and a leader in new programs, fundraising and initiatives in the Federation community," says David Engel, Vice-Chair of the UJA Federation Board.

"I'm really excited because it also will not only showcase the work that Toronto is doing, but also show what a warm community we are." Last year's GA was in Philapelphia. This year the GA will be held in Jerusalem. Nearly 400 Torontonians and over 500 Canadians will be attending this year's General Assembly which coincides with one of Canada's largest - ever missions to Israel, the B'yachad Mission.

This year's GA in Jerusalem, which runs from November 16 to November 19, opens with a kickoff on Sunday evening, and will build on international energy as the North American Jewish community and the people of Israel come together to join this special occasion. Visits from Israel Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and the leadership of the Jewish Agency for Israel – UJA Federation's overseas partner – will help celebrate the vibrancy of Israeli culture with a display of music, dance, and entertainment.

Walk with Israel then fly to Israel

Stanley Morias, General Manager of El Al in Canada, presents two airline tickets to 10-year-old Hayley Pollack, a Grade 5 student at Associated Hebrew Day School. Lucky Hayley won the plane tickets at this year's UJA Federation Walk With Israel in May.



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Rescued Torah scrolls accompany new immigrant from Syria to Israel

By Shifra Paiken, Keren Hayesod

Residents of Israel are accustomed to the joyous celebrations that take place on Simhat Torah, as the Torah scrolls are removed from the ark and gala processions of worshippers parade joyfully through the streets. This year, Reuven Shimon, a resident of Jerusalem's Katamon neighborhood, looked forward to celebrating the holiday in his local synagogue with special excitement, grateful for the opportunity to publicly dance with the four Torah scrolls he smuggled out of Syria, in an episode of extraordinary courage, daring, and faith.

The story began when the late Syrian president Hafez Assad announced, in the spring of 1992, that Jews would be permitted to immigrate to the United States. Like most of the Jews in his community, Shimon, a young father of six from Aleppo, requested permission for his family to emigrate. After nine months of anxious waiting, the application was approved.

But Reuven was troubled: "My father had told me to go only to Eretz Yisrael, to Jerusalem." A plan began to take shape in his mind.

Reuven went to pray in his synagogue, whose days of glory had long since passed, as the Jewish community dwindled. He looked at the magnificent Torah scrolls, each around 140 years old and worth a small fortune. "I want to take one to Israel," he thought. He came back that night and, with the silent assent of the haham (revered rabbi), removed a scroll from the ark.

He tossed and turned the whole night. "God will help me," he thought. The next night he went through the same process again, removing another Torah scroll. And the next. And the next. In four nights, he had taken four Torah scrolls home with him. He packed each Torah in a suitcase, swathed in new clothing he purchased.

With a total of 12 suitcases, Reuven, his wife, and six children boarded buses for Istanbul, leaving the country in which their families had lived for hundreds of years. When they arrived after 35 hours, it was already late at night, but as soon as he had settled his family in the hotel, Reuven took a cab to the Israeli consulate.

The consul contacted him shortly thereafter and advised him that arrangements had been made to go to Kiryat Atta, near Haifa. Reuven was adamant: "Only Jerusalem."

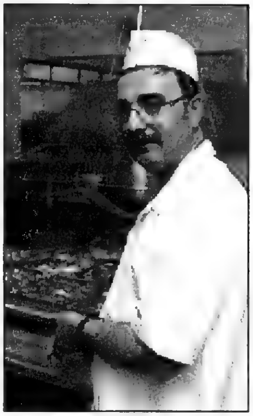
After several days of standoff, one of Reuven's relatives in Israel contacted a staff member at the Jewish Agency – UJA Federation's overseas partner – to see him about the family's plight. The moment Yona Betzalel heard the story, he made arrangements for the family of Syrian Jews to be received at the absorption center operated by the Jewish Agency in Mevasseret Zion, on the outskirts of Jerusalem.

At Ben Gurion airport, Reuven was approached by a stranger, who had heard of his daring rescue of the Torah scrolls. "I want to buy them, " he said, handing Reuven a signed blank check. Name your price."

"I won't take money for the Torahs," Reuven responded. "They belong to God. If I sell them to you, He can take the money back in an instant. If He wants to give me a fortune, He will."

With assistance from the Jewish Agency, Reuven was able to purchase an apartment and set up home in Jerusalem. His eldest son hopes to start law school, and the next two are studying to be dayanim, religious court judges. His younger children are still in school.

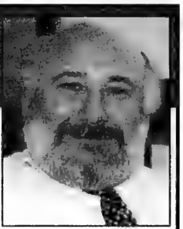
The Torah scrolls also found new homes in Israel. Reuven donated them to the head of the Syrian community in Israel, Haham Edmond Cohen, who distributed them to several synagogues in Bnei Brak and Jerusalem.



Reuven Shimon at work

legacy of life

Gerry Pencer 1945 – 1998



When Gerry Pencer was in Grade Three at Montreal's United Talmud Torah, he had a teacher who would play songs on his violin for every Jewish holiday. One morning mischievous little Gerry quickly snapped all the strings off the instrument. It caused quite a commotion, yet it amused his friends to no end.

Two years later, in Grade Five, Gerry spent days digging a hole between the plaster wall of Rooms 19 and 21 so he could switch seats with a friend and confuse the teachers. He was so determined that he chipped away at the hole a little bit each day – until his father caught wind of the prank and had to pay a hefty $30 in repairs.

That was Gerry, a gregarious fellow with a sparkling personality and an infectious smile who loved the thrill of the chase and wouldn't let a few roadblocks keep him down. Despite being a tremendously busy man, he could always be counted on to serve the community, be it on UJA Federation's Arts & Entertainment executive, as Top Gifts chairman of UJA Federation's fundraising campaign in Calgary or through leadership roles at Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital, B'nai Brith Foundation of Canada, The Weizmann Institute of Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and elsewhere. He supported a wide range of charities including State of Israel Bonds, the Israel Children's Tennis Centers, and the Ontario College of Art.

"Gerry was a great guy who had tremendous enthusiasm for life," says his friend Lawrence Bloomberg, chairman of Mount Sinai Hospital. "He was a visionary and a great entrepreneur, and through his philanthropy he shared his success with the community. He instilled in his children Holly, Clarke and Stacey the importance of giving back, and they honour Gerry's memory by being actively involved in furthering his important community work."

By his own admission, Gerry squeezed two years of living into each year of his short life. He said he defied expectations from the moment he was born because his parents Harry and Clara already had two sons and Clara had been counting on a girl. He started a vending machine operation when he was in his teens and by the time he was 25, already a husband and father, Gerry was employing hundreds of people at the city's largest institutional caterer.

Gerry Pencer, age 10

Enterprising Gerry was always carving out new opportunities and looking out for the next big thing. He owned several restaurants including the Curly Joe's chain in Montreal and a meat packing company in Calgary, and developed the financial services conglomerate Financial Trustco in Calgary and Toronto. When his brother Sam asked him to join Cott, their father's little soft-drink company, Gerry went all out, transforming Cott into a multi-million dollar International success.

Gerry managed to escape to Israel with his wife Nancy whenever he could because he was passionate about building a strong Israel, and today Stacey and her husband David Cynamon are honouring Gerry's memory by targeting many of their philanthropic efforts to Israeli causes.

"Gerry taught us to be generous, to give to solid institutions, and to not hold back on how much we give," says David, head of UJA Federation's Goods and Services division. "He never sat down and preached his ways. It was just something we learned from a very generous person."

Gerry made a difference to the local community, too.

"Gerry was larger than life, and when he walked into a room people felt his energy," says Nancy. "He was so charismatic and warm that people embraced him and responded to him immediately. He was a workaholic, but when anybody needed help he was there instantly either emotionally or financially. He tried to make everybody's life easier because he felt so privileged."

Even when he was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 1997 Gerry continued to give of himself. To him, it was just another hurdle on the roller coaster of life and he wasn't going to get off without giving it his all. Undaunted by surgery and radiation treatments, Gerry thrust himself into creating The Gerry & Nancy Pencer Brain Trust, the charitable organization that built and continues to support The Gerry & Nancy Pencer Brain Tumor Centre at Toronto's Princess Margaret Hospital. Says Holly Pencer Bellman, Executive Director of The Gerry & Nancy Pencer Brain Trust: "I know my father would want each patient who comes through the doors of The Brain Tumor Centre to have an experience that was a little less overwhelming than his was, and to never give up hope that a cure can be found. It is my father's dream come true. It will be a tribute to him always." The Centre is a multidiciplinary treatment and research facility dedicated to state-of-the-art treatment, research and complementary services.

"Too many people are afraid to get on the roller coaster of life and they end up being left at the station," Gerry once said. "Unfortunately, they have missed out on the exhilaration that the ride has to offer. Even though there are a few scary moments, if you're prepared to embrace and live life to the fullest you will find that the ride is well worth it."

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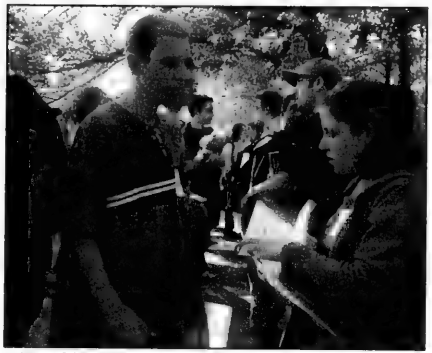
Emergency Cabinet strengthening Jewish advocacy on and off campus

By DANIEL HOROWITZ

Thanks to a $1.5 million infusion from the UIA Federations Canada (UIAFC) Emergency Cabinet to Canadian campuses and to the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC), a number of new pro-Israel initiatives are being launched.

In its first phase of work, the Cabinet allocated funds for two priority areas: Jewish Campus Life and the Israel Missions Program.

With a $1 million increase in funding from the Cabinet for the 2003-2004 academic year, Jewish students across Canada have more Jewish programming than ever before. In fact, seven new local Jewish campus professionals were recently hired and ten more are also being recruited. The funding has also enabled the National Council for Jewish Campus Life (NCJCL) to work with an Israeli website developer to create a valuable online resource centre.



Some of the Emergency Cabinet funding goes to Jewish Campus life.

Locally, in Toronto, UJA Federation contributed $838,000 for campus services through funds raised during Campaign 2003 and a special grant of $86,000 for Jewish advocacy programs.

This past summer, four Canadians attended an Israel advocacy-training seminar organized by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and three Canadian students were awarded scholarships to attend the Hasbara Fellowship program in Jerusalem.

Barbara Bank, chairperson of the NCJCL and her recently appointed board have spearheaded many of these new initiatives.

"The investment of the Israel Emergency Cabinet in campus life is a powerful commitment to the future of Jewish leadership, learning and survival," says Bank. "By providing us with the resources to create empowered, inclusive Jewish communities on campuses today, the Israel Emergency Cabinet is helping to build the thriving Jewish communities of tomorrow."

Support from the Cabinet also enabled Hillel of Greater Toronto to host an end-of- summer party in September with the Israeli band Reva L'Sheva, and "The Party for Peace" which attracted over 1,200 students.

"Due to the investment made by the Cabinet, we've been able to hire new professionals on campus who will enhance the lives and the education of our Jewish students," says Lance Davis, National Director, Jewish Campus Life. "It's also enabled us to bring in vibrant programs and incredible Israeli speakers. We're not missing a beat when it comes to Israel advocacy on campus."

Israel Emergency Cabinet funding has also allowed the Canada-Israel Committee to conduct in-depth research regarding Canadian perceptions of, and support for Israel.

(left to right) Tina Molinari, former Provincial Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing; Susan Kadis, Councillor for the city of Vaughan; Shaul Mofaz, Israel's Minister of Defence, and Vaughan Mayor Michael Di Biase participated in the Mayor's Mission to Israel, organized by Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region and UIA Federations Canada, with financial assistance from the Israel Emergency Cabinet. *(Photo by Bruce Kurta)*

"From the very beginning the Cabinet, as a group, demonstrated a tremendous confidence in the CIC and recognized that one of our biggest challenges was a lack of resources to do the kind of things we wanted to do," says CIC Director, Shimon Fogel. "It was the strength of that support that has allowed us to put together a new and exciting strategy that will allow us to be much more strategic in our lobbying and advocacy."

With the Cabinet's financial help, high-level missions to Israel have become a monthly reality and the CIC can tailor those trips to the needs of individual delegations.

"Missions have been universally acknowledged as the single-most effective program that we have to expose Canadians to Israel and to create for them an understanding of the challenges that Israel faces, as well as her accomplishments under difficult conditions," says Fogel. "The Cabinet's support has allowed us to increase both the quality and the quantity of these important trips."

Last year, 31 Canadian parliamentarians joined CIC in a solidarity mission to Israel during a time when the world seemed to be alligned against her.

Holocaust Education Week comes to campus

This year's Holocaust Education Week is placing much more emphasis on campus programming than ever before in its 23-year history in light of the worldwide resurgence of anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism on college and university campuses.

Of the 120 programs taking place between October 30 and November 11, 20 are targeted to students.

"To me this year's Holocaust Education Week must be about educating our students - both Jews and non-Jews alike - more than ever before," says Honey Carr, who is chairing Holocuast Education Week with Joan Shapero. "With such a high rate of anti-Semitic rhetoric and activity on our campuses, education is essential to combat the naysayers. It is far too easy for people to say that the Holocaust never happened. By educating all students to the truths about our history, we are giving them the necessary tools to fight for Jewry and for Israel."

Anita Ekstein, one of this year's speakers during Holocaust Education Week

"We are so pleased that, for the first time, eight communities outside the GTA will be participating," says Shapero. "The lessons learned from the Shoah will now reach a wider audience and raise public awareness in developing a deeper understanding of our responsibility for the future."

Among the campus sites hosting HEW events this year are Ryerson University, York University and the University of Toronto.

"Each of the three campuses – Ryerson, University of Toronto and York, its own volunteer student leadership committee that is – and has been – planning all sorts of multifaceted events designed to teach Jews and non-Jews about the Holocaust," says Eli Savage, Director of Jewish Education for Hillel. "For example, at U of T, there's going to be a 24-hour name reading ceremony. This will be made up of individuals, Jewish students and students of other backgrounds who will take shifts and continually read the names of those killed in the Holocaust."

For Tova Sasson, Religion and Education Chairperson at York University, outreach to other members of the community is an important component of this year's HEW.

"While obviously keeping the focus on Jews and the Holocaust this year, I think it's also important to diversify, to reach out to others outside the Jewish community – to bring the lessons of the Holocaust into contemporary society as it is in 2003. Considering what has been transpiring on campus lately, perhaps fostering better relationships with other communities will help the situation."

The Book of Life

More than 200 people recently attended the inaugural signing ceremony of The Book of Life, a new initiative of the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto. The Book of Life features stories written by Jewish Foundation endowment holders and planned-giving donors about their commitment to the community and the values they wish to pass on. At the event, held at The Estates of Bayview, 35 honourees signed their stories for inclusion in the Book of Life. Pictured here are (l-r) Karen Morton, Co-Chair, Book of Life; Zahava Lambert, Judaic and metal artist who, along with Ruth Warcheca, helped design the Book; and Gella Rothstein, Co-Chair, Book of Life. *(Photo by Eve Marks)*

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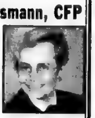

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Lubavitch rabbi receives police uniform

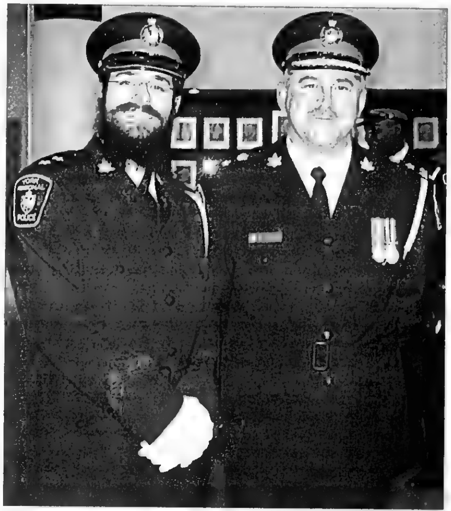
By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

The founding rabbi and spiritual leader of Chabad@Flamingo early this month became a chaplain with the York Regional Police.

Rabbi Mendel Kaplan received his badge and shield along with another chaplain and 24 new police officers in a ceremony held Oct. 3 at the York Region council chambers in Newmarket.

York Regional Police provides chaplaincy services to members of the police force and their families. In addition to lending assistance and support, chaplains also attend official police ceremonies and presentations.

When performing his duties, Rabbi Kaplan will wear the official police chaplain uniform.



Rabbi Mendel Kaplan (left) and York Regional Police Chief Armand La Barge.

In an interview, the rabbi said he has helped the police before, offering advice and whatever assistance he could. During the summer, he was asked to become a chaplain – the only Jewish police chaplain in Canada.

"The police chief [Armand La Barge] wanted to have a closer relationship with the Jewish community, and he felt that this would be a good way to do it," Rabbi Kaplan said.

He said he was proud and honoured to assume this position.

Most of his work will be with members of the police service (only about one per cent are Jewish in York Region), but he said he will be available to help anyone who needs it.

Torah in Motion conference set for Nov. 2

Torah in Motion's second annual all-day conference, "Renewing Our Spirit; Self, Family, Nation", will be held Nov. 2 at Beth Jacob V'Anshei Drildz Congregation.

Torah in Motion's goal, according to its Web site, is to inspire Jewish living and learning in an open and supportive environment through conferences, symposia, special speaker series and educational seminars, in order to foster a higher level of inquiry and spiritual development.

Its aim is "to foster a community of passionate Jews sensitively engaged with the modern world through the prism of Jewish law, values and traditions."

Conference topics include post-secondary Orthodox education; religious extremism; the importance of studying chumash; overcoming the stigma of mental illness in the Orthodox community; dating; the situation in the Middle East; the impact of the teachings and life of Rabbi Yosef Ber Soloveitchik; and the relationship between the Orthodox and non-Orthodox.

Speakers include: Marty Lockshin, director of the Jewish studies program at York University; Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Congregation Machzikei Hadas in Ottawa; William Helmreich, director of the Conflict Resolution Center, City College, N.Y.; Tamra Wright, director, Bradfeld Fellows Program, London, England; Rabbi Menachem Leibtag, founder of Yeshivat Har Etzion Virtual Beit Midrash and the Tenach Study Centre in Israel; and David Shatz, professor of philosophy at Yeshiva University and adjunct professor of religion at Columbia University.

The conference is being organized by Rabbi Jay Kelman, his wife Ilana Kelman, and Elliott Malamet.

The cost is $36, and $18 for students. Lunch is included for those registered by Oct. 26.

Subjects covered in the past have included business ethics, medical ethics, evolution, and the relationship of orthodoxy to the modern world.

Among other programs planned for the near future is one on Nov. 23 called "Protecting Our Kids," with David Mandell of Ohel, an organization designed to help troubled youngsters, and "Jews, Christians and the Bible", scheduled for Dec. 25.

For more information or to register, call 416-633-5770, or go to the Web site, www.torahinmotion.org.

Habonim Dror shaliach brings Israel to Ontario

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Omer Eshel, the new educational director of Habonim Dror and Camp Gesher, is intent on bringing Israel to Ontario.

Israel unites Jews worldwide, says Eshel, also the Israeli shaliach for Regional Jewish Communities of Ontario (RJCO), a partnership between UJA Federation and Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region.

Eshel, 25, grew up on Moshav Merhavia, graduated from Hebrew University and worked as executive director of the Dead Sea Scrolls site in Jerusalem.

Habonim Dror, a left-wing youth Zionist movement established in more than 20 countries, is "based on several pillars of belief including Judaism, socialism and Zionism," he says.

"Our strength is in our pluralism; we're open-minded. Everyone is welcomed into our movement as long as they are comfortable with our ideology.

"We offer activities for youth, including a fall and winter seminar, as well as lectures and programs for adults. We cater to those who are secular as well to those who are more observant."

Camp Gesher, the movement's overnight camp located in Cloyne, Ont., offers regular camp activities, he says, "but we also provide programs that strengthen campers' bonds with Judaism. Judaic activities give campers a feeling of belonging and offer them a future."

Eshel, who as a youth belonged to Haoved Vehalomed, Habonim Dror's sister youth movement in Israel, says, "We drip [the ideology] slowly until campers become proud socialist Jews. I would like to see Judaism and Zionism become part of their daily lives."

It is essential for kids to know about their identity, he says.

"If they can say 'I am a Jew,' then they can help strengthen the bond between Israel and the Diaspora. By attending Habonim Dror activities and going to Camp Gesher, they are doing their part.

"Israel is the safety net for all of the Diaspora, and if they do not see that then history could repeat itself. Knowledge is power. A youth who can express his opinion has more self-confidence, and this self-confidence can shape them for life."

Eshel, along with Galit Germanov, Habonim Dror's Ottawa shlichah who will also be at camp, would like to see counsellors run the camp. "We are there along with the director to oversee things, but we want the counsellors to be empowered; it is their home. Treating them like adults increases their feeling of belonging."

Eshel plans on travelling across Ontario as part of his RJCO role. "I want youth in the whole province to be a part of our activities, all of which revolve around Judaism and Zionism."

A favourite activity involves passing around a flag and asking participants to talk about it. "When they get to the Israeli flag, many kids say it represents Judaism. Israel is a country like no other – it is a land of Jews, not a land of Israelis."

Eshel and representatives of other youth groups in the GTA are currently planning a memorial to the late Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin at the Lodger Centre Congregation on Nov. 14, the International Day for Tolerance.

"Working together with other groups goes well with our ideology. We want to see people there from all over the rainbow."

Eshel will also be giving lectures on the Dead Sea Scrolls to groups of all ages.

"The more I work, the less I miss home," he says.

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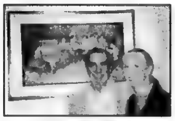

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Jewish Life

Compromising for a sense of commuity

By ELISHEVA GOULD

At the end of August, I made the big move out of my parents' home in Toronto to New York City.

Guest Voice

As a participant in AVODAH: the Jewish Service Corps, I have made a year-long commitment to work at a non-profit organization in Manhattan, living in Brooklyn with nine other "AVODAHniks" (another house of eight is a few subway stops away) and meeting several times a month to discuss social justice issues and the logistics, challenges and rewards of Jewish communal living and community building. Phew.

It's not easy, but it's incredibly exciting. The week that we moved in to our *bayit* in the Red Hook/Carroll Gardens and Crown Heights/Prospects Heights neighbourhoods in Brooklyn – originally from Toronto, Montreal, Israel, England and various states, including Michigan, Texas, Maryland, Florida, Kentucky and California – we began to realize how much we have to learn this year.

My fellow housemates and I, after a long, tiring day of travelling and shlepping, had to decide how the 10 of us would share nine rooms on 3 floors of one rickety, old house! Picking rooms – or, Heaven forbid, roommates! – was something that this group of exhausted 20-somethings who had just met was dreading. But at 10 p.m., after our first shared meal, we discussed the most equitable ways to divvy up and select our rooms. And we all ended up pretty happy.

I have come to understand that what one often assumes will be the hardest issue to deal with can, in fact, be the easiest, and vice versa. This is what seems to happen when you work with a great bunch of people with common passions and goals. We've all been having a great time living together, bonding, and truly getting to know one another – our families, our university experiences, our love of Israel and our friends. And what do all Jews inevitably end up discussing when they sit around a table together? Food!

Elisheva Gould

We all knew that food would be an integral part of our communal living experience this year, but few of us expected it would be such a major obstacle to group cohesion. We have to share accommodations during this year of service, as going home to separate apartments at the end of a long, difficult workday would be a frustrating and isolating way to live. But the AVODAH program does not dictate that we must share food. If and how we do so is up to us, and it is more taxing than one would think!

Ten intelligent young Jews have 10 vastly different preferences for milk, cheese, bread, meat and breakfast cereal. For instance, I have a wheat intolerance that requires me to eat healthier alternatives. My housemate Rachel Birnbaum, a fellow Torontonian, also prefers wholesome breads. However, we have housemates who simply prefer white bread or who, because of our program's modest stipend, grocery shop on a tight budget. Then there are the vegetarians, those who prefer organic food and still others who would consider their kitchen *treif* if one of us were to cook in it on Shabbat.

A special, conscious element of the program is that all AVODAHniks come from different Jewish upbringings and have varying degrees of Shabbat and kashrut observance. Conveniently, our house has two kitchens, and we decided to make one as strictly kosher as is our most observant housemate. The "not-so-kosher" kitchen is for cooking on Shabbat or preparing unhechshered food without offending anyone else.

The Jewish communal living aspect of AVODAH – the opportunity to pool our finances and share food – demands challenging personal compromises. But my housemates Sharon, Tami and Raffi can't compromise their level of kashrut, Rachel and I don't want to compromise our healthy eating habits, and Yuval and Ali shouldn't have to compromise their budgets… right? These are the sorts of questions that our "intentional community," one that we are deliberately trying to form and nurture, deals with every day. As I write this, we are preparing for tomorrow's major house meeting on food sharing, finances and the "state of the soul" of our home. Stay tuned as the compromising and learning continue.

The Fruit of the Tree

By RACHAEL TURKIENICZ

On Simchat Torah, we begin to read the Torah from the beginning and again we acquaint ourselves with the creation of the world and the beginnings of humanity.

Midrashic Moments

We usually study the first events of Genesis as isolated narratives. First we learn of Adam and Eve and their sin. Once that story resolves with the exile of humanity from the Garden of Eden, we proceed to study the narrative of the first brothers, Cain and Abel. However, all things in Torah are in dialogue with each other and likewise the story of Adam and Eve and the story of Cain and Abel are intimately connected.

Of course, there is the obvious family connection. Adam and Eve are the parents of Cain and Abel. Yet there are further parallels to the events. Adam and Eve are the first human beings created on earth. Cain and Abel are the first human beings born on earth. Both connote unique beginnings. Adam and Eve are the world's first couple while Cain and Abel are the world's first siblings. Again, both connote unique beginnings.

But an even more subtle, continuous thread weaves through these two narratives. Adam and Eve commit their sin by eating from the fruit of a forbidden tree. The punishment for this sin is death. And yet, neither Adam nor Eve dies on that day. We understand that the pronouncement of death is not particular to Adam or Eve, but is a pronouncement on all humanity. Hence death as an entity enters the world on that day. The enactment of that punishment occurs with their children, their fruit.

The image of a tree is an important one in Genesis. The Tree of Knowledge and the Tree of Life are specifically named within the Garden. We are not told the name of any other growing thing. Adam and Eve eat of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge and as a result mortality enters the world. The first death happens because one of their children kills the other. It is their own fruit that ushers the reality of death into the world.

We are not to see ourselves as the descendants of Adam and Eve but rather as the fruit they bore. Humanity, more than belonging to a family, is to be considered parts of one living entity. Although we do not ultimately seal our fates, for only God has ownership of life, we certainly help to shape our fates.

We must learn from the creation narratives that an attack on one is ultimately an attack on all. All of humanity is responsible for preserving the lives of the innocent and the body human.

Talmud Pesahim expresses this when it states: "The arrow maker is slain by his own arrow – paid back by the devisings of his own hands."

Do you blog Jewishly?

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

The Jewish Highway

In the ever-changing world of the Internet, one of the newer phenomena is the "blog" or Web-log. These Web sites are souped-up diaries that can give you incredible insight to the views of ordinary people around the world. As you might expect, they can be informative, narcissistic, revealing and frustrating, especially when people are sharing thoughts about Judaism and Israel. Add the fact that many of them are anonymous and you get a potent mix that will stimulate you and probably get you angry, too. Today, a guided tour.

Before we start, I'd like to point out that sharing thoughts on the Web is nothing new. But software programs such as Blogger **[http://new.blogger.com/]** allow people to create extensive personal diary Web sites without having to learn the sometimes arcane HTML Web site language.

At "Heimishtown," you'll find a word of Torah and thoughts about the author's home life. Here's one interesting complaint I came across. It seems that the blogger's husband is "an anything-you-need-I'll-do-it guy." And that, apparently, is the problem. "It has been extremely difficult for me to let go and let him pitch in. I feel it lessens me as a wife, mother, female, person." Check out the site for reaction to her predicament **[http://heimishtown.blogspot.com/]**.

Over at a site titled, "Somewhere on the A1A...," blogger Ocean Guy muses on the intifadah and the Arab slant on the Yom Kippur War **[http://oceanguy.blogspot.com]**.

But you can be well-known and keep a blog, too. Check out the site of Middle East commentator Daniel Pipes **[http://www.danielpipes.org]** or, for something a bit less controversial, check out Ari Davidow's Klezmer Shack Web-log for his latest thoughts and travels in the world of klezmer **[http://www.klezmershack.com/]**. You can find links to many more Jewish blogs at the Jewish Bloggers NetRing **[http://makeashorterlink.com/?Q23051436]**.

The tag to AidelMaidel blog's is "Just what it sounds like – a nice Jewish girl in NYC." You can read her musings about matchmaking, missionaries, preparing a cleaning schedule for Passover (eight months in advance!) and being a worried mother. "Baby awoke this morning crying, brought her into my bed and she cuddled up to me and fell back asleep. When she decided it was time for me to get up she promptly crawled onto my back and started whacking me in the head. I checked her temperature to find (Hurray!) that it was 98.8. Baruch Hashem. Neurosis in check" **[http://www.aidelmaidel.blogspot.com/]**.

Blogger Hasidic Rebel is "repulsed by so much that I believe is wrong within the chassidic community. But there is a lot that I love about it, too. I despise the tribalism, the indifference to the yearnings and aspirations, joys and sorrows of mankind as a whole... But I also have a deep love and respect for the Chassidim's devotion to their lifestyle. I am touched by the reverence they display for their leaders. Their kindness and generosity are overwhelming, at least when benefiting their own" **[http://www.hasidicrebel.blogspot.com]**.

Hasidic Rebel's articles include "Conflicts of the Heart," "Raising Rebels" and "Charedi Men in the Workforce? (gasp) God Forbid!" His blog hit the radar of the general media earlier this year with a feature article by the *Village Voice*'s William O'Shea. In it, Hasidic Rebel explained why he keeps his identity secret. "My children could be expelled from their schools. I could be told to leave the community. It would cause tremendous, tremendous pain for my family" **[http://www.villagevoice.com/issues/0329/oshea.php]**.

Unlike such solo efforts, Protocols is a group blog that draws on the strengths of five contributors who give their own take on Jewish content in the Internet and print media. The entries are consistently timely, well-written and thought-provoking. Recent topics of discussion include a look at the film *Trembling Before G-d*, the historical validity of the Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur prayer *Unetaneh Tokef* and the halachic implications of pre-emptive shootings of hijacked civilian airlines **[http://protocols.blogspot.com]**. If you only have time for one Jewish blog, make it this one.

Next week, blogs from Israel and the best Hebrew *bloggim*.

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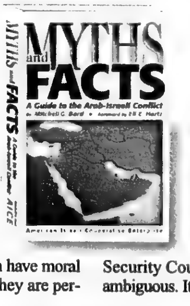

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The UN Charter (Articles 10 and 14) specifically empowers the General Assembly to make only non-binding "recommendations." Assembly resolutions are only considered binding in relation to budgetary and internal procedural matters.

The legality of Security Council resolutions is more ambiguous. It is not clear if all Security Council resolutions are binding or only those adopted under Chapter 7 of the Charter. Under Article 25 of the Charter, UN member states are obligated to carry out "decisions of the Security Council in accordance with the present Charter," but it is unclear which kinds of resolutions are covered by the term "decisions." Regardless, it would be difficult to show that Israel has violated any Security Council resolutions on their wording, and the council has never sanctioned Israel for non-compliance.

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Vandals strike at York, University of Toronto

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live on campus and who eat all their meals in the temporary structure during the eight days of Sukkot, were particularly affected. (An on-campus kosher restaurant had two small sukkot for them, she added.)

"We're incredibly upset about this," said Klein. "It attacks us at the level of our faith and our religion. There's nothing political about a sukkah." The sukkah programs were also non-political, she said.

"We set it up in good faith. We want very badly to share our culture and our religion with the rest of the community. That makes it an even harder slap in the face."

Saperia had felt that things were calmer this year on campus. The day the sukkah was set up, he helped staff a Hillel table filled with pro-Israel literature, and engaged in debate and discussion with a varied group of passers-by.

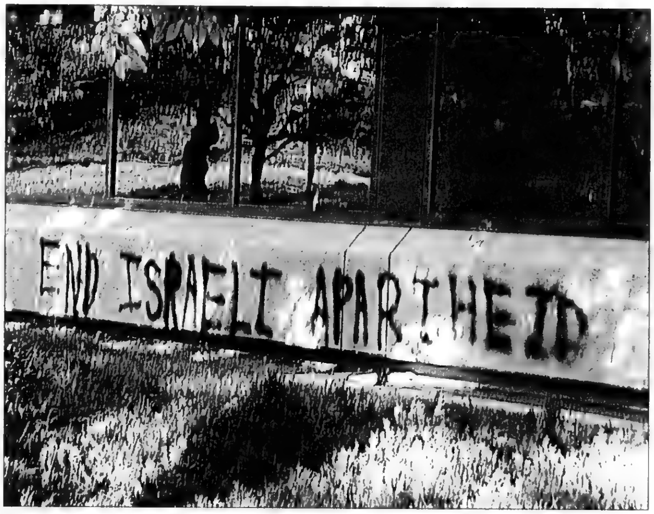
Among the tensions last year, a woman protesting the upcoming war in Iraq was charged with assault after a Jewish student said the protester grabbed and kicked her during the demonstration.

"I hope this [sukkah vandalism] doesn't foreshadow any negative things to come," said Saperia. "There's been disagreement and debate. That was legitimate, but this is not legitimate. This is not right."

The university released a statement by President Lorna Marsden, saying the university is committed "to fostering an environment founded on mutual understanding and inclusivity" and expressing "deep concern" and condemnation in response to the sukkah's destruction.

"Although the motivation and identity of the individual or group responsible is unknown, disrespect for any religious structure is unacceptable and must be taken seriously by any society that values religious tolerance," she said.

In a separate incident, graffiti was discovered last Wednesday on the Bora Laskin Law Library at the University of Toronto. The words, "End Israeli Apartheid," were painted in black on the rear wall of the library overlooking Philosopher's Walk.



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Alan Dershowitz makes his case for Israel

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Review

Israel has been under siege for decades, scorned as a pariah state by its enemies and detractors. But in the past three years, since the outbreak of the Palestinian uprising and the rise to power of Ariel Sharon, Israel has come under even further persistent attack.

Alan Dershowitz, a Harvard University law professor and pro-Israel activist, comes to Israel's defence in *The Case for Israel* (John Wiley & Sons), a tightly argued book that poses, and refutes, common accusations against Israel.

Is Israel a colonial, imperialist state? Did European Jews displace Palestinians? Did Israel create the Arab refugee problem? Did Israel start the Six Day War? Has Israel made serious efforts at peace? Does Israel torture Palestinians?

These are among the varied questions Dershowitz considers. He approaches each one like a trial lawyer, stating the accusation, identifying the accusers, laying out the "reality," and providing the "proof."

In addressing "the court of public opinion," Dershowitz offers a spirited defence of Israel's basic right to exist, to protect its citizens from terrorism and to defend its borders.

His premise is that a two-state solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute is both "inevitable and desirable." He dismisses a one-state solution as "elitist and impractical."

What drives his argument is the fact that Israel, alone among the countries of the world, is continually singled out. "Israel has been subjected to a unique double standard of judgment and criticism," he claims.

Yet Dershowitz does not accuse all critics of Israel of anti-Semitism. He, too, has been critical of certain Israeli policies and actions.

"So long as criticism is comparative, contextual and fair, it should be encouraged, not disparaged," he writes. "But when the Jewish nation is the only one criticized for faults that are far worse among other nations, such criticism crosses the line from fair to foul, from acceptable to anti-Semitic."

Dershowitz has been working on this book since the 1967 Six Day War, when he initially began to defend Israel on university campuses and in the media, two of the battlegrounds where Israel is chronically attacked. But the events that prompted him to write *The Case for Israel* were the collapse of the Camp David talks in the summer of 2000 and the intifadah that followed.

Dershowitz is open to debate on the core issues, but he makes the valid point that there can be no "reasonable disagreement" on "the basic facts."

First, the Jews who came to Palestine at the end of the 19th century had "an absolute right" to settle the land of their ancestors.

Second, they established a Jewish homeland in parts of Palestine they had purchased from absentee Arab landlords.

Third, they displaced very few Arab peasants.

Alan Dershowitz

Fourth, they accepted proposals, based on international law, for a partitioned Jewish homeland in areas with a Jewish majority.

Fifth, virtually all Palestinian and Arab leaders, until quite recently, rejected solutions that included a Jewish state or homeland.

In the strongest chapters, Dershowitz shines like a beacon.

Refuting the oft-heard assertion that Israel is a colonial state, he reminds readers that Jews did not immigrate to Palestine at the behest of foreign states. And, he notes, imperialist powers tried to thwart the establishment of a Jewish homeland (at least until the 1917 Balfour Declaration).

As for the charge that Israel is racist, Dershowitz points out that the Law of Return, which entitles Jews and their families to become Israeli citizens, is not unique in the region.

He is on weaker ground when he suggests that Israel has "stood ready" to accept Palestinian statehood. Only since the Oslo process has this been true. And as Dershowitz doubtless knows, the Likud party, as distinct from Sharon, still opposes a two-state solution.

Turning to the subject of settlements, he does not really address the proposition that they are a major barrier to peace. He disingenuously dances around the issue. However, in his summation, he refers to "the misguided occupation" and "the wrong-headed expansion of settlements."

To Dershowitz, the real impediments to peace are self-evident: the unwillingness of "many Palestinians" and some Arab states to accept Israel's existence and the Palestinian insistence that the refugees have a right "to return" to their former homes in what is now Israel.

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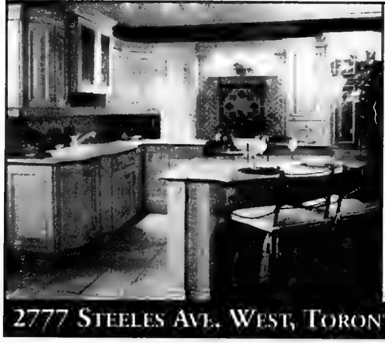

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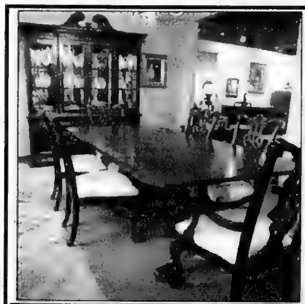

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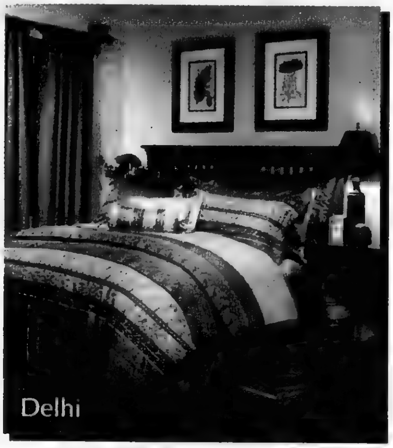

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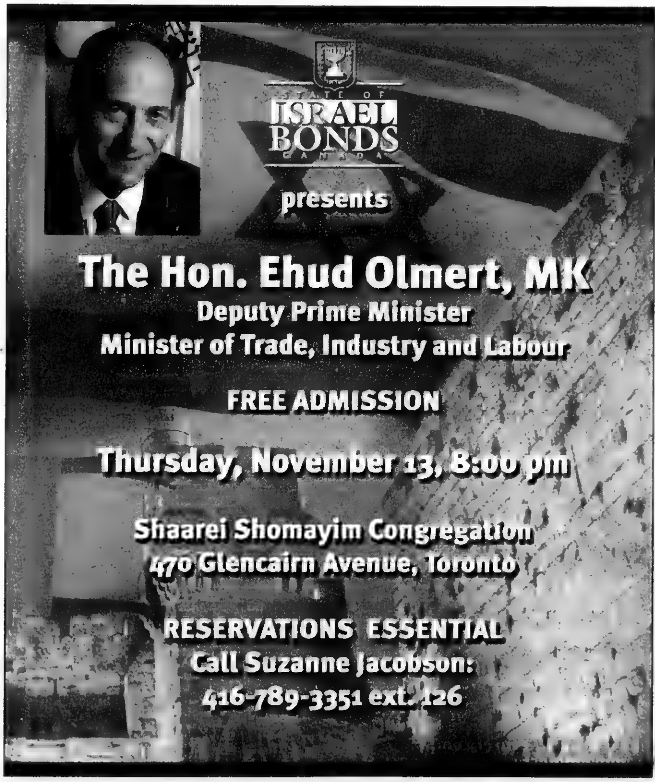

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The Jewish Family Institute presents "How to Make Your Good Marriage Great," an 8-week series with **Rabbi Aryeh Pamensky**. First class tonight, 8 p.m., The Village Shul, 1072 Eglinton Ave. W. Pre-register at 416-785-1107 ext 204.

JEWISH HUMOUR

The Entertainment Connection of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation presents **Susan Jackson** of UJA Federation speaking on " Jewish Humour Through The Ages." 8 p.m. All welcome, guests $2.

Wednesday, Oct. 29

LITERARY LUNCHEON

The Bernard Betel Centre presents **Selma Sage** discussing "Jacob, Joseph and Pharaoh: A Study in Deception" at a literary luncheon Wed., Oct. 29, at noon. Luncheon, $13 members, $15 non-members. Discussion only, $5. Reserve by Oct. 23. Call **Barbara** at 416-225-2112 ext. 134.

FALL COOKING DEMO

Temple Sinai Sisterhood hosts a fall cooking demonstration with **Daphna Rabinovitch**, former *Canadian Living Magazine* test kitchen director and associate editor. Learn about preparing healthy and quick meals. 7:30 p.m. $20. For tickets, call **Diane** 416-780-0350 or **Phyllis** 416-481-0808.

STAYING HEALTHY

The Mature Adults Get Together Group of Kehillat Shaarei Torah Synagogue invites the public to an evening with **Dr. Michael Rahman**, of Pinewood Natural Health Centre, speaking on "Healthy Immune Function: Staying Well Over the Winter." 8 p.m. Free. Call 416-229-2600.

Other news

CRASH COURSE IN HEBREW

Two opportunities to learn to read Hebrew in five or six classes. The first, at **Pride of Israel Synagogue**, begins Sunday, Oct. 26 and continues until Nov. 23, 9-10:30 a.m. To register, 416-226-0111 ext. 0. The second, at **Beth Emeth Synagogue**, starts Wednesday Oct. 29, 8-9 p.m. To register, call 416-633-3838. Both are free.

NISHMA CLASSES

"How do Jews Look at the World?" a 10-lecture series with **Rabbi Benjamin Hecht**, begins Mon., Oct. 27, 7 p.m. at 22 Balliol St., #108. "Reading Rambam: Heaven & Hell, Reward & Punishment" with **Rabbi Yakov Kerzner** begins Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 9 p.m. at 322 Wilson Ave. 416-630-0588.

WORTHWHILE SPEAKERS

The 24th annual International Festival of Authors at Harbourfront Centre present readings and onstage interviews with authors of Jewish interest. **Orly Castel-Bloom**, Israeli author of *Human Parts*, reads Mon., Oct. 27 at 8 p.m. Interview, Sun., Oct. 26, noon. **Henri Raczymow**, French author of *Swan's Way*, reading, Thurs., Oct. 30, 8 p.m. Interview, Wed., Oct. 29, 9 p.m. **Moacyr Scliar**, Brazilian author of *The Centaur in the Garden*, reading, Thurs., Oct. 30, 8 p.m. and **Aharon Shabtai**, Israeli poet, interview, Sun., Oct. 26, 3 p.m. For tickets, call 416-973-4000.

Holocaust Education Week's opening night program. **Dr. Michael Berenbaum** speaks on "The Rescue of Danish Jewry: Why Was Denmark Different?" Thurs., Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m. at Temple Sinai.

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The University of Toronto's Jewish studies program presents **Seth Schwartz**, of the Jewish Theological Seminary, discussing "Did Christianity Create Judaism?" 8 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 30, 15 King's College Circle.416-978-8118.

A COMMON THREAD

The Beth Tzedec Museum opens the new exhibition "A Common Thread: A History of Toronto's Garment Industry," a chronicle of the sector's 100-year-plus history. It opens Oct. 30 and runs through June 2004. For museum hours, call 416-781-3514.

SINGLES EVENTS

The Kiever Shul hosts "Sharing, Caring & Herring" a weekend for singles 30-50, Oct. 31 through Nov. 2. Includes discussions and meals, accommodations provided. The Saturday Night Gala is co-sponsored by Israel Cancer Research. Sunday brunch will include presentation by a relationships expert. Register at www.international/jewishsingles.org or call 416-785-1395.

Aish 20's hosts a Shabbat dinner, Friday, Oct. 31. Guest speaker **Rabbi Yitzchak Shurin**, rosh midrasha of Midreshet Rachel, discusses "Life in the Crossfire: A Deeper Understanding of the Crisis in Israel." Call 905-764-1818 ext. 225 or www.aish20s.com.

COMMUNITY GUIDE

UJA Federation-Jewish Information Service has published *Jewish Community and Non-Profit Accommodation, including Facilities for Senior Citizens*. This listing includes apartments and apartments with special services, retirement homes and long-term facilities. For a free copy, e-mail jinfo@ujafed.org or call 416-635-5600.

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The Toronto Jewish Folk Choir has begun its 78th season under new conductor Alexander Veprinsky. New singers can join every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at 585 Cranbrooke Ave. All voices are welcome. All you need is an ability to follow music. Call **Jean Shek** at 416-489-7681.

FOR SENIORS

Lunch & Learn In Retirement meets Wednesday, Oct. 29, 12 p.m., at Holy Blossom Temple. **Dr. Lorraine Belitsky** will discuss "What's New with Natural Medicine and Some Nutritional Facts." $1. Bring a dairy lunch. Drinks served.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the boardroom at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Call 416-630-9444 for information.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. Oct. 23, bingo; Sunday, Oct. 26, Simchat Torah celebration. **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 416-630-5771.

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Visit Dr. Flea's Market, Sunday, Oct. 26, bus leaves 11 a.m. and returns 2 p.m. Members $5, non-members $7.

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Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211 or www.milesnadaljcc.ca.

Books & Bagels, Sunday, Oct. 2, 11 a.m. **Steve Paikin**, co-host of TVO's *Studio 2* and *Diplomatic Immunity*, discusses his book *The Dark Side: The Personal Price of a Political Life*. Members free, non-members $5. Coffee & bagels served.

Two-Day Hebrew Marathon, Sundays, Oct. 26 & Nov. 2, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Beginner Hebrew six-week program, Tuesdays, Nov. 4- Dec. 10, 7:30-9 p.m.

Yiddish for beginners, eight-week program, begins Monday, Oct. 27, 7:30-9 p.m.

"The Modern Jewish Short Story: A Survey Through Many Lands," six-week course begins Thursday, Oct. 30, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Women's Chorus runs every second Monday 8-9:30 p.m. Join anytime. No audition required. Call **Harriet Wichin** ext. 133

Lunch & Learn, Thursday, Oct. 30 12–1 p.m. with **Louis Greenspan** discussing "Hollywood's Portrait of the Holocaust". Babysitting available. Dietary laws observed.

Good Age Club: Oct. 23, Breast cancer presentation, 2 p.m., Oct. 30, Scrapbooking and memories, 1 p.m.

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Folk Dance Teacher Training 8 Week Course. Sundays 6:30-9 p.m. starting Oct. 26, at the Leah Posluns Theatre. $250. For details, call **Teme** at ext. 364.

The Travellers, Thursday, Oct. 30, at 8 p.m. at the Leah Posluns Theatre. Tickets are $30 in advance, $35 at the door. Call ext. 228.

Sunday, Nov. 9, 2 p.m. Koffler Salon Concert Series presents **Jacques Israelievitch**, violin, and **Michael Israelievitch**, percussion. $65 . For tickets, call ext 228.

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Lunch 'n learn with **Rabbi Moishe Stern**. Friday Nov. 7, room 202, 12-1 p.m. free.

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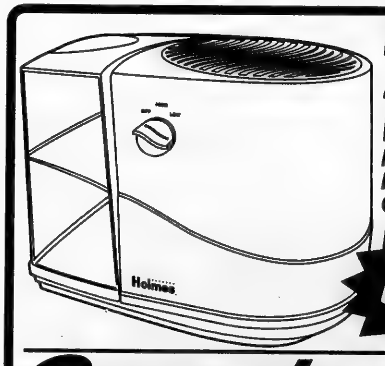

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By ERIN SILVER
Special to The CJN

When it comes to sweets, Stephanie Silver knows her stuff.

Though only 20 years old and part way through her culinary studies at Humber College, she recently began working full time as a pastry chef and she is getting raves about her desserts.

"I enjoy working as a pastry chef because I get to combine my artistic ability with my passion for pastries," says Silver, who spent years developing her talents as a classical oil painter.

"I love creating my own recipes and making my cakes and cookies look as great as they taste. I get a great sense of accomplishment from making desserts that people really enjoy."

Silver grew up baking cakes, cookies and breads with her mother Judy, who also loves to bake.

"Dessert was our favourite part of every meal," says Judy, as she watches her daughter whip up one of their family's favourite desserts – Swiss carrot cake. "We always loved impressing our family with incredible desserts – especially on birthdays and during Jewish holidays."

But Stephanie hadn't seriously considered pursuing her passion until January 2003.

"I studied for one year at York University, and the following year I completed a semester in a fine arts program at Humber College, but I just wasn't fulfilled," she says.

She finally decided to follow her heart and switched to a culinary management program. She also began taking additional evening and weekend courses in baking, cake decorating and chocolate works at George Brown College. This year, she will continue to pursue her degree while maintaining her job at a cafe. Though her schedule promises to be exhausting, Silver is happier than ever.

Silver is pleased to share with *CJN* readers her recipe for Swiss carrot cake. Delicious, light and seasonal, this dessert is sure to sweeten any meal.

RUEBLI TORTE
Classical Swiss Carrot Cake

This recipe is excellent for people with celiac disorders.

5 eggs, separated
1½ cups sugar
1½ cups ground almonds
1½ cups carrots, finely grated (squeeze out as much liquid as possible)
juice of 1 lemon
zest of 1 lemon
3 oz. cornstarch
a pinch of cinnamon
a pinch of ground cloves
1 tbsp. baking powder
a pinch of salt
4 tbsp. Kirsch
2 tbsp. apricot jam, for glazing
fondant icing
candied carrots (see recipe below)

Heat oven to 350. Line 2 8-inch round pans with parchment paper.

In a large bowl, cream together egg yolks, half the sugar, lemon juice and lemon zest. Add the grated carrots and ground almonds. Mix in the cornstarch, cinnamon, ground cloves, baking powder and salt. Add the Kirsch.

In a separate bowl, whip the egg whites to soft peaks (egg whites should be at room temperature before whipping). Gradually add in the remaining sugar, beating until stiff peaks form.

Carefully fold the egg whites into the carrot mix. Pour the batter into the prepared pans and bake for approximately 25 minutes or until a wooden skewer comes out clean. Cool in the pan for a few minutes and then turn out onto a cooling rack.

To make the glaze, heat apricot jam and fondant in a bowl over a pot of simmering water. The glaze is ready when it reaches a runny consistency. Cool slightly. Pour glaze on top of the cake and spread out evenly. Let the glaze run down the sides of the cake.

Candied Carrots:

Measure equal amounts of water and sugar. Bring the sugar solution to a boil. Cook baby carrots in the syrup until nearly cooked and allow the carrots to cool in the syrup (this can be prepared a day in advance). Wipe off excess moisture from the carrots and then decorate around the top of the cake. Makes two 8 in. round cakes.

Note: the sides can be coated with toasted sliced almonds. This recipe is rich, so consider this when portioning slices.

Alternative topping:
10 oz. cream cheese at room temperature
3½ oz. butter, softened
2 tbsp. honey
2 tbsp. grated orange or lemon zest
2 tbsp. lemon juice
3 cups icing sugar, sifted

Beat the cream cheese until smooth. Gradually beat in butter, honey, zest and lemon juice. Gradually add in icing sugar until the mixture is thick enough for spreading.

Stephanie Silver is the sister of reporter Erin Silver.

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Vancouver Hillel withdraws from multi-faith conference

By ARIEL ZELLMAN
Special to The CJN

VANCOUVER — The Hillel Jewish Student Association of the University of British Columbia recently pulled its support from a multi-faith conference held on campus.

The move was in response to the organizers' withdrawing an invitation to Vancouver city councillor Tim Stevenson to moderate the discussion after they learned that he is gay and an advocate for homosexual marriage.

The event, organized by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Students' Association, was meant to be a forum in which religious leaders from Islam, Christianity, Sikhism, Judaism, and Hinduism would present their views on the subject of the conference, "The Existence of God and Human Suffering."

Vancouver Mayor Larry Campbell, who had been scheduled to moderate the discussion but was unable to attend, recommended Stevenson, an ordained minister of the United Church of Canada.

The organizers' refusal to allow Stevenson to participate and Hillel's withdrawal from the conference has caused a minor flurry in local media and brought considerable attention to the controversy.

Alice Baum, Hillel's program director, said, "That's discrimination, no matter what you think of homosexuality or gay marriage. The Muslim group came here to discuss with us why we withdrew and ask us to reconsider.

"All they kept talking about was that Jews also do not believe in gay marriage and we should therefore support them. They did not understand that our withdrawing was not a comment on gay rights, it was a statement on discrimination."

Hillel withdrew its support for the conference following students' requests.

Hillel president Gordon Brandt said Hillel tries to create an open and positive atmosphere for students of all backgrounds and lifestyles.

"Withdrawing from the conference was necessary to maintain our sense of inclusiveness and many Hillel students and other campus groups have expressed their appreciation to us as the only organization to withdraw its support from this event."

Rabbi Ross Singer of Shaarey Tefilah Synagogue spoke at the conference, said Baum, "[because] we felt that engaging with someone does not imply acceptance of their behaviour. For him to participate as a speaker he was simply participating in an inter-religious debate and we felt that was really important."

Despite this controversy, Hillel students and staff still hope to promote further interfaith dialogue on campus and participate in more activities with Muslim students on campus in particular, said Baum.

"We still sincerely hope that in the future we'll still be able to work with them."

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On Campus

Students gain fresh perspective on Israel at advocacy conference

BY SHIRA ZELIGER
Special to The CJN

Students at a recent Israel advocacy and social action conference said the pro-Israel message of Muslim television personality Irshad Manji was powerful and refreshing.

Manji, the author of the new book *The Trouble with Islam*, kicked off the JUMP (Jewish University Multi-Track Program) conference last month in Niagara Falls with a lecture titled "Defending Israel is Defending Diversity."

"Irshad's address connected my feelings of loving Israel and the values of tolerance, multiculturalism and democracy that we hold so dear in Canada," said Aliza Libman, a third-year Jewish education student at York University.

"Her message was embraced by the students, who have taken on her challenge to ask tough questions and stand up for their beliefs," said Tilly Shames, director of Israel Affairs for Hillel of Greater Toronto.

More than 100 university students from Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba and New York attended the intensive weekend event, which was divided into three tracks: beginner Israel advocacy, advanced Israel advocacy and social action. Students who participated in the social action track explored Jewish texts as well as international and local issues related to homelessness and hunger.

Many students were "beginner Israel advocates," Shames said, adding there were also students who are involved on campus but do not have an interest in Israel advocacy.

"By bringing these groups together, they were able to learn from one another and share their experiences during our common sessions," she said.

International speakers included Itamar Marcus, director of Palestinian Media Watch; Michael Eglash, co-founder of Upstart Activism, based in Israel; Hagai Segal, professor of Middle East Studies at the London School of Economics; and Michelle Lackie, Tzedek Hillel director from Washington, D.C.

Israeli Consul General Ya'acov (Cobie) Brosh and Darryl Borden, director of Homelessness Initiatives for Ve'ahavta: the Canadian Jewish Humanitarian and Relief Committee, also spoke.

Most students were pleased with the event and felt it gave them a strong introduction to the Israel advocacy work ahead of them this year.

The speakers "showed the truth about issues concerning today's Jewish students," said Noam Gilboord, a first-year student at University of Toronto, who was on the social action track.

"Students will be able to go back to school feeling proud to be Jewish, proud to be Zionists, and proud to be supporters of Israel," said Jordie Saperia, 20, president of Hillel at York University.

However, one participant said the usefulness of the event only went so far.

"Efforts for Israel advocacy can only do so much," said Alan Rashkovsky, a third-year engineering student at U of T. "What Israel really needs to ensure her future is for these young, educated people to make aliyah, and the community does not do enough of a job of emphasizing that."

But the conference was sponsored by the Israel Aliyah Centre and University Student Division (USD) Hagshama, the North American arm of Hagshama, which provides information for young people who are planning to make aliyah. (It was also sponsored by Hillel of Greater Toronto, Betar Tagar, the youth wing of Herut Likud, the Winnipeg Zionist Initiative and the Jewish Agency for Israel.)

The event provided students with a pluralistic Shabbat experience, with different denominational services and time for socializing and networking.

"Israel affairs are an important part of Hillel, but they shouldn't take over the entire agenda," said Tova Sasson, 20, religion/education chair of Hillel at York University. "This conference is a great way to start the year, because it integrated other aspects of Hillel programming."

Mat Abramsky, co-chair of the Israel Action Committee at the University of Western Ontario, added, "The programs were particularly useful as an opportunity to network with activists and fellow Jewish students on campus. As active students, we need the ability to share knowledge, materials and resources."

Shames said she is proud of how committed the students are.

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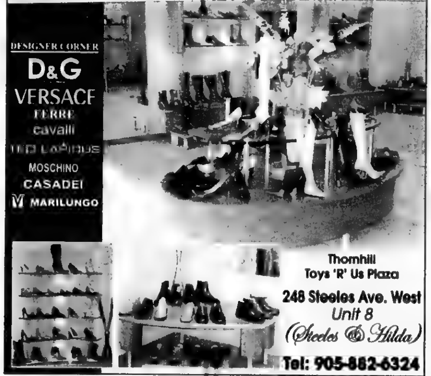

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Sask. premier fires two over offensive cartoon

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

Two high-ranking members of the Saskatchewan New Democratic party were fired last week because of their involvement in distributing a cartoon that compared Elwin Hermanson, the leader of the opposition Saskatchewan Party, to a Nazi officer loading NDP supporters into a rail boxcar.

Saskatchewan Premier Lorne Calvert acted quickly to defuse a potentially embarrassing situation in the midst of an election campaign, apologizing personally to leaders of the Jewish community and then issuing a public statement condemning the cartoon.

"It is entirely and unequivocally inappropriate that… any events surrounding the Holocaust from the middle of the past century, one of the dark chapters of human history, are in any way trivialized," Calvert said. "It is equally and also unequivocally inappropriate that Mr. Hermanson should have been characterized in a drawing in this way."

Dave Degenstien, an assistant to the Minister of Highways, was fired for circulating an e-mail to NDP members suggesting a drawing be made using Holocaust imagery. Earlier, Carlo Binda, a senior consultant with the NDP campaign and the creator of the cartoon, resigned.

Jewish leaders applauded Calvert's quick action, saying distribution of the cartoon is out of character for the Saskatchewan premier.

The cartoon was drawn as an illustration of the concern shared by many in the NDP that the Saskatchewan party has drawn up a list of bureaucrats it will dismiss should the party win the election Nov. 5.

"This is not a Calvert kind of deal," said June Avivi, chair of the Saskatchewan region of Canadian Jewish Congress and principal of Saskatoon's Hebrew school. "He is not that kind of man."

Susanne Kaplan, president of Saskatoon's Congregation Agudas Israel, added, "Lorne Calvert is not that kind of person. He would never condone that kind of thing."

News of the cartoon "upset a lot of us," Avivi said. "It derailed the usual campaigning for a period of time."

Community leaders are particularly concerned that "senior people on the campaign, strategy people, saw it and did not do anything about it."

"If anything, it reminded us of the fact… that the lessons of the Holocaust have not yet been learned, that it shouldn't be trivialized," Avivi said.

Kaplan said while the cartoon was in poor taste, "my analysis is that it is not anti-Semitic. The people behind the cartoon were identifying with Jews and making Hermanson the bad guy.

"It trivialized a serious evil."

Jeremy Parnes, director of services for the Beth Jacob Synagogue in Regina, agreed that anti-Semitism was not a motivating factor behind the drawing.

He was, however "concerned with the trivialization of the Holocaust in this context… I'm not sure it was meant to be an ethnic slur."

Parnes said it was symptomatic of the kind of negative campaigning that has become increasingly popular in recent years.

Harry Meyers, campaign chair of the Saskatchewan party, said the two firings were not enough. Meyers, who is Jewish, said more senior government officials should be held accountable for the cartoon.

In a telephone interview from Ottawa, Ron Singer, director of communications for Canadian Jewish Congress, said, "Cartoons like this diminish the true horror of the Holocaust. It is unwise to use the Holocaust as a metaphor – to compare it to any type of political situation."

Teen dance draws overflow crowd

By LAUREN KRAMER
Special to The CJN

VANCOUVER — Staff at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Vancouver were overwhelmed last month when a dance for Jewish teens attracted as many as 1,500 people to a facility that could accommodate only 350.

"We know at least 400 of them were Jewish, but not a lot more than that," said Bryan Silverberg, director of the JCC's program services.

Lu Winters, the JCC's teen co-ordinator, had distributed 250 VIP passes to Jewish teenagers prior to the Sept. 20 dance and gave out another 100 tickets at the door. But as the numbers swelled, some people rushed the door and confused the head count, forcing her to speculate on the numbers inside. Many of the youths, some of whom had VIP passes, loitered outside, disgruntled, because the 350-person maximum regulated by fire safety rules had already been met and they weren't allowed in.

Last year's dance attracted 650 teens, and similar numbers were expected this year. But as news of the event circulated over the Internet and through fliers distributed to public high schools, the word spread. The problem was exacerbated when the DJ created and distributed promotional fliers that weren't approved by the JCC's staff. Instead of referring to the "Jewish Community Centre," they read "JCC," which was insufficiently specific, and thus attracted more than 1,000 non-Jewish teens.

But speaking after the event, Silverberg wasn't concerned.

"What went wrong here is that we ended up with too much success," he said. He added that there will be more dances in the future, with some changes. Tickets will be sold prior to the event at the JCC, and only to teens who are members of a new group, the Jewish Teens of Greater Vancouver. The group will give members discounts and will be restricted to those who can prove an affiliation with Jewish youth groups, synagogues, Jewish Family Services or the Jewish high school.

The centre is also in the process of forming an organizational committee for the next dance that will include parents, teenagers and community leaders. Future dances will have a Jewish theme, and will be held on dates that coincide with holidays such as Chanukah and Purim.

"We're not going to make the dances exclusive to Jews, but we are catering to our community, first and foremost," Silverberg said.

According to the Jewish Teen Initiative, only 20 per cent of Vancouver's Jewish teens are involved in Jewish programming. Usually, 220 teens participate annually in such events, which is why the sheer numbers took staffers by surprise last month.

"In one single night, we almost doubled the number of Jewish teens wanting to participate in a Jewish social activity," Silverberg wrote in a letter to the editor that appeared recently in the *Jewish Western Bulletin*. "We have learned that teens want dances, there is a way to accommodate them and we will be holding other Jewish teen dances in the future."

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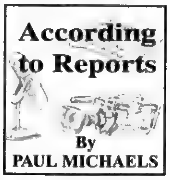
According to Reports

By
PAUL MICHAELS

In her Oct. 4 *Globe and Mail* review of Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz's book *The Case for Israel*, Nomi Morris, a former Mideast bureau chief for Knight Ridder newspapers, wrote: "I'm not convinced Dershowitz or anyone else in the year 2003 need prove Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state. It has been an internationally recognized fact for 55 years, which even the most vociferous European critics of Israel would acknowledge as a starting point. It is only fringe intellectuals and Muslim extremists who argue otherwise."

Unfortunately, this is not the case. Today, a growing chorus of mainstream liberal critics of Israel is indeed questioning Israel's very legitimacy as a Jewish state.

Even a few years ago – while the Oslo peace process was still alive – John Lloyd, a respected journalist and former editor of the *New Statesman*, wrote in the *Globe and Mail* that if Israel would give up its Zionist identity (that is, cease being a state of the Jewish people), it would help in the good fight against anti-Semitism.

Last year, Ted Honderich, a prominent Canadian-born British philosopher, wrote a book that – in one explosive chapter – defended Palestinian terrorism as morally justifiable. Honderich was featured on the CBC and in the *Toronto Star*. The depth of his antipathy toward Zionism was shown in his equally hideous assertion that justice would have been served had the Jews established a state in post-Holocaust Germany rather than in their ancestral homeland.

In the Oct. 23 *New York Review of Books*, Tony Judt, a professor of modern European studies at New York University, wrote that Israel is "dysfunctional," and as a Zionist state "is truly an anachronism" that is creating problems for Jews worldwide. Judt said it would be preferable for Israel to be transformed into a bi-national state (in which Jews would live as a minority among Palestinians between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River).

Some analysts say we can expect to see more such arguments from liberal thinkers, as views that were once considered extreme are becoming more mainstream.

Ironically, support for the separation fence between Israel and the Palestinians originally came from left-wing Israelis, who saw it as a way to preserve Israel as a Jewish and democratic state. Today, the fence is criticized as an "apartheid wall," another means of adding to the delegitimization of Israel.

Let us beware of this growing trend.

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A rare and heated confrontation took place on Newsworld's *Counterspin*, Oct. 8, when Alan Dershowitz debated *Tikkun* editor Rabbi Michael Lerner.

In a show titled "Israel at the Crossroads," Dershowitz accused host Carol Off of failing to act as an impartial moderator: "I want to make one point about you: I think that the quotes you've used in the show have been absolutely one-sided and biased; you have only quoted critics of Israel, and I am simply not going to sit silently and accept your bias…"

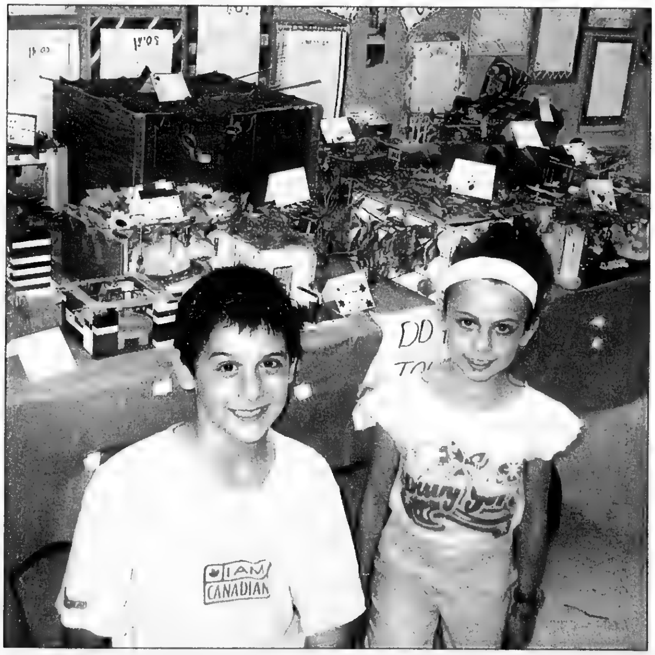
A few minutes later when Dershowitz argued that there is evil in the world we must fight, Lerner replied: "Many of us thought that there have been evil forces in this country [the United States] as well."

Dershowitz, apparently spotting Off signalling her agreement with Lerner, said: "You can shake your head, Ms. Moderator, and show agreement [with Lerner], but let the [television] audience see whose side you're on."

Lerner: Are you saying I'm on the side of Hitler?

Dershowitz: No, I was talking about the moderator, who is not above criticism.

Paul Michaels is director of communications of the Canada-Israel Committee.



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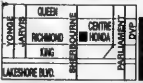

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Bell's 'agenda' in Israel as Canadian ambassador hijacked by intifadah

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But with the collapse of the Camp David summit in July 2000, the outbreak of the Palestinian uprising later that year and the dissolution of mutual trust, Bell's plans fell apart.

"Once the peace process broke down," he said in a recent interview, "we were dealing with the consequences of that."

As a result, Bell reverted to "an older agenda," the Arab-Israeli conflict, rather than focusing on the normal issues dealt with by embassies, such as trade and culture.

Bell, a personable man of 60, left Israel in mid-July.

He retired in August, after a distinguished 36-year career at the Department of Foreign Affairs. He then accepted a two-year position as a senior scholar at the Munk Centre for International Studies at the University of Toronto.

"My wife and I ran out of patience with moving," he explained. "We wanted to put down roots, though we would have been happy to stay on in Israel."

Describing his new post as "a work in progress," Bell hopes to write scholarly articles and deliver timely speeches on Mideast affairs.

Last month, he was a keynote speaker at the University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba. Most recently, the House of Commons' foreign affairs committee invited him to speak on democracy in the Arab world

A graduate of the University of Windsor with an MA in political science, Bell was first secretary and consul at the Canadian embassy in Israel from 1975 to 1978. He served as ambassador to Jordan from 1987 to 1990 and as ambassador in Israel from 1990 to 1992. From 1994 until 1998, he was Canada's chief envoy in Egypt.

He was also director of the Department of Foreign Affairs' Middle East Relations Division.

When Bell – the only person who has ever been Canada's ambassador to Israel twice – went back to Tel Aviv four years ago, he found a relatively congenial political climate.

Israel and the Palestinians were deep in talks to resolve thorny final status issues, the Camp David negotiations lay ahead and the country had not been rocked by a suicide bombing in more than a year.

As he reflected on the past, he called the intifadah "a real setback." He thought it might be a passing phenomenon, but as the violence escalated, he quickly realized there was no returning to the status quo ante.

Bell, a stockbroker's son, arrived in Tel Aviv with the intention of solidifying Canada's commercial relations with Israel through seminars, trade delegations and investment.

But the intensification of the intifadah, and the precipitous decline of Israel's high-tech sector, had a chilling effect. Canadian investors, he said, were essentially scared off.

Nevertheless, Canada's volume of merchandise trade with Israel climbed by about 30 per cent. But in more important areas, ranging from investment to "product sharing," there was a standstill.

Cultural relations also suffered. "Interest just couldn't be sustained. Due to the intifadah, we couldn't get a full slate of people to come to Israel."

Bell's efforts to launch confidence-building programs between Israelis and Palestinians were frustrated by the continuing strife. But gradually, he started some two dozen projects on topics ranging from peacekeeping to health.

In his judgment, the breakdown of the Oslo process was a function of converging factors: Palestinian Authority president Yasser Arafat's refusal to make tough decisions; the lack of support from his own constituency and from key Arab leaders; his fear of selling out his people; former Israeli prime minister Ehud Barak's inability to relate to the Palestinians; and former U.S. president Bill Clinton's propensity to push too hard and too fast.

Bell does not subscribe to the view that Arafat's goal is Israel's destruction. "There is an agreement out there he would sign on to," he said.

He was referring to the Clinton proposals of December 2000. They envisage an end-of-conflict accord in exchange for an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza and a resolution of two key issues: the Palestinian refugee problem and eastern Jerusalem's status.

Bell – who considers himself both pro-Israel and pro-Palestinian – thinks Israel will eventually have to withdraw from the territories, give up the settlements and agree to a two-state solution.

Citing advances in weapons technology since the 1967 Six Day War, Bell said, "Retaining this bit of land or that bit of land is much less significant today."

Israel, he claimed, can exist within its pre-1967 borders "with more security than it has now."

Israel's retention of the West Bank and Gaza would ultimately render Jews a minority in their own state, he said, referring to high Arab birth rates.

To be a viable state, Israel must have "a solid Jewish majority."

Bell's wish for Israel is that it will be "a healthy, Zionist state" at peace with its Arab neighbours and enjoying full security. "That's the kind of Israel I would welcome."

Bell, however, doubts whether the "road map" peace plan, released last spring, can bring about peace any time soon.

"It's very, very hard to get back to Oslo when your kids are being blown up in cafés and buses." As for the Palestinians, their lives are circumscribed by a web of restrictive checkpoints, he said.

Still, Bell remains confident the Oslo accords, plus Clinton's plan, can form the basis of an eventual settlement.

Asked to tick off the highlights of his ambassadorship, Bell listed the joys of writing reports about the political situation in Israel and his friendships and stimulating conversations with Israelis.

He also cited Israel's intellectual vibrancy and his success in influencing Canadian policy. As he tells it, he played a role in convincing Ottawa to declare Hezbollah a terrorist group.

Speaking of one last highlight, he said, "I wanted Canadian Jewish groups to feel the Canadian embassy was there for them. By and large, I think I succeeded. We enjoyed a pretty good relationship, despite some policy differences."

He described Canada's bilateral relations with Israel as "pretty good," saying that decision-makers in Israel's foreign affairs ministry and the prime minister's office would agree with this assessment.

He and his wife, who lived in a villa in the upscale Tel Aviv suburb of Savyon, enjoyed Tel Aviv's vibrancy and Jerusalem's spirituality and historical ambience.

Israel's rich cultural life also impressed them. They visited museums, attended concerts and poked around archeological ruins, often in the company of an Israeli friend.

During his last posting in Tel Aviv, Bell said, he identified more with Israel than ever before, probably because he was no longer responsible for Palestinian affairs.

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Parliamentarians concerned about missing Israelis

OTTAWA — Eight members of Parliament and three senators have written Foreign Affairs Minister Bill Graham to express their "deep concern" over the fate of Israelis missing in Lebanon.

The Oct. 6 letter says the parliamentarians "unequivocally condemn the terrorist campaign of the Hezbollah organization based in southern Lebanon against Israel, including the kidnapping of Israeli citizens. We are alarmed that the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has been denied access to the missing Israeli citizens by Syria, Lebanon and the Hezbollah, despite continuous requests."

The Israelis in questions are:

- Elchanan Tannenbaum (an Israeli businessman kidnapped by Hezbollah Oct. 16, 2000 in Brussels, Belgium and believed held in Lebanon).
- Sgt. Adi Avitan (abducted by Hezbollah Oct. 7, 2000 in Israel and believed held in southern Lebanon).
- Staff-Sgt. Benny Avraham (abducted by Hezbollah Oct. 7, 2000 in Israel and believed held in southern Lebanon).
- Staff-Sgt. Omar Souad (abducted by Hezbollah Oct. 7, 2000 in Israel and believed held in southern Lebanon).
- Capt. Ron Arad (captured by the Shiite group Amal Oct. 16, 1986, and traded to the Hezbollah in southern Lebanon; afterwards he was reportedly sold to the Iranian Revolutionary Guard).
- Sgt. Tzvi Feldman (taken Prisoner of War in the June 11, 1982 battle of Sultan Ya'qub in the Beq'a Valley in eastern Lebanon).
- Corporal Yehudah Katz (taken Prisoner of War in the June 11, 1982 battle of Sultan Ya'qub in the Beq'a Valley in eastern Lebanon).
- and Sgt. Zachary Baumel (taken Prisoner of War in the June 11, 1982 battle of Sultan Ya'qub in the Beq'a Valley in eastern Lebanon).

The MPs and senators say they are "mindful of the responsibility that the occupying Syrian military forces bear for the fate and well-being of individuals held or/and lost within the Syrian area of influence in Lebanon.

"We are aware of the proxy role that the terrorist group Hezbollah plays for Syria, which has trained, funded and supported this organization on Syrian and Lebanese soil since the organization's inception and which holds many pressure points over Hezbollah's ability to conduct terrorist activities and operate.

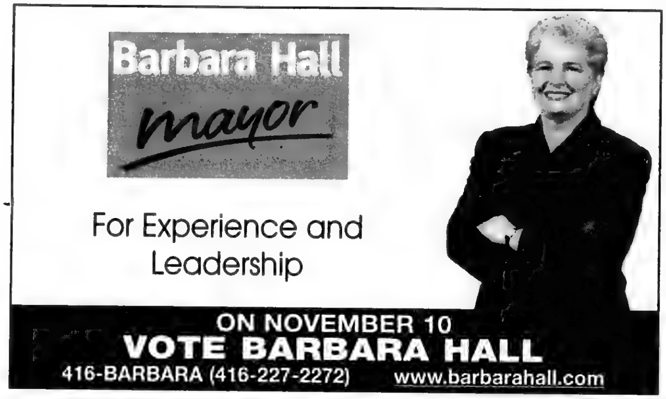
"We join the Canadian government in welcoming the unilateral, May 23, 2000 withdrawal of Israeli military forces from southern Lebanon in accordance with the requirements of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 425 (1978). But we are cognizant that Syria is aware of the fate of the missing Israeli citizens and holds the power to their release (if alive) and to the return of their remains (if deceased) to their grieving families."

The MPs and senators call on Graham and the government of Canada "to forcefully raise the fate of the missing Israeli citizens with the Syrian and the Lebanese governments at every opportunity and insist on their release, as well as the return of their remains to Israel.

"We encourage the government of Canada to strongly urge countries capable of influencing Syria to put pressure on Damascus to release all information as to the whereabouts of the surviving Israeli captives and return the remains of those who have died to their families.

"Additionally, we request that the government of Canada encourage the German mediation efforts between the Hezbollah and Israel on the question of missing Israeli citizens. Finally, we suggest to the Canadian government to offer to facilitate the return of missing Israeli citizens as an important, goodwill gesture of peaceful intentions on the part of the Syrian government."

The letter is signed by the following MPs: Carolyn Bennett, Irwin Cotler, Art Eggleton, Marlene Jennings, Anita Neville, Jim Peterson, Joe Volpe and Raymonde Folco, and the following senators: Leo Kolber, Richard Kroft and Jerry Grafstein.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Malaysia PM condemned for saying 'Jews rule world'

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Calling on world leaders to respond, Natan Sharansky, Israel's minister for Jerusalem and diaspora affairs, condemned "the outrageous anti-Semitic remarks," saying they marked "the first time since World War II that anti-Semitism in its most primitive and vulgar form constitutes the official agenda of a respected international political forum." -

Sharansky said the comments were made possible by "the indifference and lack of concern demonstrated by the western world when confronted by blatant anti-Semitism. We all know how these things begin – always with Jews – but history has taught us again and again that it never ends with the Jews."

Mahathir Mohamad

In Canada, Canadian Jewish Congress President Keith Landy called Mahathir's comments "deeply troubling," while B'nai Brith Canada President Rochelle Wilner called them "hateful."

In later remarks to reporters, Mahathir himself was unapologetic, saying that while people think "it is proper to criticize Muslims and Arabs, it is not proper to criticize Europeans and Jews."

Yet, as outrage poured in from the United States and Europe, Malaysia last week defended Mahathir's comments, but apologized for any misunderstandings or offence they caused.

Malaysian Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar, struggling to contain the controversy, said the remarks were taken out of context in a speech mainly about empowering Muslims to be stronger, nonviolent actors on the world stage.

Repeated assertions of Jewish dominance dotted the speech to buttress Mahathir's analysis that Muslims needed to embrace modern knowledge and technology and overcome divisions over religious dogma that have left them weakened on the world stage.

"Islam has never advocated being anti-anybody, including the Jews," Syed Hamid told reporters. "The only problem with the Jews is when the State of Israel was created," he said, adding that Jews work in Malaysia and are welcome there.

Mahathir, a respected leader in the developing world with a long history of making articulate, provocative comments, told the leaders that Muslims had achieved "nothing" in more than 50 years of fighting Israel.

"[Jews] survived 2,000 years of pogroms not by hitting back but by thinking," Mahathir said.

Mahathir said the world's "1.3 billion Muslims cannot be defeated by a few million Jews," but suggested the use of political and economic tactics, not violence, to achieve a "final victory."

"In today's world, we wield a lot of political, economic and financial clout, enough to make up for our weaknesses in military terms," Mahathir said.

The speech drew a standing ovation from the leaders, who included Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Abdullah, Afghan President Hamid Karzai, Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf and Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri.

Russian President Vladimir Putin and Philippines President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo were special guests because of their large Muslim minorities.

Many focused more on the aspects of the speech that Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher called "a good road map" to Muslim empowerment.

"This was a pep talk to the Muslim countries for them to work hard and look to the future," Maher said. "But as soon as you have any criticism of Israel, then there are people who are very eager to rush to condemnation, without comprehending what it's all about."

Karzai, asked whether he thought the speech was anti-Semitic, said: "No, I don't think so. Dr. Mahathir spoke of the inhibitions within the Islamic world and that those inhibitions must go away, and I entirely agree with that."

"I don't think [the comments] were anti-Semitic at all," said Yemen's foreign minister, Abubakar al-Qirbi. "I think he was basically stating the fact to the Muslim world."

It wasn't seen that way in Washington or Europe. U.S. State Department spokesperson Adam Ereli called the remarks offensive and inflammatory. "We view them with the contempt and derision they deserve," he said.

The leaders of the European Union, meeting in Brussels, planned to adopt a statement saying the EU "deeply deplores" Mahathir's words, Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini said.

"The prime minister used expressions that were gravely offensive, very strongly anti-Semitic and… strongly counter to principles of tolerance, dialogue and understanding between the Western world and the Islamic world," he said.

Germany's foreign ministry called the comments "totally unacceptable" and said it called in Malaysia's charge d'affaires in Berlin to protest. "It was made clear to [him] that repeating such prejudices and combining them with the tragic chapter of European and German history, the Holocaust, is irresponsible," the ministry said in a statement.

Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, blasted Mahatir as an "dangerous racist whose hateful rhetoric is a virtual invitation for further anti-Semitic attacks."

Iranian President Mohammad Khatami addresses the Islamic Conference. [RNS/Reuters photos]

"Is this the best a so-called moderate Muslim leader can do to inspire his co-religionists – by slandering the Jewish people and the State of Israel with false stereotypes that have led to genocide and terrorism in the past?" he asked.

Malaysia is one of the world's most successful Muslim countries, and its high-tech economic development and religious tolerance have made it admired in the developing world and held up by Washington as a model Islamic country. Mahathir has also locked up terror suspects without qualms.

The Malay Muslim ethnic majority generally lives peacefully alongside large, non-Muslim ethnic Chinese and Indian minorities. Islam is the official religion, but freedom of worship is part of state policy. But an Islamic fundamentalist opposition party has made gains in recent years against Mahathir's ruling coalition.

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Temple Mount more important than peace

The following is an essay written by MK Natan Sharansky in response to the "Geneva accord" that was drawn up Oct. 12 by former Israeli and Palestinian government officials. The private proposal would see a Palestinian state encompassing 98 per cent of the West Bank, all the Gaza Strip and Arab neighbourhoods of Jerusalem, and would give some four million refugees and their descendants the option to settle in a future Palestinian state or third countries, or be compensated for remaining where they are. Some could go to Israel, but only if Israel agreed to take them.

By NATAN SHARANSKY
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

Since the existence of the Geneva initiative was publicly announced last Sunday, there has been much criticism of the process that led to the agreement. Once again, the same gang of Oslo blazers, a gang not even elected by the Israeli public, who instead denounced it and kicked it out of government and centres of influence for its "amazing successes" of the past. Once more, the same gang is conducting negotiations on its own and committing Israel to far-reaching and irresponsible concessions.

Criticism of the process, although it is correct and justified, is diverting attention from the central and more important contents of the agreement – and primarily from the relinquishing of Jerusalem.

Natan Sharansky

I remember a discussion in the Barak government, even before Camp David, in which [then-justice minister] Yossi Beilin tried to convince us that if we would only reach "some kind of agreement" on the Temple Mount, and give Palestinians the Christian Quarter of the Old City as well, the longed-for peace would come.

I asked, why the Christian Quarter? What connection do the Palestinians have to the Christian Quarter? Beilin looked at me in surprise and said, what do you care? That's the Christians' problem. We'll achieve peace and let the Christian world worry about freedom of religion and access to its holy places.

At the time, I thought that this was a matter of disdain for the values of other nations and cultures. Beilin didn't mind sacrificing Israel's relations with the Christian world and risking the access of millions of Christians to places that are the cradle of their religion, so long as we could achieve the longed-for peace. (That assumed the Palestinians would respect religious freedom the way they respect other human rights.)

Today, after Camp David, Taba, and now the relinquishing of Temple Mount in the framework of the Geneva accord, I understand that Beilin's gang are not necessarily contemptuous of the values of other nations, they are contemptuous of all values. Of all, except one, that is – peace.

This gang seems to have forgotten, or hasn't yet understood, that as much as we long and hope for peace, it is not a value that stands by itself. It is an essential condition for the existence of a country that wishes to live, but it isn't the goal. It was not for the sake of peace that the State of Israel was established, and it was not because of peace that millions of Jews gathered here.

Nor was it peace for which the Jewish people prayed for thousands of years. The Jewish people prayed for Jerusalem. Because of Jerusalem, the Jewish people returned to Israel from the four corners of the earth. For it, they were willing to make all the necessary sacrifices, for that same dream of a thousand generations – "next year in rebuilt Jerusalem."

It should be noted that if we totally relinquish every value for the sake of peace, we won't have peace, either. Just as in the past, this time, too, the Palestinians will interpret such a relinquishing of what constitutes our very identity as a tremendous weakness that calls for war.

The values symbolized by Jerusalem are not only religious in nature. One doesn't have to be religious to understand that without our historical connection to Jerusalem, without the link to the past, without the feeling of continuity with the ancient kingdoms of Israel for whom the Temple Mount was the centre of existence, we really are foreign invaders and colonialists in this country.

One doesn't have to be religious in order to understand that relinquishing the Temple Mount is a justification of the Palestinian argument: you have no right to exist in this country, you have no connection to it, get out of here. One doesn't have to be religious in order to understand that relinquishing the Temple Mount is not only relinquishing the past, it is primarily relinquishing the future. The future of all of us, here.

The members of the Hovevei Zion Zionist movement were not religious – they were secular socialists who considered religion a degenerate and sick product of the exile. Despite that, they fought with all their might against the Uganda Plan [a 1903 British offer to let the Jews build a homeland in Uganda]. It was clear to them that without a common past, without roots, the Zionist project had no chance of succeeding.

Even today, we must understand that without Jerusalem and without our historical roots, the Zionist project will not be able to survive. Without Jerusalem, Israel will become just another Jewish community, one of many in the world, like that of New York, London or Toronto – except more dangerous, less wealthy and less comfortable. It will not be the centre of the Jewish world, not the focus of its existence – just one more community. And if that's the case, why continue to live in it? For what? In the name of what?

Natan Sharansky is Minister for Jerusalem and Diaspora Affairs.

The Week in Israel

Oct. 13

- The Israel Defence Forces ended its weekend sweep into Rafah aimed at uncovering tunnels used to smuggle weapons from Egypt into Gaza. Eight Palestinians were killed in the operation, which UN officials said left more than 1,200 Palestinians homeless. The raid was mounted after reports Palestinian groups were trying to smuggle anti-aircraft missiles into Gaza. *(The IDF temporarily re-entered the camp the next day.)*

Oct. 14

- Libya is trying to acquire nuclear capabilities from North Korea and Pakistan, according to Israeli officials. The source added that Libya is believed to be seeking the know-how to build its own reactor, rather than a ready-made device.

Oct. 15

- Three Americans were killed when their convoy was bombed in the Gaza Strip. *(Palestinian police subsequently arrested several members of the Popular Resistance Committee.)*

Oct. 16

- The death toll in the bombing of Haifa's Maxim restaurant rose to 21, with the death of George Matar, a father of five whose nephew is one of the owners of the restaurant.

Oct. 17

- A mosque, a church and a new synagogue will be built in the new terminal at Ben-Gurion International Airport as part of the Ben-Gurion 2000 project, due to open next summer.

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Haifa mayor remains optimistic despite terror

By ADI NEUBERGER
Special to The CJN

Even after the Oct. 4 suicide bombing in Haifa, one of the bloodiest terror attacks to strike the city in the last three years, the new mayor remains defiantly optimistic about the future, an optimism he says he shares with many of the city's Arab and Jewish residents.

"Haifa is still the safest place in Israel," says Yona Yahav, who was elected to office just over three months ago.

In a recent telephone interview, the Haifa-born mayor revealed a deep understanding of, and respect for, the relationship between Arabs and Jews in this picturesque northern port city, the kind of relationship, he said, that can't be destroyed by a suicide bomber.

Yona Yahav

"I knew her [the bomber's] real target was the unique coexistence that we treasure so much in Haifa," Yahav said. "That's why she geared her attack at the restaurant, an important symbol of this coexistence."

The attack was carried out by Hanad Jaradat, 29, a lawyer-in-training from the West Bank city of Jenin, in revenge for the killing of her brother and a cousin, both members of Islamic Jihad, by the Israel Defence Forces last June. Fifteen Jews died in the bombing along with four Arabs. Three of the dead were children and five victims came from one family.

According to Yahav, the April 2002 attack on the Matza restaurant, the March 2003 attack on Bus 37 in the Moriah neighbourhood and the bombing of Maxim's restaurant were unique to Haifa in that they struck middle-class neighbourhoods where people believe terror doesn't strike. In Haifa, just under 30,000 Arabs live side by side with some 275,000 Jews.

The Maxim restaurant had been around for 40 years and was owned by a second generation of Arab and Jewish partners. The Taiyar family had joined forces with two Christian Arabs, Salim Matar and Abu Sharbal, turning the beachfront restaurant into a popular hangout for both Arabs and Jews from all backgrounds.

"The customers are mixed and it is the symbol of the city itself," said Yahav. "The owners promised me that there is nothing that will destroy the good relationship and longstanding partnership that prevails amidst all this violence.

"Immediately following the attack all the Arab leaders came to see us and pay condolences," the mayor said. "Palestinian Prime Minister Abu Allah called right after the explosion, saying that he felt it was geared against him personally because he wanted to establish a new dialogue. He himself had been a regular patron of Maxim's."

The dialogue the prime minister referred to includes plans to improve Arab schools and access for Arab students to Haifa's world-renowned Technion institute.

"Our aim is to enhance the standard of living for our Arab residents through a full scale upgrade of schools and a dramatic infrastructure improvement program," Yahav said.

In the days following the attack, the mayor went to every funeral and house of mourning of both Arabs and Jews. Through their tears, the Arab mourners asked Yahav and other like-minded politicians to speak out and ask leaders on both sides of the conflict to stop the bloodshed. Yahav responded by sending a message through the media for Haifa's citizens "to remain calm and show restraint."

If indeed the road map peace plan is embarked upon full-heartedly, Yahav hopes his city's example will serve as inspiration for success.

"We are determined to show everyone that if peace is the goal, nothing should get in the way," he said.

Weekend of violence

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — The Israel Air Force launched three air strikes in Gaza City in the space of several hours Monday, killing two members of the Hamas military wing and, according to some reports, a passerby. The raids destroyed a missile factory and a weapons store.

The Israeli Air Force went into action a day after eight Qassam missiles fired from Gaza Strip struck in and near the Negev town of Sderot.

There were conflicting reports of the number of wounded in the Israelis' air strike, ranging as high as 23.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia condemned the strikes, saying they made it harder for Israel and the Palestinians to hold talks on ending violence.

"These Israeli acts do not help ceasefire talks, they discourage them," he said.

Ra'anan Gissin, an advisor to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, said the strikes were part of Israel's war on terrorism.

"We will chase the terrorists everywhere," he said. "They will have no sanctuary."

The strikes came the day after after three IDF soldiers were killed and another was wounded in a shooting ambush near Ramallah.

The Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, a militant offshoot of Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, took responsibility for killing the three soldiers Sunday evening in a shooting attack on a military patrol close to Road 60, near Ofra and the Arab village of Ein Yabrud.

A fourth soldier suffered moderate-to-serious wounds in the attack.

The IDF continued Monday morning to search for the gunmen. Following the attack, IDF soldiers placed the village of Ein Yabrud under closure and set up roadblocks at all the main traffic arteries in and out of the area.

The three soldiers killed were identified as Sgt. Elad Pollak, 19, from Kiryat Motzkin; Sgt. Ro'i Yaakov Solomon, 21, from Tel Aviv, and Staff Sergeant Erez Idan, 20, from Rishon Letzion.

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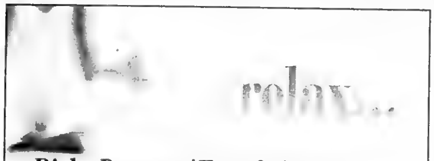

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דער דייטשער איבערפאַל אויפן סאָוועטן־פאַרבאַנד האָט מיראַנסקין פאַרוואָגלט אין ווייטן סאַמאַרקאַנד, וווּ ער האָט איבערגעלעבט די מלחמה יאָרן. ערשט נאָך זיין באַזעצן זיך אין קאַנאַדע איז אַרויס זיין ערשט לידער־בוך „אַ ליכט פאַר אַ גראָשן". זיינע פּאָעטישע שאַפונגען דערשיינען אָפט אין דער ייִדישער פרעסע אין קאַנאַדע, אַמעריקע, ישׂראל און איראָפּע. פון צייט צו צייט ווערן זיי איינגעזאַמלט אין ביכער, ווי „שורות שירה", „צווישן שמייכל און טרויער" און „נישט דערזאָגט".

אין די אַלע ווערק האָט פ. מיראַנסקי זיך אַנטפּלעקט ווי אַן אָריגינעלער פּאָעט און משלים־שרייבער, אַ מייסטער פון ייִדישן לשון. אין דער הינזיכט איז ער געווען אַ ווירדיקער פאָרזעצער פון דער פּאָעטישער טראַדיציע פון לייב ניידוס און משה קולבאַק, צוזאַמען מיט די נאָכקומענדיקע יונג־ווילנאַער, וואָס האָבן אויסגעמייסטערט דאָס ייִדיש־פּאָעטישע לשון.

ווי אַ סך אַנדערע ייִדישע דיכטער האָט מיראַנסקי געווייטיקט איבער דעם מצב פון ייִדיש־לשון און ליטעראַטור, וואָס האָט פאַרלוירן איר נאַטירלעכע באַזע מיטן פאַרלוסט פון די מיליאָנען ייִדיש־ריידער אין מזרח־איראָפּע. אַט דער צווייִקער חורבן, דער פיזישער ווי דער גייסטיקער, גייט דורך ווי אַ רויטע שנור אין זיין שאַפן. דער דיכטער פאַרגלייכט זיך צו אַ „שוואַרצן אָרון" אין וועלכן עס ליגן טויטע טויבן, „ווייס ווי שניי" — אַ פּאָעטישער אימאַזש פון זיין אומגעבראַכטער משפּחה, זיין היימשטאָט, זיין פאָלק.

אויב אין זיינע לידישע שאַפונגען איז מיראַנסקי געווען איינער פון אַ פלעיאַדע ייִדישע פּאָעטן, איז ער אָבער געווען אַ יחיד במינו ווי אַ משלים־שרייבער, אַ ווירדיקער ממשיך פון אליעזר שטיינבאַרג, דעם קלאַסיקער פון משל אין דער ייִדישער ליטעראַטור. מיראַנסקי האָט באַרייכערט דעם ייִדישן משל מיט אייגענער איינפאַלערישקייט און שפּילעוודיקייט.

פאַר די איבער דרייסיק יאָר, וואָס פרץ מיראַנסקי האָט געוווינט אין טאָראָנטאָ, איז ער געווען געזעלשאַפטלעך אַקטיוו אין ייִדיש־קאָמיטעט ביים קאַנאַדער ייִדישן קאָנגרעס, אין דער טאָראָנטער קולטור־געזעלשאַפט א"אַ. די טאָראָנטער ייִדישע געזעלשאַפט האָט אים דערפאַר אַרויסגעוויזן גרויס כּבוד און אָנערקענונג, ספּעציעל ביי דעם אימפּאָזאַנטן אָוונט לכּבוד זיין ווערן אַ בן־שמונים.

אין משך פון די לעצטע יאָרן, ווען זיין געזונט צושטאַנד האָט אים געצוווּנגען צו פאַרבלייבן אין הויז, האָט מיראַנסקי ממשיך געווען צו שרייבן און פאַרעפנטלעכן לידער און משלים אין פאַרשיידענע צייטשריפטן. פיל פון זיי זיינען איינגעזאַמלט געוואָרן אין זיין לעצט בוך „אַ זֶמֶר פון דעמער", וואָס האָט געקראָגן גוטע אָפּשאַצן פון דער קריטיק, ווי אויך די פרעמיע פון בוך קאָמיטעט פון דער ייִדישער פעדעראַציע אין טאָראָנטאָ.

פרץ מיראַנסקי האָט אַריינגעשריבן אַ שיין קאַפּיטל אין דער קאַנאַדער ייִדישער ליטעראַטור. זיין נאָמען וועט אויך פאַראייביקט ווערן דורך אַ ספּעציעלן „פרץ מיראַנסקי פאָנד", כּדי צו שטיצן די ייִדישע ליטעראַטור און קולטור אין קאַנאַדע, אין אַלע אירע מאַניפעסטאַציעס.

מיט עטלעכע יאָר צוריק האָט זיין טאָכטער חנה אַרויסגעגעבן אַ נייעם אויסוואַל פון איר פאָטערס שאַפונגען און זיי געברענגט פאַרן ברייטן עולם ייִדיש־ענגלישע לייענער. זייער אַ גוטער אויפטו.

כּבוד זיין אָנדענק!

A question for Batsheva's choreographer/ director

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

Ohad Naharin, I have a question.

After seeing *Naharin's Virus*, a Batsheva Dance Company performance you directed and choreographed, I was thrilled that you agreed to an interview. Unfortunately, you went back to Israel and, with the time difference, we haven't been able to connect.

I would have told you how much I enjoyed your adaptation of Peter Handke's play *Offending the Audience*. Your 70-minute work, performed without intermission, opened the Harbourfront Centre's dance season last week, bolstering the international reputation of the Batsheva Dance Company, an Israeli troupe founded in 1964.

Under the watchful eyes of security guards positioned in the corners of the theatre, boundaries were blurred between audience and performers. You clearly intended that nothing be left to our imagination, as your narrator explained, so that your message could spread like a virus.

In fact, the word *Plastelina*, the Hebrew name for a clay children use to mould impressions, was written across the wall at the back of the stage to further emphasize your desire to shape our thoughts.

But you must have also meant the audience to be drawn into the Palestine-Israel debate. The production integrated the power of 16 skilled dancers with personal Hebrew narratives and Middle Eastern melodies using Habib Ala Jamal's Arabic lyrics that called for "our children to come back to their homeland." The work evoked a profound emotional response to a complex political situation.

The dancers' sharp, brisk movements were juxtaposed with a fluid style so that the audience was effortlessly drawn into a portrayal of despair and struggle. By breaking down barriers between audience and dancers, between them and us, between you and me, *Naharin's Virus* presented individual suffering and conflict, and the universal condition could be felt through the Palestinian Arab experience.

I understand why you did this. The play was developed soon after rioting broke out in Israel in October 2000. Thirteen Israeli Arabs were killed by riot police during that heated time. Reviewers have suggested that you intended this play to bring the two peoples together, to show that Israelis understand Palestinian suffering and national aspirations, to prove, as Handke suggests that "we won't pretend that you don't exist."

Since the founding of the Batsheva Dance Company, the troupe has often found itself leading Israeli sensibilities through innovative emotional experiences. Over the years, the dance company has taken on issues of censorship and Orthodoxy with pieces that confront religious and political sensitivities.

Five years ago, you resigned from the company when the Prime Minister's Office pressed to have your dancers appear in long underwear because their costumes – undershirts and shorts – were too revealing. Your protest was successful and you returned.

It is now three years since this production began. And indeed, Ohad, the Palestinian narrative is compelling and sympathetic. However, since *Naharin's Virus* was first perfomed, more than 3,000 Israelis and Palestinians have died in ongoing violence, and there doesn't seem to be a glimmer of hope in sight.

If we had spoken, I would have asked you one question.

Ohad, I have seen artisitic expressions describing the plight of the Palestinians. Have you seen even one theatrical production portraying the suffering of the Israelis?

The Batsheva Dance Company performed recently at Harbourfront.

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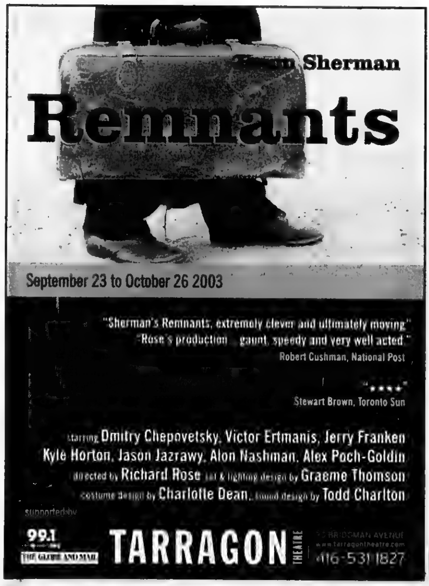

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Idan Raichel dubbed 'Israeli music's great hope'

By VIVA PRESS

Reporting on the Israeli music scene.

The Idan Raichel Project – Helicon: Once you slide this album into your stereo, it will be difficult to remove. The music is original and addictive.

Idan Raichel, the 25-year-old behind the music, combines poetry, electronic beats, classical scores and Ethiopian tunes into a unique harmonious mix. Singles from the album including *Boee* and *Im Tilech* are constants on the Israeli airwaves.

Raichel is not celebrated for his low voice – he sings just one song on the album, *Hinech Yafa* – but rather for his masterful musical arrangements. He employs a handful of others to sing the words he has composed – hence the album being termed a project.

Israeli singer Din Din Aviv's vocals are entrancing – her rendition of *Talking Quietly* is especially spellbinding.

Raichel, who sports dreadlocks, recently netted Israeli TV' s performer of the year award and was pegged by the national newspaper, *Yediot Aharanot*, as "Israeli music's great hope."

Considering mainstream music fans and radio stations hardly ever sway from the set genres of pop, soft rock, and folk, the public's embracing of *The Idan Raichel Project* has been wondrous. The album went gold in its first three months when it sold more than 25,000 units; and to date has sold more than 80,000 copies. It's as good as everyone says it is.

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Ahava Be'shnaim (*Love in Two*) – NMC: Record label NMC sifted through the hundreds of Israeli love songs available, and has chosen the 28 best for its latest collection, *Ahava Be'shnaim*.

The double-disc album is further divided into a disc "for her" (called *Waiting for Him*) and a disc "for him" (titled *My Pretty One*). The discs offer different genres of Israeli music including rock, pop, and oriental.

"Her" disc, of women singing songs to men, features songs by Dana Berger (rock), Nurit Galron (classical), Korin Allal (pop), Leah Shabat (folk), and Zehava Ben (oriental) among others. "His" disc (men singing to women) is also diverse in its lineup and includes Mosh Ben-Ari (alternative), Arik Sinai (oldies), Evyatar Banai (rock), and Yitzhak Klepter (blues). The album is a sweet assortment of songs, but nothing exceptional.

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הפרויקט של
עידן רייכל
The cover of The Idan Raichel Project.

Shirim Me'Lev Haolam (Songs from the Heart of the World) – NMC: Celebrating seven years in business, the world-music band, Sheva, and its label Lev Haolam, recently put out a collection of 13 songs from the 10 CDs it has released.

The septet, comprising both Jewish and Arab musicians, provides a mix of Middle Eastern and Indian sounds with spiritual texts. Combining guitars, harmonium, African djambe, ney, vocals, Persian santoor, drums, and darbuka – plus an array of other instruments – each song is an inspiring original.

Bopping one's head to this multi-cultural music is inevitable. Standout tracks include numbers six and ten. Track six offers up a new hippy version of Israeli rock great Arik Einstein's *Song No.8*. Track 10, *Keshet,* triumphantly layers text from Psalms with whistles, darbukas and Arab horns.

The Sheva ensemble performs the bulk of the songs, while ethnic artists Mosh Ben-Ari, Zafa, Nanaja, Merkava, and Avishai Bar Natan – who signed with the Lev Haolam label – individually contribute to the album.

Overall, the mystical-spiritual music on this album is pulsing. Music can be bought at: http://www.israel-music.com (English site); www.mitos.co.il (Hebrew site); www.nmc-music.co.il (Hebrew and English site) or at Israel-oriented stores.

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Tribal moves to Vaughan

By KATHRYN KATES
Special to The CJN

Tribal Productions, run by co-artistic directors Eli Lukawitz and Samuel Rosenthal, is the new resident theatre company of the Vaughan City Playhouse.

"We have made one of the biggest transitions of our careers and certainly in the career of Tribal," says Lukawitz.

Since 1994, Tribal was based at the Toronto Centre for the Performing Arts.

"A great opportunity came up to become the new resident company of the Vaughan City Playhouse," Lukawitz says. "It is a wonderful 381 seat theatre with a beautiful large stage."

But the best part about the venue, she says, is that its new management, Theatre Connections run by Sherri Dayton and Jessica Dargo Caplin and the city itself, is "very interested in fostering a new community venue that presents professional theatre.

"They say Vaughan is one of the fastest growing communities in Canada and there is a huge community that surrounds the playhouse that might be interested to know that they don't have to drive downtown to see high quality professional theatre," says Lukawitz.

"That for us is going to be the challenge, to let people know that. Our subscribers have been our lifeblood for the last five years. We sent out correspondence to them and said the reasons why it is going to be better at the Vaughan City Playhouse is because there is fixed-numbered seating and free parking. That was a big one. I can't tell you how happy people were to hear there is ample free parking at the playhouse."

Actor Partner Rosenthal, whose stage name is Sam Owen, has appeared in Tribal's past productions of *Office Hours*, *Prelude to a Kiss*, *Jake's Women*, *Puppetmaster of Lodz*, *Death of a Salesman* and *The Diary of Anne Frank* and will be onstage this year as well.

This season, Tribal Productions is offering three well-known plays. Running to Nov. 9 is the Off-Broadway musical *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, starring George Masswohl, who was recently nominated for a Dora Award, Marlene Handrahan, Michelle Piller and Rosenthal.

Noel Coward's *Private Lives* will run from Feb. 4 to Feb. 22, and the season ends with the Tennessee Williams classic *The Glass Menagerie*, from April 21 to May 9.

Lukawitz says Tribal Productions is deliberately putting on plays with recognizable titles.

"We want to appeal to as large a group as possible. It is going to be important at the playhouse to have shows that are accessible that people have seen or want to see."

Thornhill's Vaughan City Playhouse is located at 1000 New Westminster Dr. For tickets and subscription information, call 905-882-SHOW.

Russian on tour

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Internationally acclaimed Russian conductor and solo violinist Vladimir Spivakov, founder of the Moscow Virtuosi, is on a North American tour with the orchestra.

He will present his only Canadian concert in Toronto, Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Metro Convention Centre, John Basset Theatre, 255 Front St., at 8 p.m.

The 30-piece orchestra last appeared at a sold-out concert in Canada 10 years ago. The Toronto program will include selections by Bach, Mozart and Tchaikovsky.

Spivakov, who was a student of Yuri Yankelevich at the Moscow conservatory, was the winner of the International Tchaikovsky Competition and the Paganini International Violin Competition. Since 1999, he has been music director and principal conductor of the Russian National Orchestra.

He made his North American debut with the New York Philharmonic in 1975, and has made solo appearances with many world prominent orchestras, including those in San Francisco, Cleveland and Philadelphia, as well as in England, France and Russia.

He launched his conducting career in 1979 with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at the Ravinia Festival and has appeared as guest conductor in Rome, London, Scotland and the Netherlands.

In addition to his performances throughout the world, Spivakov has made more than 20 recordings of works by masters including Bach, Mozart, Haydn and Shostakovich. He also recorded concertos by Brahms and Tchaikovsky with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and an album of works by Gershwin, Ravel and Debussy.

The musician has been decorated with Russia's highest prize, the National Cultural Heritage Award and is ambassador of the World Economic Forum in Davos Switzerland.

In 1994, Spivakov established the International Charity Foundation, which offers support to talented young people and needy children from his homeland.

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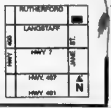

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The Travellers honour Woody Guthrie on Oct. 30.

Special concert by The Travellers to honour legend Woody Guthrie

By DAVID SILVERBERG
Special to The CJN

"From the Arctic Circle/ To the Great Lakes waters,/ This land was made for you and me."

Folk music veterans The Travellers will perform that classic snippet from the Canadian version of *This Land Is Your Land* on Oct. 30 at the Leah Posluns Theatre, as part of their tribute to eminent 1940s-era singer Woody Guthrie.

Guthrie penned the original version of the song in 1940.

The Koffler School of Music at the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre and the Mariposa Folk Festival have partnered to host the event, one of four concerts the two organizations will stage at Leah Posluns.

When Koffler director Adrienne Cohen first heard that Mariposa – an annual Ontario folk music festival – might be touring the Canadian folk group The Travellers, she reacted instinctively.

"The Travellers have a great reputation in the city, in the country," she says. "Many people grew up with their music, and even kids listened to their children's music recordings."

In 1950s Toronto, The Travellers, as youths, met at Camp Naivelt, a United Jewish People's Order youth camp. Since Guthrie's anti-establishment tunes were blacklisted, the group decided to compose their own version of *This Land Is Your Land*, which became a rallying cry and patriotic anthem.

The group regularly played for union and labour audiences, and they insisted on singing Yiddish songs during a tour in the former Soviet Union.

The Travellers were the first musicians signed by Columbia Records of Canada, and they headlined the first Canada Day concert on Parliament Hill in 1962. The group members have changed, but The Travellers have been performing for 50 years.

Jerry Gray, the only original member of the group, says the upcoming concert will focus on Guthrie's impact on the political and musical landscape.

"He was a man of his time and before his time," Gray says.

Guthrie's messages are still relevant today, he adds, because "he rallied for peace and harmony."

The concert will feature a chronological trip through Guthrie's life, from his Oklahoma upbringing to his train-hopping trips. Because of the Jewish connection with the Koffler School of Music, The Travellers will perform one of Guthrie's least-known works, *Happy Chanokey*.

Gray says a narration about Guthrie's life will tie the songs together. Vignettes include details of the singer's anti-Hitler tunes and his battle with Huntington's Chorea, a neurological disorder. And Guthrie's American version of *This Land Is Your Land* will also be honoured with a hearty performance.

The Travellers consist of Gray, Joe Hampton, Ted Roberts, Don Vickery and Aileen Ahern.

"[The Travellers] always reminded me of camp," Cohen says. "It's feel-good sing-along bonfire music." She adds that community reaction has been ecstatic and ticket-buyers range from nostalgic seniors to curious 20-somethings.

The concert also marks an evolution for the Koffler school, which has focused on a classical and Israeli repertoire. Cohen says she wants to "bring in more diverse music that will attract various audiences." The next concert after The Travellers will be a Chanukah show on Dec. 11 featuring Israeli folk performers Mattan Klein & Seeds of Sun.

Attendance at the Koffler concerts has risen 10 per cent, Cohen estimates, and she is hopeful the new partnership with Mariposa will attract folk music fans across the city.

"The Travellers are universally revered across the country," she says.

And Gray speaks frankly about Guthrie's appeal. "His songs were not great works of art, but he created visual images that stuck in people's minds."

The Travellers perform Oct. 30 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $30 in advance and $35 at the door. Call 416-636-1880, ext. 228.

Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

TRAVELLERS PAY TRIBUTE TO WOODIE GUTHRIE IN POSLUNS CONCERT

The Travellers celebrate the 50th anniversary of their Canadianized version of *This Land Is Your Land* with a concert focusing on the life and songs of Woody Guthrie. Presented by the Mariposa Foundation and the Koffler School of Music, the concert also features **Nancy White** and is the first in a new series of winter folk concerts.

Tickets $30 in advance, $35 at the door. Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St. Thursday, Oct. 30, 8 p.m. 416-636-1880, ext. 228.

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The Tailor's Daughter: Writer **Miriam Chinsky**, who has written many articles on the history of the midtown Yonge-Castlefield neighbourhood where she grew up, has assembled some of her pieces into a book, *The Tailor's Daughter*. It's being launched at the Northern District Library on Orchard View Boulevard, Wednesday, Oct. 29. Refreshments from 7 p.m., program at 7:30.

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Names in the News: Professional headhunter **Herbert Hess**, proprietor of the Toronto recruiting firm Hess Associates, has himself been recruited as a chorus member in Royal Opera Canada's fully staged production of Bizet's *Carmen*, which opened last week at the Toronto Centre for the Arts in North York.

A longtime opera buff, Hess is thrilled to be one of 40 choristers and one of only four baritones in the production, in which he plays a soldier and townsperson. "*Carmen* is the world's greatest opera," he enthuses. It's the first of four ROC productions this season in which he expects to sing. French mezzo-soprano **Sylvie Brunet** stars as Carmen. 416-322-0456.

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What's Doing at Israel's: On Sunday, Oct. 26, at 8 p.m., **Paul Fahidi (Schonberger)** discusses his Holocaust memoir *Fortuna's Children*, about a small town in Austria that helped a group of Hungarian Jews to survive. On Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m., **Louise Murphy** discusses *The True Story of Hansel and Gretel*. Her version of the famous fairy tale is set in wartime Europe and focuses on two Jewish children who wander in the woods and are taken in by the village "witch." Israel's, 897 Eglinton Ave. W. Refreshments, free admission.

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Holocaust Love: *Undying Love*, a Canadian-made documentary that tells the love stories of seven Holocaust couples, was recently nominated for a Gemini Award for best history program. Written and directed by **Helene Klodawsky** and produced by **Ina Fichman** of Montreal's La Fete Productions, the film has taken prizes at the Jerusalem Film Festival and the CSC Awards. It has been broadcast numerous times and screened at many international festivals. It also recently concluded a theatrical run in Los Angeles.

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Names in the News II: Ted Dykstra, Jacques Israelievitch, Marc Jordan and **Amy Sky** are among the performers in "All Together Now," an evening of dance, theatre and music presented by **John D. McKellar** and **David** and **Ed Mirvish** to promote mid-sized artistic companies. The Creative Trust event happens Monday, Oct. 27, at the Princess of Wales Theatre… Klezmerists **Jonno Lightstone** and **Tony Quarrington** recently performed a free lunch-hour concert in the food court of the Yonge-Eglinton Centre… Israel's **Batsheva Dance Company** performed at Harbourfront recently to mark the 40th anniversary of the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation… Saskatchewan historian **Bill Waiser** was in town last week, promoting his book *All Hell Can't Stop Us*, about a Depression-era protest march that turned violent in Regina. A documentary based on the book aired in Saskatchewan last spring… The band **Shakshuka**, consisting of **Aviva Chernick**, **Aaron Lightstone**, **Angela Hammar**, **Christopher Mckhool** and **Itay Keshet**, is equally at home playing Judaeo-Spanish tunes with a flamenco feel or Sabbath psalms to a bossa nova beat. The band played an anniversary gig in the Beth Tzedec sukkah last week… **Harvey Cooperberg**, former chair with wife **Maura** of several UJA Federation events, has snagged the lead role of Tevye in the Yorkminstrels' production of *Fiddler on The Roof*, coming to Leah Posluns Theatre Nov. 29 to Dec. 7.

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Arts in Brief

- Israeli author **Orly Castel-Bloom** launches the Canadian edition of her novel *Human Parts* (Key Porter). Holy Blossom Temple, Tuesday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m. Free admission.
- Encore Entertainment presents **Susan Sandler's** romantic comedy *Crossing Delancey*, produced by **Merle Garbe**. $25-$23. Toronto Centre for the Arts (Studio Theatre), 5040 Yonge St. Oct. 23 to Nov. 2. 416-733-0558.
- **Carole Frechette's** play *Helen's Necklace* tells the story of a search for a lost necklace in a Middle Eastern city torn by war. The newly translated work opened last week at the Tarragon. 416-536-5018.

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At the Galleries

- More than a dozen artists and artisans in the Bayview-Eglinton area open their studios during the Bayview Art Tour, Oct. 25 and 26, noon to 5 p.m. Pick up brochures in local stores or simply look for the yellow balloons. 416-489-9480.
- "Lines Painted in Early Spring," an exhibition of works by **Gerald Ferguson**, **Ben Reeves**, **Carmen Ruschiensky** and **Francine Savard**, continues at the Koffler Gallery, 4588 Bathurst St., until Nov. 30. Free bus tour from downtown, Nov. 9. 416-636-1880, ext. 270.
- Ve'ahavta, the Canadian Jewish humanitarian and relief committee, presents a photo exhibit on the theme of life and hope against the backdrop of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Zimbabwe. **Dr. Paul Thistle** and others speak about the health crisis. Blue Dot Gallery, Distillery District, 55 Mill St. Wednesday, Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m.
- Local artists **Jill Segal** and **Chris Marin** display their colourful abstractions of sacred sites in Peru, South Africa, Ireland and Nova Scotia, in the exhibition "Everlasting Visions." Davenport Art Gallery, 348 Davenport Rd. Until Oct. 31.

Sakharov documenatry

Documentary film maker **Fern Levitt** recently interviewed former Soviet president **Mikhail Gorbachev**, as part of a biography of **Andrei Sakharov** – the father of the hydrogen bomb who became the USSR's first Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Sakharov: Conscience of a Country premieres Oct. 22 at 9 p.m.on the History Channel.

Gorbachev speaks frankly about how Sakharov became the USSR's greatest defender of human rights and how the nuclear physicist was shunned into exile.

Sakharov became a leading voice of dissent in the USSR and formed the Human Rights Committee as a means to record human rights violations. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1975.

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Research program geared to help people with angina

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

A research project to determine if psycho-education in a group setting can help people with angina deal with their chronic pain is looking for volunteers.

The study, called the Chronic Angina Self-Management Program, is being carried out by Michael McGillian, a registered nurse with experience in emergency medicine and a PhD candidate at the University of Toronto faculty of nursing, and by nursing faculty member Judy Watt-Watson.

McGillian said he became interested in the topic when he realized that many patients with angina make repeated visits to the emergency room.

Angina, he explained, is pain induced by a transient lack of oxygen to the heart, caused by coronary artery disease. It is a chronic condition, with pain appearing during activity and/or at rest, depending on the severity of the disease.

The pain can occur several times a day, or once or twice a month, he said, depending on the state of heart health, the percentage of blockage to the arteries and other risk factors, such as diet, smoking or stress.

People worry particularly, McGillion said, "because the question arises, 'Am I having a heart attack or another heart attack or just a temporary lack of oxygen.'"

While different sources of nitroglycerine, in tablets, patches or a sublingual spray, can help, there is a gap, he said, in helping patients manage their condition on a daily basis.

The program McGillion has created is an adaptation of a chronic disease self-management program developed by Kate Lorig and her colleagues at the Stanford Patient Education Research Center, which is part of the Stanford University School of Medicine in Palo Alto, Calif.

The model was also adapted by Marjorie Hammond of the U of T faculty of nursing recently, to help those suffering from arthritis.

McGillion conducted a pilot study at St. Michael's Hospital in 2001.

"I interviewed both patients and clinicians to find out what they needed to learn to help them manage their angina pain."

Participants will be randomly divided into two groups. One will enter the program immediately, while the other will enter in three months.

The program will be held at 203 College St., a building on the St. George campus of the U of T with elevator access. It will last for six weeks, two hours a week, and McGillion hopes each group will have about 15 participants.

The sessions will follow "the standardized psycho-educational format, designed to improve angina patients' health-related quality of life, by increasing their capacity to manage their angina on a day to day basis," McGillion said.

Topics to be covered include an explanation of what angina is; management strategies, such as relaxation and medication; exacerbating factors, including emotional upheaval, sleep deprivation and fatigue; and learning when to seek emergency help.

People are eligible to participate if they have heart disease, have had an angina attack within the last six months and have not had a heart attack within the last six months. There is no charge.

McGillion hopes to begin the first group in November. For more information or to participate, call him at 416-946-5799.

Stress study seeking children of survivors, their parents

By DAVID LAZARUS
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York is seeking the children of Montreal Holocaust survivors – and their parents, if possible – for the first Holocaust study funded by the U.S.-based National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH).

According to psychologist Rachel Goodman Aspler, the five-year study, which began a year ago, is trying to answer two main questions:

Are the children of Holocaust survivors more likely to suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and/or depression? And if they are more likely, is there a biological or genetic marker?

Aspler, a 31-year-old native of Toronto who moved to Montreal recently with her family from New York City, said Montreal's Jewish community is an ideal place to recruit subjects because of its high proportion of survivors.

Aspler herself is the daughter of a survivor, teacher Sylvia Goodman of Toronto, who was hidden as a toddler in Belgium for $2\frac{1}{2}$ years.

The study is being overseen by Dr. Rachel Yehuda, the director of Mount Sinai's stress studies department, who has conducted several studies in the last decade on Holocaust survivors and their families.

Yehuda hopes to recruit close to 500 subjects – children of survivors aged 25-55, their parents "if they are able and willing" and non-survivor "control" subjects.

Besides Montreal, the other cities participating so far are New York and Cleveland.

Aspler, who worked as an associate clinical professor at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine's stress studies program, said, "These are fascinating questions we are trying to answer.

"Why does this person develop PTSD while another does not? What are the risk factors?"

In simple terms, Aspler said, the study is trying to look at the "biology of stress."

It is known, for example, that the endocrine system produces stress hormones when people are confronted by extreme trauma, as in the "fight-or-flight" syndrome. In that situation, the body produces a high level of the stress hormone cortisol to contain the stress once its cause is gone.

But Yehuda's research suggests that people who get PTSD actually have a low level of cortisol, which makes them unable to control their stress.

Moreover, Aspler said, recent studies by Yehuda and others in the field "have raised the possibility that low cortisol levels may be a risk factor for PTSD, rather than a consequence."

Aspler said low cortisol levels in the adult children of Holocaust survivors "have been shown to be specifically associated with the risk factor of parental PTSD."

One possible benefit of the study, Aspler said, is that science will be able "to evaluate the health risks associated with prenatal and postnatal stress. And in the absence of good family history data, it is important for offspring to get some idea of their biologic 'risk factor' by contributing to this kind of research before it is too late."

To inquire about participating in the study, call Aspler at 514-484-4144.

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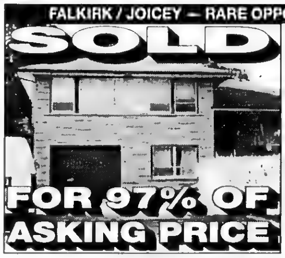

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BABINS, Gertie – on Oct. 7, 2003, late of 502 Russell Hill Rd.
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CLODMAN, Jean – on Oct. 5, 2003, late of 5935 Bathurst St.
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HAMERSFELD, Hans – on Oct. 8, 2003, late of 10 Old York Mills Rd.
COHEN, Saul – on Oct. 9, 2003, late of 3705 Bathurst St.

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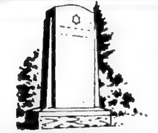

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Israel faces painful dilemma, rabbi says

By ADAM SEGAL
Special to The CJN

Israel will "pay a price" for following the lead of the United States in its handling of the Middle East conflict and should count on no one but itself, says Rabbi Avraham Feder, rabbi emeritus of Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

"We're charged with an abnormal task," Rabbi Feder told told an overflow audience at Beth Tikvah last week.

"We have only ourselves to depend upon… because ultimately, God is behind what we do."

Speaking on the topic "War or No War – Whither Israel?" Rabbi Feder discussed Israel's painful dilemma.

On one side is the option of acting unilaterally to "utterly defeat the Palestinians" and that is juxtaposed with "following the U.S. lead because of larger considerations."

These conflicting options have placed Israel in a quagmire, with the result being a ceaseless cycle of "they attack us, we attack them."

Rabbi Feder also addressed the growing tide of anti-Semitism and anti-Israel rhetoric, particularly in academic circles.

"I can't stress enough how disappointed we are at intellectuals," he said.

"We don't have to justify our moral position… Our first Jewish intuition is just to survive [which] means we're morally justified."

Adding caustic humour to his argument, Rabbi Feder paraphrased George Orwell's famous quote, "one has to belong to the intelligentsia to believe things like 'No ordinary man could be such a fool.'"

Rabbi Feder said the intifadah, which has lingered for three years and claimed thousands of Israeli and Palestinian lives, has triggered a shift to the right in the political views of most Israelis.

Even Amos Oz, the acclaimed left-wing Israeli author, has expressed shock at Arab behaviour and has been critical of "paranoiac Islam," he said.

But Rabbi Feder cast doubt on Oz's suggestion that "paranoiac" Muslims can be cured by moderate ones.

The rabbi urged the audience to stretch beyond their means to help Israel, quoting famed Jewish poet Chaim Nachman Bialik, who called on Jews to "stand up and fight for ourselves."

Despite the strife, there is reason for optimism, Rabbi Feder said, citing the examples of Israel's solid relationship with Turkey and evolving relations with India as confidence builders for a state consistently maligned by the international community.

He concluded by saying that while Israel's struggle may be relentless, "we shall prevail."

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Henrich hopes to rekindle pro career with Roadrunners

By ELI SHUPAK
Special to The CJN

Michael Henrich still dreams of one day skating for the Edmonton Oilers, but for the time being, there's no place in the world he'd rather be than playing hockey than with its top farm club.

The 23-year-old Toronto Roadrunner is set to make his home-ice debut Nov. 1, when the expansion American Hockey League team appears at the CNE's Ricoh Coliseum after a season-opening nine game road trip.

The Oilers' 1998 first-round selection (13th overall) in the NHL entry draft drew an assist on the franchise's first-ever goal, coming in a 4-3 loss at Milwaukee on Oct. 10. After being shut out 3-0 in Cincinnati the next night, the Roadrunners picked up their first victory Oct. 13 in Hamilton, a 4-2 triumph over the Bulldogs.

"It's really nice when you can play professional hockey and pretty much be at home with your family and friends," said the 6-2, 206-pound winger, who had been living away from his Thornhill home for the past seven years.

He recently moved back in with his parents, whose house is 10 minutes away from the club's main practice facility on the grounds of York University. Henrich says he'll be happy to regularly eat the home-cooked meals he has missed out on since he turned 16.

After contracting mononucleosis at training camp last fall and missing the first two months of the season, Henrich started the year with the Oilers' top minor league affiliate in Hamilton before being assigned to Mora IK, a second-division Swedish League club, to get back into game shape.

He also saw some international duty during his 2½-month stint in Europe as part of the Canadian team that won the 2002 Deutschland Cup in Germany in November. Henrich also represented his country at the Sweden Games in Stockholm and at the 2003 Swiss Cup.

When he returned to North America, he was loaned to the AHL's Hershey Bears (the Colorado Avalanche's minor league club) for the remainder of their season.

In August, he signed a one-year deal with the Roadrunners. The Roadrunners play in the AHL's northern division, which includes the league's other Canadian entries: Manitoba, Hamilton and St. John's.

Henrich made quite an impression at the Oilers' training camp in Edmonton last month, playing in an exhibition game and displaying a new attitude and outlook that could one day see him get called up to the big league club.

"He struggled the last couple of years," said Kevin Prendergast, Edmonton's vice-president of hockey operations. "There was a lot of pressure put on him as a first round draft choice.

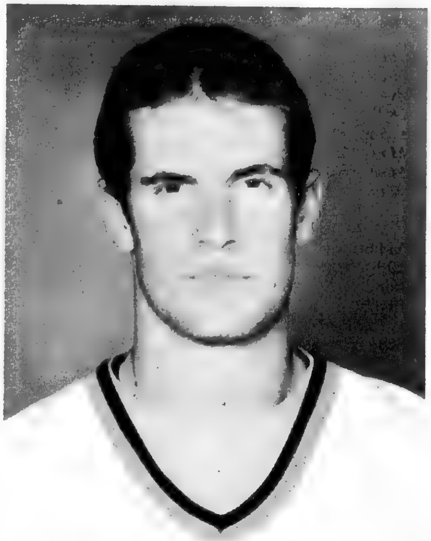
"What we wanted to see from Michael is consistency from the day we drafted him, and we're starting to see that now. Where he fits in [long-term], I honestly can't tell you until we see this consistency start coming on a regular basis in Toronto this year."

In the team's first three games of the year, the right winger had one assist and was plus two in the plus/minus column.

A prolific scorer in junior with the Barrie Colts, Henrich's best year was in 1999-2000, when he scored 38 goals and added 48 assists in 66 games. In 25 playoff games that season, he scored 10 goals and pitched in with 18 helpers for 28 points.

His pro career, however, has not seen him even come close to those numbers. His best professional year was in 2001-02 with the Hamilton Bulldogs, when he notched 14 goals and 24 assists in 67 games.

Nevertheless, Henrich could well become the focus of a marketing effort directed at the Jewish community – particularly school-age youngsters – as the season develops. The Roadrunners are planning to hold a B'nai Brith Day at one of their home games later in the season, and talks are underway to have Henrich make some promotional appearances during the year in the Jewish community as part of a motivational campaign.



Michael Henrich
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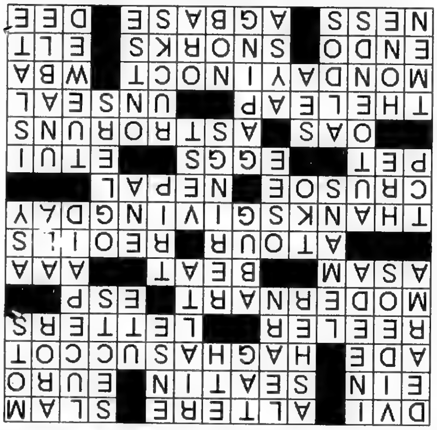

Israeli ice dancers to appear at Skate Canada

The Israeli ice dancing pair Galit Chait and Sergei Sakhnovsky, who competed in last year's Winter Olympics, are slated to participate at the Mastercard Skate Canada International 2003, which runs from Oct. 30 to Nov. 2 at the Hershey Centre in Mississauga, Ont.

Sixth place finishers at the Salt Lake City Olympics, the pair won bronze medals at the World Ice Skating Championships in Nagano, Japan last year. Last week they won the gold medal at Skate Israel, a tournament they hosted at their home rink in Metulla, and in January 2003 they competed in the European Figure Skating Championships in Malmo, Sweden.

The skaters got their start as a dance pair in Israel at Metulla's Canada Centre, which was established in 1990 by UIA Federations Canada (UIAFC) through the contributions of Jewish communities across the country.

The centre features the only Olympic-size ice skating rink in the Middle East, and serves as the training capital for Israel's international athletes in figure skating, short track speed skating and hockey.

Chait and Sakhnovsky, both 27, have been skating together since 1995. Chait was born in Israel to parents who immigrated from Moldova and later moved to the United States. Sakhnovsky made aliyah from Moscow 10 years ago.

At Skate Canada, the pair will complete their compulsory elements on the first day of the competition and will compete in the dance program on Sunday, Nov. 2, at noon.

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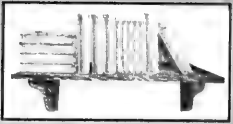

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By
MIRIAM PORTER

One rainy fall evening at the end of a weekly lecture, I was confronted with the ideal situation for a Jewish single woman: an ocean of good looking, and presumably single, Jewish men, all standing alone outside class. In order to leave, I had to walk past. As I debated whether I should introduce myself to at least one of them, my thoughts turned to some of my recent dating adventures.

They began when word got out that I was single. I heard a lot of "I know a nice Jewish boy in his 30s that you just have to meet." I am open to the idea of blind dates, so I ended up having many coffees at Starbucks this past summer. Through these dates, I became aware of exactly what I am looking for. It's important, and only fair, to know this before you get into a serious relationship with someone.

A woman whom I admire greatly and is extremely knowledgeable about relationships once said, "The best thing you can do as a single person before you meet your bashert [soulmate] is to know who you are and what you stand for. Prepare yourself by becoming the best possible person you can, so when you meet your partner, you will be ready."

Issues such as children, timelines, living location, lifestyle and where you stand on gender roles are all crucial. Equally important is having an emotional, physical and intellectual connection with your partner (also known as "the date").

I have heard many captivating stories from single friends about their dating experiences. Some have tried the Jewish dating service J-Date. Some have braved speed-dating and other cool dating events through Aish HaTorah. Still others have gone to Jewish singles parties in the community.

So far, the best parts of my blind dates have taken place the night before. In my imagination, my mystery date becomes my knight in shining armour. We fall madly in love, buy a house in Forest Hill and discuss baby names over the romantic vegetarian dinner he has just prepared. I have faith this will happen one day, and then everything will naturally fall into place.

But my instincts told me this wasn't the big day. I made my decision and got up to leave class – alone. I confidently walked past "the bachelors" and headed home in the rain to make my own special dinner in my own cute apartment. Sometimes being single can be really great too.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

(Answers to the crossword are on page 54.)

Fall Festivals of Thanks
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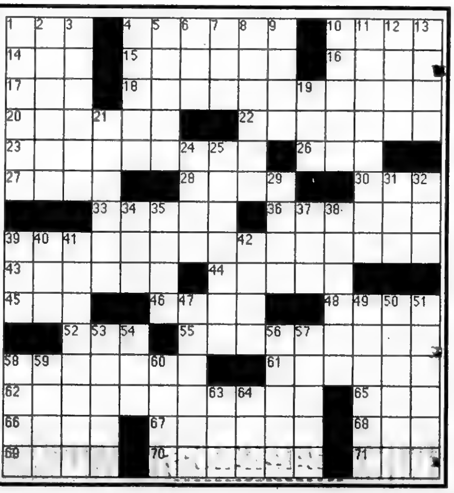
Across
1. 506, the way the Romans counted
4. Thirsty, in a bistro
10. Poetry or grand
14. A or an, in Zurich
15. "I want a ______ the loges", says theater-goer to ticket seller
16. Now worth a bit more than the dollar
17. Summer drink
18. Jewish Festival of Thanks (Hebrew transliteration)
20. A movie might be a two-________
22. "____ to my Windmill", French memoir and film
23. New York's Museum of ________
26. Sixth sense
27. Pottery technique of Indonesia's Sosak Island
28. Kerouac's generation
30. Motoring org.
33. Serviceman serves ____ of duty
36. Lubricates again
39. Yankee Festival of Thanks
43. Robinson _____
44. Himalayan kingdom
45. If turkey is a ___, keep it away from kitchen
46. Sometimes these are used in pies, or omelets
48. Needle case
52. Internatl. American orgn.
55. Scores by a Houston player
58. Mao's failed Great one
61. Unlock
62. Canadian Festival of Thanks is celebrated on second _______ (partly abbrev.)
65. Prof. hoopster league
66. Prefix meaning internal
67. Aquatic breathing devices, for short
68. Following "g" in Yiddish, this means money
69. Capone's anagrammed nemesis
70. Turkeys could be this to a regn., economically
71. Actress-writer-poet Ruby ___

Down
1. How kid addresses letter to mom
2. Recordings of family at festive meal?
3. "_____ lot more cranberry sauce, please!"
4. One of Jacob's sons
5. Need to ____ to use a carving knife properly
6. Label
7. King James English verb ending
8. Winnebago model
9. ___ petit placidam .... (first word in Massachusetts motto)
10. Denominations
11. 2-word phrase meaning Time founder wrote the check
12. M follower gives Pesach bitter herb
13. Bons ___
19. Western Native American
21. French auto racing city
24. As snug as _____ ....
25. Does piston job again
29. Journey
31. Chicken ___ king
32. E follower makes this a snap
34. Ring decision
35. ___ ye not yon hills and dales ... (first line of The Gypsy Laddie)
37. Hawaiian place name suffix
38. Leerers, gawkers
39. ___/IP, internet protocol
40. Realm of Otto I
41. Car bumpers or final states?
42. Sleeveless jacket
47. Being agog, widemouthed
49. Two wkdays. leading up to U.S. festival
50. Incapable
51. "The bus ____", he muttered, impatiently
53. Leopold and Rossi
54. Aegean or Baltic
56. Backpacks, for short
57. General region of a Can. province, lower right-hand of map
58. 1947 Treasury guys v. mob movie
59. Sharpen the carving knife
60. Young folks' soccer orgns. in such cities as Atlanta or Austin
63. San Francisco hill
64. Hebrew girl's name meaning light



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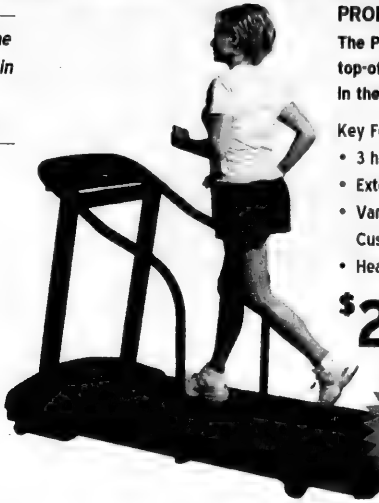

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Canada condemns Israel's security fence

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

Canada has joined other countries in calling on Israel to dismantle its security fence.

Canada was among the 144 nations that last week approved a United Nations resolution demanding Israel stop construction of and tear down the barrier it is building in the West Bank to try to stop the entry of Palestinian terrorists.

While Canada has been criticized for supporting the measure, it also earned lukewarm praise for insisting the resolution include condemnation of the Oct. 4 suicide bombing at a Haifa restaurant that killed 20, and of the Oct. 15 roadside killing of three U.S. security officers in the Gaza Strip.

"It's somewhat encouraging that pressure from Canada and other countries resulted in the inclusion of anti-Israel terror," said David Goldberg of the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC). "Canada should be given a little credit for that."

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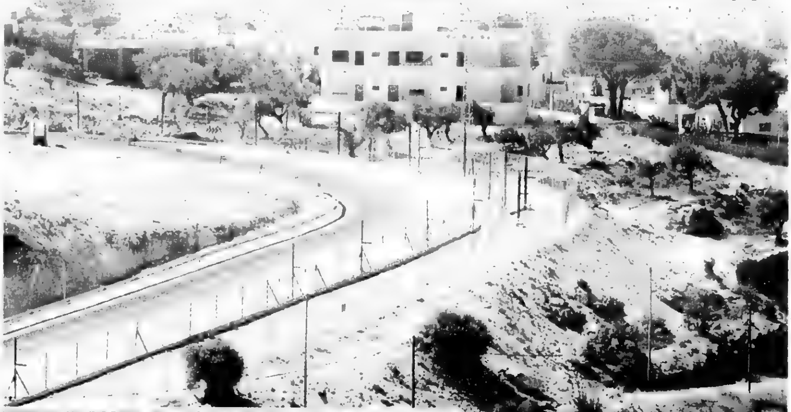

This is the security fence as it winds south from Jerusalem separating Bethlehem from Israel's capital city. The government of Israel is building the fence to protect Israelis against incursions by Palestinian terrorists. At left, members of Hamas who support suicide bombings marched through Rafah last week wearing explosive belts. A perimeter fence already exists between Gaza and Israel. No suicide bombers have entered Israel from Gaza since the construction of the fence.

[Isranet and RNS/Reuters photos]

El Al flight could have landed in Toronto

Airline did not ask for plane's diversion

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

An El Al flight from Israel through Toronto was diverted to Hamilton twice last week, even though airline officials and the Israeli government were content to have the plane land in Toronto.

Citing unspecified security concerns, Transport Canada officials ordered the incoming Boeing 767 to land at Montreal's Mirabel Airport. The plane later took off for the short flight to Hamilton's John C. Munro International Airport, about 60 kilometres west of Toronto. One hundred and seven of the plane's 193 passengers disembarked in Hamilton and, after clearing customs, were brought by bus to Toronto.

The return flight from Los Angeles also landed in Hamilton prior to continuing on to Israel.

Speaking in Ottawa, Transport Minister David Collenette said. "We had information there was a specific threat against this El Al flight and therefore we ordered the pilot to immediately land at Mirabel.

"The threat was at Pearson airport and that is why the flight was asked to land at Mirabel."

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CANADA

Bonds Fetes Minister

TORONTO — State of Israel Bonds Canada earlier this month honoured Maurizo Bevilacqua, secretary of state for international financial institutions, as well as Joe de Wit from local 95 of the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers and labour lawyer Alan Minksy, at a dinner called "A Salute to Solidarity Between Labour and Management." The annual event highlights the historic relationship between Israel and North American labour, said Larry Waller, Israel Bonds executive vice-president. Proceeds will go to local charities.

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More Seniors In Poverty

JERUSALEM— There are now 680,000 Israeli seniors living below the poverty line, or 26 per cent of that age group, up from 23 per cent of the elderly population last year, according to Labour and Social Affairs Minister Zevulun Orlev. Orlev told the Knesset's finance committee last week that, "Unfortunately, economic policies are dragging many seniors below the poverty line. It is time to take stock and change the picture." Official statistics on 2002 poverty will be published in full next month by Orlev's ministry.

U.S. Travel Warning

JERUSALEM — The U.S. State Department issued an advisory last week for U.S. citizens against travel to Israel, the West Bank and Gaza. It came after another advisory that called on U.S. citizens to leave Gaza. The warning noted that terrorist attacks have killed or wounded U.S. citizens, including three Americans killed in Gaza by a roadside bomb while travelling in a diplomatic convoy earlier this month.

City's Population Falls

JERUSALEM— Jerusalem's population fell by nearly 10 per cent in the past decade. Some 164,400 people left Jerusalem over the past 10 years and 97,300 have moved in, according to the upcoming volume of the Statistical Yearbook of Jerusalem. The city is now home to 680,400 people, 67 per cent Jews and 33 per cent Arabs. The Arab population is younger and has a higher growth rate, and its percentage of the overall population is growing.

WORLD

Hate Watchdog Planned

PARIS — French Jewish and Muslim organizations are set to form a group to monitor an upsurge in racially motivated attacks in France. The International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism, a group close to major French Jewish organizations, announced last week it would support the formation of a joint body to monitor acts of anti-Semitism and Islamophobia. The league's move follows a similar appeal last week by the president of the new Council of Democratic Muslims.

Hollywood Jews Blamed

LOS ANGELES — A magazine columnist has blamed Hollywood Jews for funding the bloody hit movie *Kill Bill*. Gregg Easterbrook, a senior editor at *The New Republic*, wrote in his daily Web log that Jewish executives of the Disney-owned Miramax studio, including studio head Harvey Weinstein and Disney CEO Michael Eisner, are to blame for the violence in Quentin Tarantino's new film. While saying Christian and other film executives do the same, Easterbrook asked, "Does that make it right for Jewish executives to worship money above all else, by promoting for profit the adulation of violence?" Easterbrook later told the *New York Times* the column was "wrong" and "a bad choice of words."

Swiss Jews Charged

ZURICH — A Swiss Jewish group faces charges of racial discrimination because of a letter saying Islam seeks to control the world. Frank Luebke, head of the independent anti-discrimination organization called David, will be in court on Dec. 12 in Zurich in what may be the first application of Swiss anti-bias laws against a Jewish group. At issue is an open letter Luebke wrote after the November 2002 bombing of a Kenyan hotel owned by Israelis and an attempted attack on an Israeli jet over Kenya. Signed by 138 Jews and Christians, the letter, which called the attacks an example of "Islamic-Arabic-Palestinian manic butchery against the Jewish-Israeli civil population," was sent to the Swiss government and parliament. In late 2002, a Swiss Palestinian filed charges against Luebke. Jewish leaders had refused to sign the letter.

Palestinians back terror, distrust U.S.: poll

JERUSALEM — Most Palestinians see terrorism as a legitimate alternative to negotiations and distrust U.S. mediation in the Middle East, a new poll says.

The poll of 1,318 West Bank and Gaza Strip residents, published last week by the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research, found that 75 per cent supported the Oct. 4 suicide bombing at Haifa's Maxim restaurant that killed 21 people, and 59 per cent said such "armed confrontations so far have helped achieve Palestinian rights in a way that negotiations could not." Nearly 90 per cent also backed attacks on Israeli soldiers and settlers.

Asked about U.S. mediation, 95 per cent said Washington is "not sincere" in its efforts to work for Palestinian statehood and is biased in favour of Israel. Some 78 per cent believe the U.S.-sponsored "road map" peace plan is dead, while 85 per cent support a mutual ceasefire.

The poll also found that support for Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat increased from 35 to 50 per cent from June to October – the highest level in five years – but 82 per cent of Palestinians believe the PA is corrupt, and 90 per cent support internal and external calls for its reform.

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Ottawa's Rabbi Bulka adds Jewish touch to McGuinty's big day

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty, right, and Lieutenant Governor James Bartleman, left, pose for a photo with Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal David Caplan after Caplan was sworn in last week. [CP photo/Frank Gunn]

The first few moments of Dalton McGuinty's premiership had a distinctly Jewish flavour, with Rabbi Reuven Bulka, an old Ottawa friend of the new premier, blessing the government at its swearing-in ceremony last Thursday.

And both Jewish MPPs, wearing kippot and clutching Bibles, entered the 22-member cabinet.

Rabbi Bulka, whose synagogue, Congregation Machzikei Hadas, is only minutes from McGuinty's Ottawa South constituency office, told *The CJN* that someone later offered to research whether this was the first time a rabbi recited the invocation at the swearing-in of a new Ontario government.

"I told him he didn't need to research," Rabbi Bulka said. "I said it was first time *I* had done it."

He delivered a non-denominational blessing:

"To Team Ontario, which is all of us, and to Ontario's new governing team, we invoke and ask for God's blessing. May you guide, lead and inspire our province to a standard of excellence in which no one is left behind.

"And to you, Premier Dalton McGuinty and your government, may there be no task too daunting, no challenge too onerous, no achievement too elusive as you strive for the best for all Ontarians. God bless you all. Amen."

Earlier, Rabbi Bulka earned hearty laughter when he quipped that "the majesty is in the regal setting at Queen's Park, making our new premier truly a Royal Dalton."

Presiding over the swearing-in was Ontario Lt.-Gov. James Bartleman, a former Canadian ambassador to Israel.

Moments later, veteran MPP and Peterson-era cabinet minister Monte Kwinter, wearing a blue velvet kippah, was sworn in as the new minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services. Kwinter, 72, is responsible for policing and corrections, and will also be asked to review Ontario's emergency preparedness.

The ministry is the latest incarnation of the solicitor general's office that the former Tory government dubbed the public safety and security ministry.

The Liberals have promised to hire 1,000 more police officers over the next four years. Kwinter's ministry oversees all police services, but he will be most directly involved with the Ontario Provincial Police.

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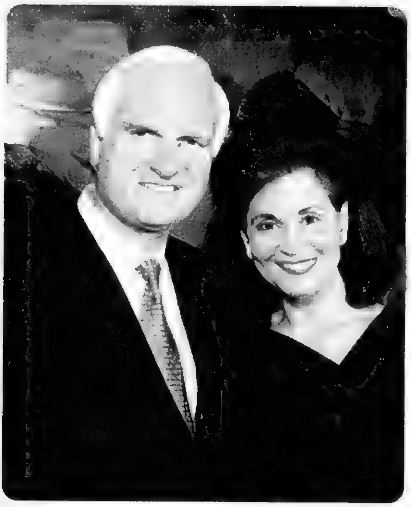

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A guide in the storm

From the editor's desk

When navigating through a storm, individuals need sharp senses and reliable instruments to guide them.

Saul Singer, a social and political commentator in Israel, is one such reliable human "instrument." An editorial writer and columnist with the *Jerusalem Post*, his insights are a veritable global positioning system that help us track our path through the cruel, unabating storm of terror that was let loose upon Israel, the Jewish world and the West more than three years ago by Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat and his confederates.

Singer is a straight-forward thinker whose writing is clear, crisp and forceful. Positioned in the centre-right on the political compass, he hedges no opinions nor pulls any punches. One need not always agree with him to appreciate the way he marshals the facts, builds a case and draws his conclusions with a clarity that is always compelling.

And Singer is well-qualified to offer his opinions. Before moving to Israel in 1994, he served as a foreign policy specialist on various staffs of the United States Congress. His writings have appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Middle East Quarterly*, *New Leader* and *Moment*. Now Cold Spring Press has just published more than 100 of his *Jerusalem Post* editorials and weekly "Interesting Times" columns in a collection entitled *Confronting Jihad: Israel's Struggle & the World After 9/11*.

The essays – about half of which are Singer's editorials – are arranged chronologically, from January 1997 (four of the items predate the year 2000) to July 2003. The author's introduction was written only last month.

The currency of the anthology is one of its great advantages. Singer's observations are a flowing history that moves across events, pinpointing and explaining them even as they are unfolding. Thus there is an immediacy, and sometimes even an urgency, to the anthology that makes it very hard to put down.

Confronting Jihad: Israel's Struggle & the World After 9/11 is arranged in five broad subject areas, four of which deal with issues of peace and security. The fifth subject touches upon societal and economic issues in Israel as well as general issues in the wider Jewish world.

One of the collection's objectives is to demonstrate that terrorism is a scourge that confronts the entire free world. It is not only a problem for Israel.

"If there is a thread running through the essays of this book," Singer writes in the introduction, "it is that there is less separating these two worlds [life in Israel and life in America] than meets the eye. The war is the same war, the enemy is the same enemy, and the strategy for victory is the same strategy."

Singer's political assessments are unsentimental. On Jan. 19, 2001, he wrote the following on the subject of Jerusalem.

"The hope for peace lies in Israel unifying behind its own definition of vital interests and convincing the Palestinians that Israel will stand on its own right to live in this land no less than they will. One of those vital interests is a unified Jerusalem. The [Opposition parties'] rally [a week earlier], therefore, was not just about keeping Jerusalem whole, but about creating a new paradigm for the peace process: instead of reaching farther, standing firmer."

This past Holocaust Remembrance Day, on April 28, Singer wrote: "In pragmatic terms, giving the Arabs a pass on their antisemitism leads inexorably to tolerance for Arab rejection of the Jewish right to self-determination in the only land we have ever known as our own. If the Arabs' Jew-hatred is understandable, how can their desire to destroy Israel not be?"

Where Singer's political commentary can be biting, his social commentary can be tender. Of the death of Yehuda Amichai in Sept. 2000, he wrote, "The missing of poet Yehuda Amichai began with his funeral yesterday, at which we needed him to express what we have lost…

"Amichai was Israel's national poet, but not in the sense of a Walt Whitman, who exuded American patriotism, or the poets who have been catalysts for nationalist passions withing the Arab world. He was national in that his intensely personal expressions of pain, loss, protest, love and beauty somehow spoke for a people that often suppressed such emotions in a flurry of nation-building."

An interesting feature of the anthology that lends it even greater value is the presence of brief contextual remarks by the author at the beginning of each essay. He thus provides commentary, as it were, on his own commentary.

Were I to quibble with the publisher, it would be for failing to provide a more useful table of contents. A full listing of the titles of the individual essays would have been helpful to the reader. None of the titles, though, is referenced. This mere technical oversight, however, impinges on the facility of the material's use, rather than on its overall excellence. There is a storm all around us and it is good that there are guideposts helping us through.

Confronting Jihad: Israel's Struggle & the World After 9/11 is distributed by Simon & Schuster and should be available at local Jewish and general bookstores.

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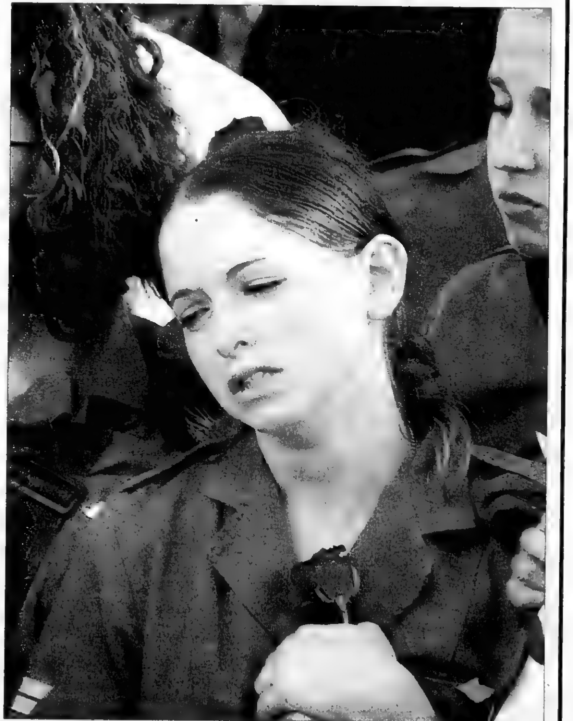

INEXPRESSIBLE SORROW: Friends and family grieve for Sgt. Sarit Shneor-Senior, 19, who was murdered, along with two other soldiers, in Netzarim last week. **[Israel Sun photo]**

El Al could have landed in Toronto: airline, embassy

Continued from page 1

Later media reports from Israel indicated the threat was traced to Al Qaeda and involved use of a surface-to-air missile against an El Al aircraft. Last November, a chartered Israeli airliner is believed to have dodged two shoulder-launched surface-to-air missiles fired from outside the Mombasa airport in Kenya.

In Israel, *Yediot Achronot* quoted an unnamed intelligence source as saying that "on a scale of one to 10, the warning was about three to four. In other words, not really immediate but still a warning that could not be ignored."

The *Sun* media chain also reported that a threat was called in by phone from the Toronto area and involved a missile attack or strafing the plane with gunfire while it was parked on the tarmac at Pearson. Law enforcement agencies were attempting to trace the call and they were reportedly investigating a possible connection to a rocket launcher that was seized by Customs officials in the last two years along with other weapons at a Mississauga postal plant.

Stanley Morais, general manager of El Al's Canadian office, said despite intelligence information provided by Israel to Canadian authorities, the El Al jet could have landed in Toronto.

"From the El Al perspective and the Israeli government perspective, landing in Toronto… was acceptable. We could have landed in Toronto from the Israeli perspective."

That assessment was confirmed by Ben Forer, press and economic affairs officer at the Israeli embassy in Ottawa.

Morais said El Al's flights to and from Toronto last Sunday, three days after the diversion, proceeded normally. The flight to Israel was full, he said.

Collenette refused to specify the nature of the threat, telling reporters it was "specific to the El Al flight.

"Israel passed intelligence information to the Canadians and Canada decided to divert the aircraft from Toronto," Collenette said. "The matter is now being investigated by the RCMP, CSIS, Transport Canada and Peel Regional Police."

Later, Collenette suggested the future of El Al fights to Toronto would be examined.

Morais later said "that has been rectified," adding that Transport Canada "gave the green light" to the Sunday flights to and from Israel, as well as to subsequent flights.

On landing in Hamilton, the El Al flight was met by heavy security, with police helicopters and a tactical team surrounding the aircraft. Meanwhile, police searched Pearson International Airport in Toronto and found no evidence of a threat.

Later in the evening, passengers embarking for Israel on the flight's return leg did not board the plane in Toronto. Passengers checked in at Pearson and were bused, with a police escort, to Hamilton, where they boarded the aircraft bound for Tel Aviv.

Despite wide media coverage of the incident, the airliner was full, with 79 passengers originating in Los Angeles and another 114 starting out from Toronto, Morais said.

Morais said departing passengers were reassured by El Al's reputation for security. "We can look after ourselves. Other countries can't do what we can do," he said, adding that El Al's security contingent in Toronto is larger than any other division.

The incident, he said, should alert the Canadian flying public to the seriousness of terrorist threats. "El Al in regards to this issue is the litmus test. Unfortunately, the Canadian government pointed the finger at El Al," Morais said, adding "the issue is the terrorist threat in Canada."

"We just want to add that, in general, this threat emphasized that the whole Western world and Canada is under a terrorism threat," Forer noted.

With files from CJN news services.

CORRECTIONS

In the article "Libeskind to speak at Holocaust Education Week" (*CJN*, Oct. 16), the date of the event at Beth Tzedec Congregation with Bernie Farber and Shulamit Imber was incorrect. "Anti-Semitism/Anti-Zionism: Converging Hatreds" will take place Nov. 4 at 8 p.m. *The CJN* regrets the error.

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The article titled "Habonim Dror shaliach brings Israel to Ontario" (*CJN* Oct. 23) misidentified the groups involved in Regional Jewish Communities of Ontario (RJCO). It should have stated that RJCO is a partnership between Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, and UIA Federations Canada. *The CJN* regrets the error.

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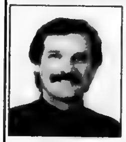

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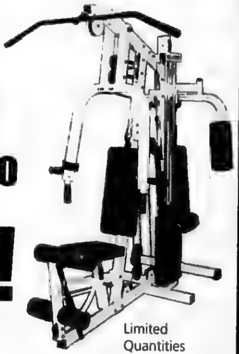

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Russian and Ethiopian immigrants learn to go on

The following stories are adapted from a talk given to UIA Federations Canada by Micha Feldman of SELAH, an Israel crisis management centre.

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

On Friday morning just before Rosh Hashanah three years ago, Sgt. Yossi Teveje, 25, returned to his base from an all night Palestinian-Israeli police patrol near Kalkilya, a small village in the West Bank.

Before breaking for the day, the Ethiopian-Israeli officer insisted that the group at the base share an early morning snack. They relaxed a bit, joked together and before leaving, one or two of the Palestinian police officers wished their Israeli colleagues a Shanah Tovah.

Then, one of the Palestinians went back to his jeep, took an M-16 out of the back seat, turned around and shot seven bullets into Yossi's head and body.

Yossi Teveje was born in the small village of Asavta, Ethiopia. In 1983, at the age of eight, he joined his aunt, Tamar, four cousins and a small group of travellers who were migrating to Israel. Over the next few years, 65,000 Ethiopian Jews would arrive in the Jewish state. On route, 4,000 would die in the African deserts and Sudanese refugee camps.

For three weeks, Tamar and Yossi trekked over the mountainous northern Ethiopian terrain, walking at night and hiding during the day. By the time they arrived at a refugee camp near Khartoum, Yossi was so sick that Tamar feared for his life.

At the camp clinic, the doctor told Tamar the medicine Yossi needed would cost money she didn't have. So Tamar spent her days begging until she had enough to buy the drugs to save her nephew's life. The small family headed by Tamar, who was 24 years old at the time, then continued on to Tel Aviv and settled in Nazeret Elite.

When Yossi was 13, a social worker convinced Tamar to send Yossi to boarding school. Over the years, the traditional Ethiopian woman learned Israeli ways, in which education and success seemed intertwined and children were sent away from their homes at a much younger age than she would ever have imagined.

Slowly, Tamar adapted. On that early morning of Rosh Hashanah in 2000, she had learned enough to understand that the Israeli border police don't send a long row of jeeps at the break of dawn to deliver good news.

Before the commanding officer opened his mouth, Tamar knew that Yossi was dead.

For many Israelis, his death marked the beginning of the second intifadah.

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Eight months later, on Friday, June 1, 2001, Alla Nelimov, a single mother, went shopping with her two daughters, Yelena, 18, and Yulia, 16, to buy cheap clothes from the Hatikvah Street market pedlars.

The Nelimovs didn't have much money, but they bought a few things to celebrate the fact that Yulia had just received her Israeli identity card.

It had been four years since Alla had been convinced by her brother that the Israeli educational system was superior to the one that had collapsed in the former Soviet Union. In 1996, Alla brought her mother Fania Schnipper and three children to Israel from Yekatarinburg in Ural, Russia.

Since 1989, about 1.2 million immigrants have arrived in the Jewish state from the former Soviet Union. Like the Ethiopian Jews, the Russian community began adapting to Israeli life.

But the Nelimovs sometimes grew nostalgic. After their Friday shopping, the girls went to their south Tel Aviv home and dressed in old clothes their mother had brought from Russia. They laughed and posed while Alla took pictures. Then Yelena and Yulia made ankle bracelets, put on green nail polish, slipped into their new outfits and left for a celebratory night at the Dolphinarium Disco.

That night, a suicide bomber blew himself up outside the disco, killing 21, and injuring 120 others.

When Alla heard the news, she went looking for her daughters, praying that she would find them among the bloodied bodies of the survivors in the hospital. From there, Alla went to the morgue where the mother identified her daughters, one recognizable only by the green nail polish.

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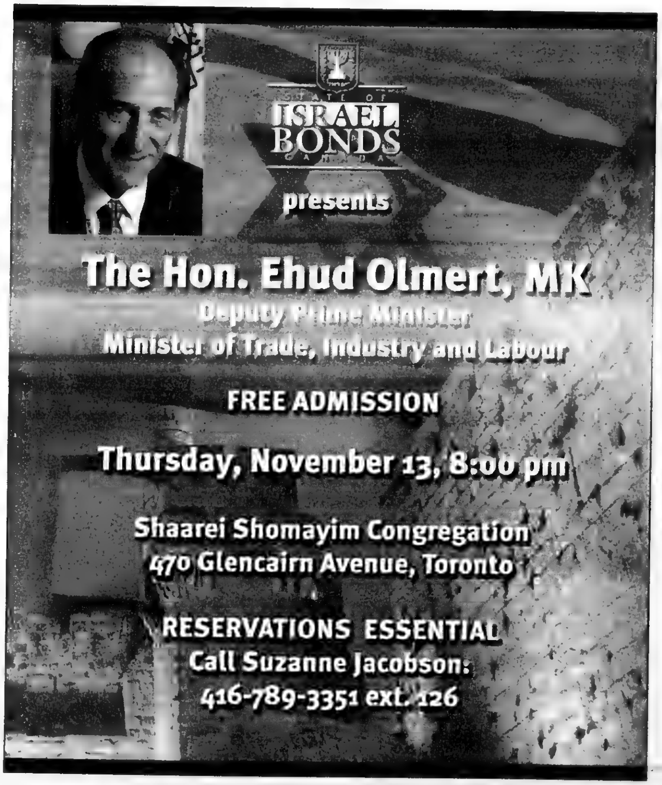
Mica Feldman said SELAH helped Tamar and her family move into a new apartment in Tel Aviv so that she could be near family and friends. He also provided the Nelimovs with emotional support through retreats organized for families affected by terror.

SELAH provides help by visiting the sick and injured, comforting the bereaved, purchasing tombstones, transporting people from hopsital to home and offering counselling for those struggling to raise orphaned grandchildren and younger siblings.

"The grief for all those affected by terrorism is the same," Feldman said. "But the support for newcomers must be different."



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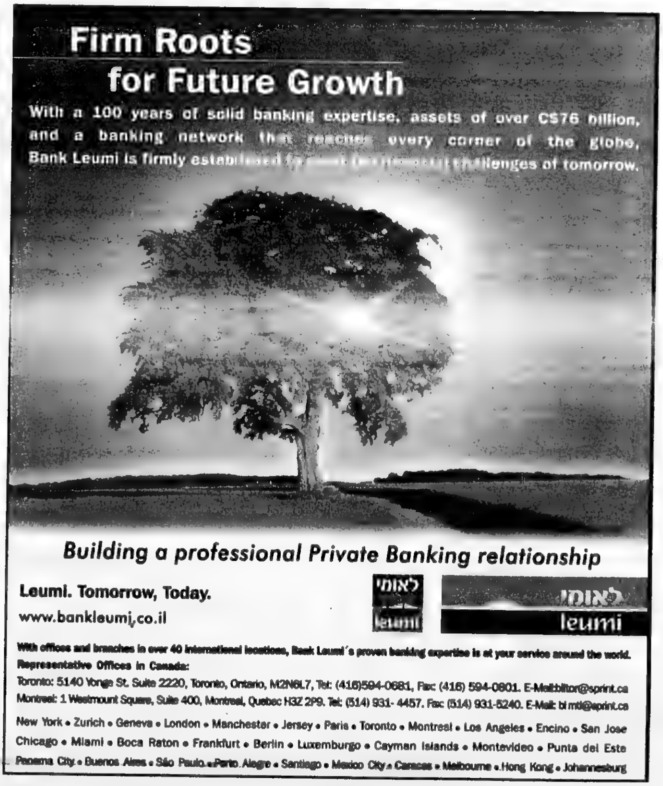

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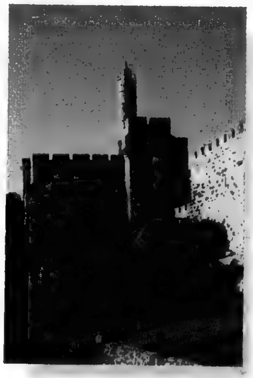

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Speculation with rueful consequences

There is still a great deal of mystery surrounding the diversion last week of the El Al flight from Tel Aviv away from Toronto, its intended destination, to Montreal and then to Hamilton. Canadian and Israeli officials are understandably reluctant to disclose all the information about the incident lest they compromise the ability to prevent any intended acts of terror. As a result, we have only a sketchy picture, not the full detail, of why the El Al flight made an emergency landing in Montreal.

According to local and Israeli reports, we know at least the following:

- The threat to the airplane emanated from the Toronto area.
- The source of the threat was traced to Al Qaeda.
- The nature of the threat was an attack either by light arms or by a heat-seeking, possibly shoulder-launched missile.
- The risk factor in the threat was said to be "serious."
- The decision to divert the plane away from Toronto was made by Canadian officials.

The incident was a shock to the Canadian psyche. We are simply not used to the need for such emergency measures here. Perhaps that explains federal Minister of Transport David Collenette's clumsy response to reporters in explaining his decision. He defined the threat by differentiating between the victims of the potential harm by suggesting the threat was pointed only at El Al, the national carrier of Israel, rather than at Pearson International Airport, the Canadian port in whose "harbour" El Al and other carriers find shelter.

Thus, he speculated out loud that the future of El Al's Tel Aviv-Toronto flight might have to be reassessed. "I want to assure travellers there is not a problem with travelling to Pearson, to Toronto. But it was specific to that flight… As for subsequent El Al flights, that's something we will have to deliberate, considering the various intelligence that we receive, and we're working on that with others."

How can it be said that the way to fight terror is by surrendering to it? And yet, that was the effective import of Collenette's response. Over the weekend, however, the minister's advisers must have explained the rueful consequences of his speculation.They undoubtedly understood the regrettable implications of the minister's failed attempt at ministerial prudence. *Ha'aretz* carried a report indicating that "the Canadian government assured Israel on Sunday that El Al flights to Toronto would continue as usual."

But the shock to our psyche must not go unheeded. A "serious" terror threat emanating from the Toronto area must be the springboard for vigorous Canadian counter-terror measures. It is not Israelis who are threatened on our shores by Al Qaeda. It is all of us – Canadians and other nationals who fly our skies and park in our airports.

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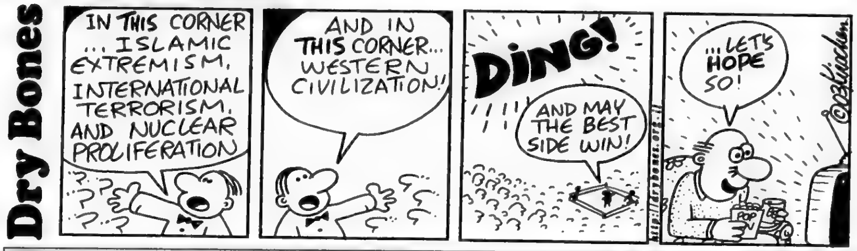
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Mahathir Mohamad

Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's views about Jewish people come as no surprise to those of us who recall his hateful statements in 1997, when he accused international financier George Soros, and Jews in general, of causing the collapse of Malaysia's currency.

Soros, unlike many global capitalists, had taken his money out of Malayisa because he was disgusted with its labour conditions. We Jews should realize that international capitalism has mandated a "race to the bottom," with dictators like Mahathir laughing all the way to Swiss banks with sweatshop profits.

Take a close look at some of your designer garments. Chances are some of them were made by labourers in Malaysia at gunpoint for the equivalent of about two dollars a day. Labour unions are virtually banned and ethnic Han Chinese are treated as second-class citizens.

Jordy Cummings
Toronto

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Mahathir and Chrétien

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien's actions speak so loudly that I cannot hear his words. Or perhaps I cannot hear them because he had none to offer.

What does he advise me to say to my Holocaust survivor mother when she hears he "had nothing to add" on her behalf to Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, who accused Jews of running the world?

How should I reassure her that this is not the 1930s in Europe when she hears that Chrétien shook Mahathir's hand after he said, "The Europeans killed six million Jews out of 12 million, but today, the Jews rule the world by proxy?"

Perhaps Chrétien himself should offer to comfort her, because I have nothing to say in his defence.

Yona Shem-Tov
Toronto

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More on Mahathir

It is a sad comment indeed that in the year 2003, the Jewish community has to congratulate Canada's foreign minister, Bill Graham, for condemning the anti-Semitic remark of Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad. It is sadder still that our prime minister shook hands with Mahathir without uttering a word of rebuke. That the heads of 57 Muslim states, including those that have signed peace treaties with Israel and those that are purported allies of the West, should give Mahathir a standing ovation is outrageous. If the remarks made by Mahathir were not so odious and hateful, they would almost be laughable.

I challenge Graham to have Canada introduce a resolution at the United Nations condemning Mahathir for his slanderous statement and for promoting hatred against the Jewish people. Unquestionably, the resolution would be defeated, but it would be interesting to see how many other countries would stand up and be counted as supporting and encouraging anti-Semitism.

Bert Raphael
Toronto

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Proposal for CIJA

I was privileged to participate recently in a focus group of grassroots advocates for Israel and Judaism. Among the participants were two people who spend a tremendous amount of time and effort doing advocacy, armed mainly with their computers and their eloquence.

Neither can afford to attend conferences on advocacy or participate in a mission to Israel in order to better arm themselves with more information to strengthen their positions. I call upon the new Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy to allot funds to enable these types of individuals to continue to expand their work.

We need every Jew to be a spokesperson for Israel, not only the prominent or salaried.

Denise Rootenberg
Thornhill, Ont.

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Israel's policies have failed

The current Israeli government's emphasis solely on military measures to subdue terrorism has failed. The level of mutual hatred and distrust between Israelis and Palestinians has never been higher. The lives of both peoples have become sheer hell.

The Zionist organizations of Diaspora Jewry must now more effectively open up forums for discussion about the alternative ideas now being circulated in Israel. What is at stake, according to people such as Labour MK Avraham Burg, who has written recently on these issues, are the guiding values and principles of the Zionist enterprise as we have known it since 1948: a strong Jewish State with justice and democracy for all.

Beverley Stern
Toronto

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Anti-Semitism and irony

In her recent opinion piece ("From Kishinev to Canada," *CJN*, Oct. 23), Sara Horowitz wonders about the root cause of anti-Semitism. In his essay "Auto-emancipation," published in 1882 after a number of pogroms in Czarist Russia, Achad Ha'am (Asher Ginzberg, 1856-1927) thought he had a clear answer: "The world nations feel contempt toward Jews because Jews are not a nation with their own land… The true remedy [for anti- Semitism, or 'Judophobia' as he called it] is, therefore, the creation of a Jewish nation, of people with their own land." (One of his favorite solutions was to form a Jewish territory in North America.)

I am sure that even Achad Ha'am would have found it ironic that in the 21st century, anti- Semitism's focal point has become the State of Israel, which was supposed to prevent Judophobia.

Menachem Ailenberg
Toronto

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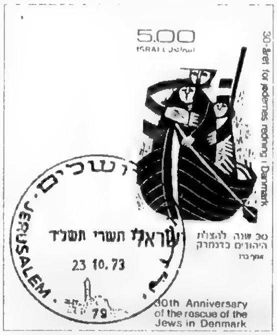
'Little Dunkirk' – a very different Holocaust story

By ADAM FUERSTENBERG

It was an unusually chilly morning on Oct. 7, 1943, and Dr. Karl Henry Koster, medical head of the Bispebjerg Hospital, one of the Copenhagen's largest, was just about to enter his third-floor office in the main wing after completing his first round of inspections when he noticed one of his medical students, Jorgen Knudsen, rushing towards him.

The doctor paused at the half-opened door to wait. Knudson, a strapping young man just recently married and supporting himself by driving an ambulance on his "free" days, gestured breathlessly that he wanted them both to go into the office before speaking. Once inside, still out of breath, he apologized hoarsely

"Please excuse me, Dr. Koster, but I am desperate. Time is short and I don't know whom else I can turn to. Once, during one of your demonstrations, you hinted strongly about your opposition to the Nazis, and there is a rumour among the students that you are active in the underground."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An Israeli stamp commemorating the 30th anniversary of the rescue of the Jews of Denmark.

He paused, and when the Doctor nodded encouragingly, he continued: "Yesterday morning, just as I was leaving for work in my ambulance, some of my student friends rushed over to me to tell me that the Gestapo were rounding up the Jews, and urged me to warn all my Jewish friends. But I didn't know which of my friends or acquaintances were Jewish. I ran to the nearest phone book and took down names that seemed obviously Jewish. When I drove to the addresses, I had to warn them. Many had no place where they could go, so I took them in my ambulance. But now I don't know where to hide them so I decided to ask you to help."

He had 40 men, women and children, he said, and he wondered if they could be hidden at the hospital until they could be smuggled out of Copenhagen. The doctor instantly agreed and told Knudsen to bring the 40 the next morning, to give him time to prepare the hospital.

To get the group past the Gestapo, they agreed to stage a mock funeral. Sure enough, promptly at eight the next morning, a frantic gatekeeper reported to Koster that a hearse and a large funeral party carrying flowers were demanding entry at the hospital's main gate. When Koster went down to welcome the party, he found Knudsen with some more of his students, but instead of the 40 souls he had expected there were 140!

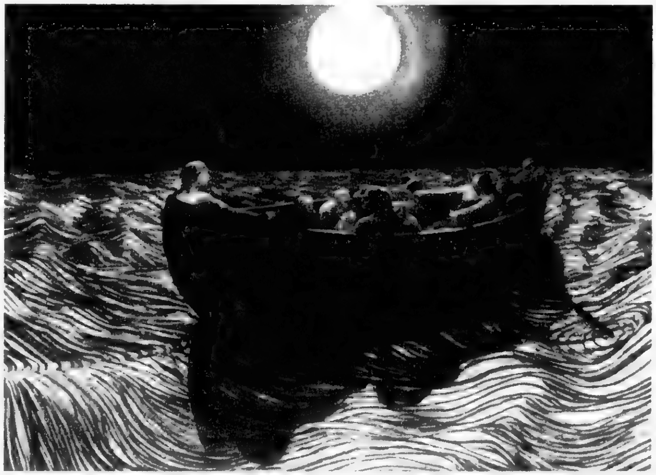
In the next few days, Bispebjerg Hospital would hide almost another 1,000 refugees, who were then smuggled to the small fishing villages on the coast a few sea miles from Sweden across the Sund, the strait that separates Denmark from southern Sweden.

At the hospital, they were hidden as patients under fictitious names and in 130 apartments that the nurses vacated for them. Almost the whole staff helped. Many risked their lives volunteering to transport the Jews to the fishing villages. Some of the doctors and nurses were caught and arrested, and on being freed, went right back to the rescue effort. A few were killed by the Gestapo.

The Bispebjerg Hospital rescue is only one of a host of hair-raising experiences recorded during this truly different Holocaust story – Denmark's inspiring rescue of almost all of its Jewish population of 8,000. The story of this heroic rescue has come to be known as "Little Dunkirk" because of the motley assortment of small craft used to ferry the Jews to safety in Sweden.

What made the courageous effort of the hundreds of staff at Bispebjerg Hospital even more remarkable was the fact that it was not the exception, but the norm. From King Christian X – whose brusque answer to the Nazi demand that Denmark do something about its "Jewish Problem" was that Denmark had no Jewish problem because its Jews were equal Danes: "Viking Jews" he called them – to the humble street cleaner, all took part.

Tens of thousands of Danes, businessmen, professors (the University of Copenhagen went on strike to protest, but likely also because so many of its students and faculty were involved in the rescue effort), clergy, taxi drivers, fishwives, farmers, train conductors, even policemen, took up the challenge to sabotage the Nazi effort to destroy the Jewish community of Denmark. The authorities refused to cooperate, and the bishops circulated a pastoral letter to be read to all congregations denouncing the Nazi attempt as un-Christian, and urging their parishioners to help their Jewish fellow citizens.



***Night Passage*, by Karen Gunderson. Charcoal on linen-backed paper, 8"x11", 1991, an artistic depiction of the rescue.**

For three weeks, beginning on the night of Rosh Hashanah, Oct. 1, 1943, the Germans hunted frantically for Danish Jews, and the Danes smuggled them out in fishing boats, pleasure craft, even rowboats across the strait to a welcoming Sweden.

Some 7,200 Danish Jews and Jewish refugees who had escaped the Nazi terror since 1933, as well as 700 non-Jewish relatives of these Jews (from mixed marriages, etc.) escaped the fate of their co-religionists in all the Nazi-occupied countries of Europe.

The Germans did manage to arrest about 500, whom they transported to the "model" concentration camp at Theresienstadt in Czechoslovakia. But so powerful was the Danes' concern for their Jewish citizens that the Danish government bureaucracy (the actual government had resigned) and the public sent food parcels to Theresienstadt and successfully demanded that the Germans allow a Danish delegation to come and check on the Danish detainees.

There is no doubt that this active concern by their fellow Danes ensured that very few perished and that, unlike the other Jews at Theresienstadt, they were not sent to the crematoria at Auschwitz.

Most Holocaust historians now agree that the German commanders in Denmark, S.S. Gen. Werner Best – who had been one of Reinhard Heydrich's most effective deputies in the implementation of the "final solution" elsewhere in Europe – and the military commander, Gen. von Hannecken, were aware of the rescue, but were forced to ignore it out of the fear of Danish resoluteness. They feared that Denmark, strategically located and supplying Germany with 10 per cent of its food, would rise in total revolt and hamper the already stalling German war effort.

One of the survivors of the rescue, Toronto resident Jon Haas, with his daughter Anna. Haas will be present at the ceremony commemorating the 60th anniversary of the rescue, which launches this year's Holocaust Education Week from Oct. 30 to Nov. 11. A special exhibit on the rescue will be on display at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson St., Toronto, for the duration of the week.

The material cost of this operation was borne largely by the Danes themselves. This national effort, at first almost totally spontaneous, but then increasingly managed by the Danish underground that hitherto had been marginal, galvanized the Danish resistance movement and turned Denmark from a quiescent backwater in the struggle with Nazi Germany into one of the most active guerrilla fronts. Many Allied fliers were to benefit during the rest of the war from the escape network the Danes had so hurriedly but successfully established to save their Jewish friends and neighbours.

Almost as astounding as the spontaneous Danish rescue of the Jews, was the joyous welcome they received on returning. Most remarkable of all, and providing once more a striking difference from the often resentful and violent reception encountered by the few Holocaust survivors on their return to other parts of Europe like Poland or Hungary, was the fact that their Danish neighbours had carefully safeguarded Jewish businesses, houses and even personal property.

Dr. Nathan Bamberger, whose father was the rabbi of the famous old Leaderstraede Synagogue during the rescue, recalls with wonder that "when we returned to our home, which we had had to leave so suddenly on the eve of Rosh Hashanah 1943, all the settings at our dining table were still exactly as we had left them."

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Would Rabin have delivered peace?

Lawrence Hart
in Hamilton

Contrived though it was, who can forget the image of that fateful handshake on the White House lawn in September 1993? And though there was inevitable uncertainty around what might happen next, there was in the signing of the Oslo accords at least an initial glimmer of hope that a sustainable peace between Israelis and Palestinians would eventually materialize.

With the benefit of hindsight, there has been more than ample speculation on why the Oslo process was unsuccessful and why, for that matter, other negotiations since then have also floundered.

While critics of Israel will all too quickly point to any number of alleged misdemeanours by a succession of Israeli governments, the real blame for all the diplomatic failures since Oslo must rest squarely and unequivocally with the Palestinian leadership.

Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat himself has been the most consistent obstacle to progress of any sort. Aside from the more blatant examples of Arafat's intransigence – such as his outright rejection of the Camp David proposals – there is, according to many analysts, a much more complex and abiding principle that has been driving his agenda for many years.

Joel Fishman, in the September 2003 issue of *Jerusalem Viewpoints*, frames the Palestinian strategy in terms of what he describes as the "people's war paradigm." According to this concept, "conflict is waged on both the political and military levels, but for militarily weaker guerrilla groups, political conflict is more important, especially the delegitimization of an adversary and the division of his society." Founded in the Marxist traditions of China and Vietnam, such tactics have undoubtedly found fresh application in the Mideast conflict.

Former Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin was slain on November 4, 1995, and as we approach the eighth anniversary of his death, it is compelling to again consider his legacy within the context of the peace process for which he risked so much.

Reflecting on his handshake with Arafat, he once commented that "of all the hands in the world, it was not the hand that I wanted or dreamed of touching." Yet touch it he did, firm in his conviction that "you don't make peace with friends. You make it with very unsavoury enemies." Such was the measure of the war hero turned statesman who wanted so badly to broker a durable end to the hostilities that had plagued his people for so long.

There are those who believed in 1993, and who still believe, that it was Rabin, and Rabin alone, who had the credibility to convince both Jews and Arabs to make the compromises that would make peace a reality.

But then again, there was, and still is, that "people's war paradigm" and the deviousness of Arafat to contend with. The likelihood of even Rabin succeeding would have been remote at best.

Both sides now: loving and loathing Israel

Robert Sarner
in Jerusalem

They love us, they love us not, they love us, they love us not…

The contrast couldn't be more extreme. Earlier this month, during a week when Israel was bashed, maligned, ostracized, vilified, shunned, slammed, berated and raked over the coals by much of the international community for its building of a security fence in the West Bank and its air strike on a terrorist camp in Syria, 3,000 Christians from around the world paraded through downtown Jerusalem in support of Israel.

They marched in delegations representing 80 countries. Dressed in their national costumes, they waved banners and sang songs in solidarity with Israel. Their unfettered love for our besieged little nation was heart-warming for most Israelis, if not a bit bewildering.

These days, Israelis are much more accustomed to ill wind from abroad than warmth from strangers. We're far more used to being *persona non grata* on the world stage. Many people despise our government and everything it stands for. They blame us for many of the world's troubles. They denounce us as an American beachhead in the Middle East. They resent us being tough, assertive and flexing our muscles in self defence. Do I exaggerate? If so, not by much.

To be an Israeli today is to be hated by much of the world. We know it and feel it. We've almost come to expect it, not out of Jewish paranoia but from mounting evidence. We're almost resigned to such antipathy.

It's nothing personal of course, not aimed at me or my family or friends and neighbours, *just* our country. It's *just* a visceral contempt for Israel. Not new but more aggressive and more widespread than in the past.

Today, Israel seems to have reached a worrying new low in international opinion, even worse than during the Lebanon War in 1982. Hostility (sometimes masking a not-so-latent anti-Semitism) is growing. It takes many forms, often going way beyond condemning specific actions to questioning Israel's very legitimacy. As part of a sinister effort to turn it into a pariah state, our adversaries demonize Israel, portraying it as a rogue entity and the main cause of world terror.

Few countries, if any, have been the object of such loathing and hypocrisy. From the knee-jerk, one-sided anti-Israeli resolutions at the United Nations to the often harsh, tendentious, ignorant and unfair coverage in the foreign media; from the economic, cultural and academic boycotts of Israel to the anti-Israeli divestiture campaigns on university campuses; from the vile anti-Israel propaganda to the threats to prosecute Israeli leaders as war criminals, the assault on Israel is relentless.

It's fuelled by an unholy alliance of government ministers, diplomats, intellectuals, academics, poets, Islamic fundamentalists, neo-Nazis, anti-globalization protesters and assorted self-appointed human rights and non-governmental organizations.

Their double standard is obvious. Haters of Israel single it out for special treatment, holding it to different standards than other countries. They make demands asked of nobody else, scolding it for actions no other country is ever condemned for.

They see what they want to see, ignoring that Israel is defending itself against a Palestinian terrorist war led by mass murderers hell-bent on its destruction. The slaughter of Israeli civilians and other facts don't get in the way of Israel bashers, who create Web sites and hold up placards depicting Israelis as Nazis, placing the Star of David alongside the swastika. It makes you want to vomit in revulsion.

This is not to suggest that Israel is beyond reproach. There is plenty to question and criticize, as there is in any democracy. And in Israel, in sharp contrast to all its Arab neighbours, the citizens, judiciary, press and parliament are often highly critical of the government and public institutions, without fear. Legitimate criticism is one thing. Virulent hostility is another.

The flipside of anti-Israel poison is the unabashed love for Israel shown by its supporters abroad, Jewish and non-Jewish. Fortunately, Israel has many such friends, even if nowhere near enough. The Christian pilgrims who came for the annual Jerusalem March provided much more than a badly needed boost to the city's ailing economy. Their presence gave local residents a much-appreciated morale lift. Too bad more Diaspora Jews don't do the same.

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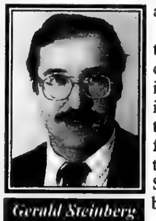
The tragic myths of instant peace



Gerald Steinberg
in Jerusalem

It doesn't require a degree in psychology to realize that we live in an era of instant gratification. Every day, millions of people skip the time-consuming process of shopping, cooking and cleaning up by eating at fast-food restaurants. Instant messaging and e-mail have replaced carefully written and slowly delivered letters. In most cases, you get what you pay for. An instant meal is forgotten immediately after it is consumed, while the shelf life of e-mail is a few minutes.

The same phenomenon has led to the prominence of instant peace agreements, which have replaced the slow process of confidence building and careful, step-by-step negotiation of lasting agreements. Like fast-food meals and e-mail correspondence, these instant agreements, flogged by armies of public relations hacks using carefully choreographed and grandiose signing ceremonies, have an unfortunate habit of evaporating almost immediately.

The latest example of the appeal of instant peace, at least to foreign diplomats (including the Canadian government) and journalists and pundits who cover the Middle East, is the negotiation of what has become known as the "Geneva accord." A group of self-appointed and well-financed Israelis, headed by Yossi Beilin, and a group of Palestinians loyal to Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat recently announced that they had finalized (well, almost finalized – some minor "details" remain to be ironed out) a 50-page Palestinian-Israeli peace treaty. They claim to have achieved a modern miracle by eliminating all the obstacles to peace, including the issues of Jerusalem, borders, settlements, the acceptance of Israel's legitimacy and refugee claims.

After decades of hatred, war and terror, including the past three years of hell, instant peace, it would appear, is within our grasp. All that is lacking is an Israeli government that will sign this agreement. And with huge outside funding and a concerted attack against the government of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, it is perhaps possible this can be engineered as well.

But even if Israeli voters – who recently dealt the Israeli leaders of this effort an unprecedented and humiliating defeat and are not about to forget Beilin's central role in the Oslo peace process – change their minds, this will not bring this Oslo sequel to life.

And even if the problems in the still-incomplete text – not to mention the arguments between Palestinian officials on the interpretations of it, and the absence of any serious effort to consider the mechanisms for ensuring the promised demilitarization of a Palestinian state (the same pledges that were ignored under Oslo) – are resolved, this latest agreement will not result in peace.

And even if the wholesale concessions accepted by this group of Israelis – such as the return, for the most part, to the 1949 armistice lines (usually misnamed "1967 borders"), the division of Jerusalem and the acceptance of a Palestinian state – are not interpreted as capitulation and weakness, this agreement will not end the conflict.

A real and lasting process of peace and reconciliation, one that does not evaporate immediately after the ink has dried and the television crews have moved on to the next story, requires slow and careful development. Formulas for resolving the technical issues such as borders, settlements and refugees are the easy part, but they are simply symptoms of the wider disease.

To deal with the core causes of the conflict, the process must begin on the "street," with a new generation that has not been taught the myths of rejectionism and hatred. The "instant peace" approach does not, and cannot, deal with these issues.

Nevertheless, the intense desire of the "diplomatic community," journalists and even many impatient and traumatized Israelis for instant solutions has given this latest public relations exercise a great deal of hype and serious attention.

A real and lasting peace agreement in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict will take far longer to develop and will not pretend to resolve all the issues in a matter of a few weeks, or even a few years.

The tragedy is that on issues such as war and peace, unlike fast-food dinners and instant messaging, the damage from false hopes and the shift of focus and resources from the slow, steady process of building bridges and creating understanding is irreversible.

The Kirshner File

Joe Lieberman casts his eye on the presidency

Sheldon Kirshner
in Toronto

Three years after Al Gore chose him as his vice-presidential running mate on the Democratic ticket, the first Jew to be tapped for that position by a major American political party, Joseph (Joe) Isador Lieberman is back in the limelight. Lieberman is running for president, having made his intention known last January in Stamford, Conn., his hometown.

A three-term U.S. senator, he threw himself into the fray a little more than a month after Gore said he would not contest his party's nomination for the 2004 election.

Lieberman, 61, is far from home free. He faces eight rivals, the strongest of whom are Howard Dean, the former governor of Vermont; sitting U.S. senators, John Kerry (Massachusetts) and John Edwards (North Carolina), and retired four-star general Wesley Clark.

Until a few months ago, Lieberman was the front-runner, trading on his name, his reputation as a widely respected politician and his strong fundraising base. But lately, his lead has evaporated and his ability to draw financial contributions has waned.

According to the *Washington Post*, the race for the Democratic nomination is unsettled and up for grabs. Nevertheless, Lieberman is still very much a contender.

The candidates will face their real big tests early next year, when the Iowa caucus, the New Hampshire primary and the primaries in South Carolina and Missouri take place. By March, a winner will emerge, and he will face President George W. Bush in the November 2004 election.

It remains to be seen whether the country is ready for a Jewish presidential candidate, let alone a Jewish president. But Lieberman, an observant Jew, seems unconcerned by these imponderables, being of the view that Americans are past the point where a candidate's religion might pose a problem.

"I'm asked this question more by the media than voters as I go along," he said after announcing his candidacy on Jan. 13. "I'm running as an American who happens to be Jewish, and not the other way around."

In an interview with the *Forward* earlier this summer, Lieberman adopted the same upbeat tone. The typical American voter is fair, sensible and will not be swayed by prejudice, he said. "I urge those in the Jewish community who are anxious about it to have faith in America. I do."

Certainly, Gore's historic decision to tap Lieberman as his running mate in 2000 had no discernible adverse effects on their ticket. The Gore/Lieberman team won more votes than Bush and his running mate, Dick Cheney, but lost the election after the U.S. Supreme Court ratified the Republican victory in Florida.

Observers believe that Gore picked Lieberman, a centrist like himself, because of Lieberman's moral probity. He was the first Democratic senator to denounce the sexual antics of former president Bill Clinton in the Monica Lewinsky affair.

On Sept. 3, 1998, with the scandal threatening to engulf the Clinton White House, Lieberman delivered an impassioned speech in the Senate in which he questioned Clinton's morals. "Such behaviour is not just inappropriate – it is immoral," he thundered.

It must have been an emotionally wrenching experience for Lieberman to have attacked Clinton, one of his oldest friends. In 1970, when Lieberman ran successfully for the Connecticut state senate, Clinton, then a Yale University law student, campaigned for him. Twenty two years later, Lieberman returned the favour, becoming the first senator outside the South to endorse Clinton's presidential quest.

Gore – Clinton's vice-president for eight years– asked Lieberman to be his running mate mainly because he wanted to distance himself from his boss' moral lapses and thereby improve his chances against Bush.

Bush had harped on the Lewinsky imbroglio, promising to restore "dignity and honour" to the White House. For Gore, Lieberman – an upstanding family man – was an antidote to Clinton. Gore also liked Lieberman's middle-of-the-road politics.

As a senator, Lieberman has voted for liberal-tinged civil and abortion rights, gun control legislation, affirmative action policies, welfare reforms, tax increases and consumer protection and environmental laws.

Describing himself as a pragmatic "Kennedy Democrat," he is fond of recalling his participation in the 1960s Mississippi civil rights movement.

But over the objections of organized labour and teachers unions, Lieberman has been in favour of tuition vouchers, which allow parents to send their children to private schools at taxpayer expense. And he has been quite critical of smutty Hollywood films, a position that hardly endears him to the generally pro-Democrat entertainment industry.

A member of the centrist Democratic Leadership Council, he supports military spending to a far greater degree than many of his fellow Democrats.

And in conformity with his identity as a devout Jew, Lieberman believes that religion should play a bigger role in American public life. During the 2000 campaign, he returned to this theme repeatedly.

"As a people, we need to reaffirm our faith and renew the dedication of our nation and ourselves to God and God's purpose," he said in a speech.

In general, his emphasis on religion played well in the U.S. heartland, helping the Democrats emerge from the shadow of the Lewinsky scandal.

Yet interestingly enough, his faith-based comments drew a rebuke from one large Jewish organization. The Bnai Brith's Anti-Defamation League asked him to tone down his remarks concerning religion.

Several months ago, Lieberman revisited the topic. "In Washington today," he told a Reform Judaism conference, "there are many who would suggest that faith leads only in one direction: the conservative political direction. That is self-evidently not so."

Joe Lieberman
in July 2000

Such views have prompted some Democrats to accuse Lieberman of being too right of centre for the party's liberal base.

"The bottom line is, he is defined as a conservative," Donna Brazile, the campaign manager of the Gore/Lieberman ticket, said recently.

Yet, as his voting record attests, Lieberman is only slightly to the right of mainstream rivals such as Edwards and Kerry.

Last month, in an effort to dampen talk that he is too conservative, Lieberman charged that some of his Democratic opponents, notably Dean, have strayed too far to the left. Declaring that his policies are rooted in the "vital centre" of the political spectrum, he warned that Democrats face defeat if they abandon the policies that helped elect Clinton in 1992 and 1996.

"I share the anger of my fellow Democrats with George Bush and the wrong direction he has taken our nation," he said at the National Press Club. "But the answer to his outdated, extremist ideology is not to be found in outdated extremes of our own."

Despite his harsh dismissal of Bush's philosophy, Lieberman – who was one of only 10 Democratic senators who backed a congressional bill to prosecute the 1991 Gulf War – and Bush concur on key foreign policy issues.

Lieberman supported the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan in 2001, saying that force was the only way to dislodge the Taliban regime and combat radical Islamic terrorism.

More to the point, he espoused regime change in Iraq, calling for Saddam Hussein's ouster. On Iraq, Lieberman was one of Bush's strongest Democratic allies.

Of late, though, he has said that Bush's postwar policies in Iraq have eroded public support for what he called "a just war."

Lieberman, who visited the Middle East late last year, has taken a great interest in the Arab-Israeli dispute.

He expressed support for Saudi Arabia's 2002 diplomatic initiative, which offers Israel the promise of peace with the Arab world in exchange for a full withdrawal to the pre-1967 border and a just resolution of the Palestinian refugee problem. In addition, he has voiced support for Palestinian statehood.

Lieberman supports the road map, the internationally sponsored peace plan that envisages a two-state solution.

But he objects to the fact that it should be implemented by both sides reciprocally rather than sequentially, and he thinks that Israel should only carry out its obligations after the Palestinian Authority makes a 100 per cent effort to eradicate terrorism.

Lieberman opposes veiled U.S. threats to reduce aid to Israel unless it changes the route of the security fence through the West Bank.

He contends the United States is too dependent on foreign oil. In this spirit, he recently introduced a national energy bill to completely eliminate the need for such offshore supplies.

It remains to be seen whether Lieberman can win his party's nomination. But even if he does, he will face a formidable opponent in Bush.

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Holocaust oratorio premieres during Holocaust Education Week

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

A full-length musical work by violinist and composer Ruth Fazal that is scored for orchestra, children's chorus, adult choir and three solo vocalists will have its world premiere in Toronto early November.

Fazal's *Oratorio Terezin* weaves together 14 children's poems written during their time in Terezin concentration camp with selections from the Bible in an emotional charged oratorio that explores, as Fazal writes on her Web site (www.ruthfazal.com), whether God can be found in place of pain.

Oratorio Terezin will be performed at the George Weston Recital Hall of the Toronto Centre for the Arts Saturday, Nov. 1 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 2 at 3 p.m., to coincide with Toronto's annual Holocaust Education Week.

It will tour Europe in 2004 and Israel in 2005.

Fazal, a Christian singer/songwriter who was born in England, began studying both piano and violin in her childhood but later switched focus to the violin and won a scholarship to study violin in Paris for two years.

Since arriving in Toronto in 1975, Fazal has performed with all the city's major orchestras and several of its chamber music ensembles. Currently the concertmaster of all three orchestras of the Mississauga Symphonic Association as well as the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir Orchestra, she is frequently heard on CBC radio and has recorded 18 albums of her songs and instrumental music.

Composer/violinist Ruth Fazal standing on the railway tracks at Auschwitz, where she played her violin.

Fazal told *The CJN* that she got the idea for the oratio when someone loaned her the book *I Never Saw Another Butterfly: Children's Drawings and Poems from Terezin Concentration Camp 1942-1944*, edited by Hana Volavkova.

From 1941 to 1944, more than 15,000 children were among the thousands of Jews who were held captive by the Nazi regime in the ghetto/transit camp of Terezin, a small town northwest of Prague (known in German as Theresienstadt). Only 100 children survived.

"The poetry of the children really touched my heart," says Fazal. "I felt that I would like to weave them together with portions of the Hebrew Bible."

She began working on the score four years ago.

"The whole purpose of the oratorio is to attempt to portray the heart of God in the midst of human suffering. It has been an incredible four-year journey for me."

Last year, Fazal visited Europe and went to Terezin and to Auschwitz-Birkenau.

"The highlight of the trip for me was standing at the railway tracks at Auschwitz playing my violin."

Fazal is concertmaster of *Oratorio Terezin*, which blends vocals with the music of the New Streams Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Kirk Trevor.

The soloists are tenor Huw Priday, baritone Daniel Lichti and Teresa Gomez. Jakie Young, 11, the only children's soloist who was chosen to sing the pivotal and haunting *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*, is a Grade 6 student at the Associated Hebrew Schools. The junior cantor at the Beth Torah Synagogue has appeared as a soloist at numerous community concerts and events.

It is miraculous that the children's poetry has survived, Fazal says.

"The poetry of the children has a hope and an innocence about it," she says.

In one of the poems, an anonymous child writes, "A fourth year of waiting, like standing above a swamp, From which any moment might gush forth a spring." Another child, indignant, writes, "If in barbed wire things can bloom, why couldn't I? I will not die!"

"It was very important for me, as I wrote the music for these poems, that it should somehow reflect the same naiveté and hope, despite their suffering and despair," Fazal says.

Tickets for the two performances, which are sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada, are $35 and $45. Call Ticketmaster at 416-870-8000 or visit www.oratorioterezin.com.

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Jewish pluralism still an issue, says rabbi

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

The notion that Orthodox rabbis can't share a podium with their non-Orthodox colleagues for fear of giving them legitimacy represents a "level of stupidity and narishkeit [foolishness] that has to come to an end once and for all," says Rabbi Donniel Hartman.

"I can sit next to you and say you're wrong," the Orthodox scholar told an audience at Beth Tzedec Congregation last week, expounding on the results of his two decades of work in the field of Jewish pluralism.

Rabbi Hartman, along with his father Rabbi David Hartman – who ordained him – is co-director of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, a pluralistic Jewish educational institution. He is also a recent PhD, having just completed his doctorate in Jewish philosophy at Hebrew University on "Deviance and the Limits of Tolerance in Jewish Law."

Among the programs the U.S.-born rabbi started at the institute is the Centre for Rabbinic Enrichment, a program of study for North American rabbis of every denomination who are endorsed by their respective Jewish federations. (Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl of Beth Tzedec and Rabbi John Moscowitz of Holy Blossom Temple are among the participants.)

"Our mission is to enhance the quality of Jewish life," said Rabbi Hartman, who also initiated a program of Jewish studies that is being used in 25 per cent of Israel's secular high schools.

Although Jewish pluralism has been eclipsed in the Jewish and Israeli media by the ongoing conflict with the Palestinians, that doesn't mean it's no longer an issue, said Rabbi Hartman. In fact, he said in an interview preceding his talk, discussion on the topic has never stopped.

"When one ideology wins, 90 per cent of the Jewish people lose," he told *The CJN*. "Through diversity we are able to provide a religion that people want to be a part of. If there's only one door, too many Jews won't want to walk through it."

For the past 20 years, he said, he has been trying to figure out "how a community could live with each other despite difference and diversity." In his talk, which was a joint program sponsored by Beth Tzedec, a Conservative congregation, and its Reform neighbour Holy Blossom, Rabbi Hartman said that in every healthy community, there is a struggle between the search for commonality and the acceptance of diversity.

Distinguishing between tolerable and intolerable differences is a key question, Rabbi Hartman said. The latter implies that the person is no longer a member in good standing of the community.

Public desecration of Shabbat was considered intolerable deviance until the 19th century, he noted, because it was considered a declaration of wanting to separate from the Jewish people.

Today, he said, intermarriage, which has become widespread, can no longer be considered intolerable deviance. That doesn't mean one has to treat it as "pluralism," he cautioned, using a term he defines as granting equal authenticity to differences one may disagree with.

Rabbi Hartman recommends limiting the category of "intolerable difference" to a maximum of three defining criteria. His three bottom lines for inclusion in the Jewish community – and he stressed they are answers that he's "playing with" – are a shared history, the notion of a Jewish calendar and Jewish ethics.

"If you have the same past, you might choose a certain chapter and I might choose another," he said, "but at least I know we're talking about the same book."

He is not in favour of "tests" of acceptance, such as whether Reform and Orthodox Jews can pray together. "Why should I eat in your home if I don't believe it's kosher? Why can't you accept that I disagree with you, and that there's nothing wrong with that disagreement? Maybe I'm saying it's also Judaism, but it's not my Judaism… Orthodox, Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionists can, in fact, live together if we understand that we don't have to agree."

He warned against setting criteria that would include or exclude too many people.

On the thorny question of conversion, Rabbi Hartman suggested that a monolithic system is needed. "It will require all of us to compromise… The Orthodox will have to give up on the notion that the only way to convert is to be Orthodox.

"If we don't have a shared conversion process, there's no notion of shared Jewishness."

Kwinter, Caplan enter cabinet

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Kwinter told reporters that one of his first priorities is to prevent the politicization of policing.

"I want to treat them in a professional way and I want to let them know I appreciate their profession," he said.

David Caplan, MPP for Don Valley East, was also sworn in as minister of Public Infrastructure and Renewal and as deputy government house leader. In attendance was Caplan's mother, federal National Revenue Minister Elinor Caplan, herself a provincial cabinet minister under former Liberal premier David Peterson.

Caplan, 39, will oversee a new ministry devoted to renewing the province's schools, hospitals, sewers and transportation systems. The portfolio replaces Ontario SuperBuild Corp., the agency the former Progressive Conservative government established in 1999.

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Greater Toronto Area

Police sued for negligence in Baranovski case

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

Israeli-born Daniel Weiz, who was acquitted of murder charges in connection with the beating death of Matti Baranovski, is suing the two lead detectives in the case and the Toronto Police Services Board (TPSB) for negligence and malicious prosecution.

Weiz, 23, filed a statement of claim in court last week claiming $9 million in damages from detectives Larry Linton and Frank Skubic and the TPSB. The court documents allege "the conduct of the police… was high-handed, reckless, callous, wanton and plagued by tunnel vision."

Weiz, along with Meir Mariani and Lee Cochrane, both of whom were young offenders at the time, were each charged with second degree murder in connection with the beating of Baranovski in a North York park in November 1999. Evidence at trial indicated a group of masked young men confronted Baranovski at a picnic table in G. Ross Lord Park and beat him mercilessly when he refused to hand over cigarettes. Baranovski later died of his injuries.

Weiz's statement of claim alleges that the only two witnesses at trial who identified him as being at the scene were unreliable and had plotted to frame him.

One key Crown witness, Yaviore Lipschitz, was himself implicated by other witnesses as one of those who kicked Baranovski, but police ignored his role in the attack as well as his perjured statements and instead focused on Weiz, the statement of claim alleges.

"Police narrowed the focus of their investigation… to Mr. Weiz based on false evidence given to them by… Lipschitz," the statement says.

They did so despite knowing that "Lipschitz had confessed to at least five people that he had severely beaten Baranovski" and that "a plan had been formulated by some of the people who were present in the park to falsely blame Weiz for the crime," alleges the statement of claim, which contains allegations that have not been proven in court.

The court documents also allege "police intentionally misled the office of the Crown Attorney, [federal lawyer Graham] Cameron and the State of Israel as to the veracity of the contents of Lipschitz's sworn evidence in an effort to extradite Mr. Weiz when they knew or ought to have known that the only evidence against Weiz was from wholly unreliable sources."

In an interview, Weiz's lawyer at trial, Marie Henein, said the police investigation consisted of "negligent act upon negligent act upon negligent act."

She suggested public pressure for a quick resolution led police to charge Weiz, even though the witnesses who implicated him were caught in numerous lies and even though police uncovered enough information to indicate Weiz was being framed.

Henein likened the Weiz case to those involving Dennis Milgaard and Guy-Paul Morin, two suspects who were wrongly convicted of murder after police reacted to public pressure.

"In those cases, police got overwhelmed by the pressure and gave in to it," she said.

"As a community, we are entitled to expect police officers to act with the same standards, regardless of the person accused. As a community, that didn't happen and we suffered a loss for that and Mr. Weiz paid a heavy price."

Weiz, she said, spent four years in custody during what are important, formative years. "It's been overwhelming," she said, and Weiz, now back in Israel, suffers from nightmares and is finding it difficult to adjust to life as a free man. She said he is considering moving back to Canada.

Henein said from early on in the investigation, there was "a lot of attention that he was an Israeli and he was a soldier.

"I don't know why he was labelled an Israeli soldier… I was concerned about that walking into the trial. Somehow it implied he was a brutal person, and that's not true. It's not a fair characterization."

Henein also discounted police suggestions he "fled" to Israel when, she said, he had booked his flight well before the assault on Baranovski so as to continue his military service.

Weiz's claim for damages includes $5 million in general damages, $2 million to compensate for lost income and expenses and $2 million in punitive and aggravated damages.

The TPSB declined to comment on Weiz's claims, saying it doesn't discuss cases before the courts.

SUKKOT LESSON: Rabbi Shmuel Spero of Congregation Anshei Minsk teaches some children the finer points of benching the lulav and etrog at the sukkah on the roof of the Miles Nadal JCC.

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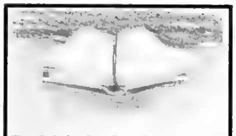
Parshah teaches importance of interpersonal relations

By RABBI MARK FRIEDMAN

This Shabbat, we read the second parshah of the Torah, Noah, in the Book of Genesis. Of course, this section is best known for the episode of Noah and the flood that destroyed all of humanity. Yet, there is another significant and interesting incident depicted in this reading.



Rabbinic Reflections

Toward the end of the parshah, the story of the Tower of Babel is recorded. Everyone on earth spoke the same language, and the people decided to build a city with a tower that ascended to heaven. God witnessed this endeavour, was unhappy with humanity's hubris and decided to intervene to stop the plan. He confounded the people's speech so that they would begin speaking different languages and could not understand each other. He further scattered humanity throughout the whole world, thus making any further ambitious building project impossible.

This is a charming tale, one that explains the origins of the settling of the earth by human beings, as well as the origin of the multiplicity of human languages.

The rabbinic authors of the midrash, however, had another explanation for the need to bring the tower project to a halt. They suggested that, during the time the tower was being built, a brick was more precious in the eyes of the builders than was a human being. If a man fell while working and was killed, none took notice of this. If a brick dropped, though, people would bewail its loss, as it would take some time to prepare a replacement.

So intent were the builders upon accomplishing their work that a woman was not permitted to pause even when the pangs of childbirth began. While moulding bricks, she would give birth to her child, and tying it round her body in a sheet, she would go on moulding bricks.

It appears, then, that the midrashic writers were suggesting another reason the building project of Babel needed to be halted – the tower had become more important to those in charge of its construction than the lives of the people who were carrying out the work.

Are we not still affected by this problem? What is more important to us, our buildings or our interpersonal relations? Do we overlook human suffering as we strive to be in constant contact with work through our computers and cellphones? Apparently, we, too, are caught up in the "Babel" syndrome. We build and work; we strive for professional and business success.

Moreover, we find ourselves facing a striking irony: our generation, the generation most technically advanced and interconnected, is also a generation marked by striking loneliness and isolation. It seems the more technology makes us interdependent, the more alienated we are from each other as fellow human beings.

The renowned Jewish philosopher and mystic, Martin Buber, was engrossed in his studies one day when a young man came to see him. Buber spoke with him cordially and the young man departed. Later, Buber learned that the young man was about to be drafted into the army and he had wanted to consult with Buber on questions of life and death. Soon thereafter, the young man committed suicide. Buber felt responsible as he thought he had not listened to the young man as closely as he should have.

Subsequently Buber developed his philosophy of "I-Thou," in which he insisted that we never look upon another person as an "it," as an object for our use, but rather as a "thou," a precious and unique creation of God.

Each of us must determine which path to follow to achieve our fullest potential in relating to other human beings – the philosophy of the builders of Babel or that of Buber and "I-Thou."

Rabbi Friedman is a hospital chaplain affiliated with the Cummings Jewish Centre for Seniors in Montreal.

The right thing to do

***The Ten Commandments of Character,* by Joseph Telushkin, Random House, $38.00.**

Books
Bernard Baskin

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- Should a brother give up part of his inheritance if his sister has children and considerable expenses and he doesn't?
- Should a dying woman reveal to her husband that their son is not really his?
- How can you love and respect parents if you neither love nor respect them?
- Is it immoral to declare bankruptcy and free oneself from debts incurred?
- Is stem-cell research, which relies on cells taken from fertilized eggs, immoral?

The book's author, Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, writes an ethical advice column for Beliefnet, a multi-faith Web-based community that focuses on matters of spirituality, morality, faith and belief. Not unexpectedly, he distils much of his advice from Jewish sources, old and new.

Responding cogently to 80 letters in this volume from people facing personal problems, Rabbi Telushkin cites a wide variety of sources. The issues he addresses are grouped under nine headings: family, children, friends, animals, work, money, medical ethics, everyday dilemmas and community.

Among his "Ten Commandments of character," the author includes common sense. He asserts that Mahatma Gandhi, a hero for many, lacked this attribute. How else can one explain his widely publicized advice to the soldiers of England in the spring of 1940 – at a time when Hitler's troops were conquering country after country in Europe – to lay down their weapons and let Hitler occupy England and all the countries Germany had invaded?

"Had Gandhi, and not Churchill, led England, the result would have been that almost every Jew in the world would have been murdered by the Nazis, and hundreds of millions of other people would have been forced to live under the most totalitarian and brutal regime in history," Rabbi Telushkin writes.

How should one handle a telemarketing phone call? Perhaps, the rabbi says, instead of slamming down the receiver, you could be courteous and say to the caller, "You really don't have to give me your whole presentation. I'm not interested in buying your product. But I do hope you have greater success with others."

After doing this a few times himself, writes Rabbi Telushkin, "I felt good because I had been kind. I also felt a measure of compassion for the person who has to inflict herself on others by making these calls. As is often the case, doing the right thing for another turned out to be the right thing for me, too."

In response to another letter from someone who was remorseful about passing on rumours, the author makes it clear that having your reputation as a good person destroyed is somewhat like being killed. That's why we call slandering or libelling "character assassination."

He suggests that the next time you hear a nasty rumour about someone, apply the Golden Rule: If somebody heard such a rumour about you, how carefully would you want them to check it out before he shared it? And if he passed it on without checking it out, how impressed would you be by his defence that he meant well?

When Rabbi Telushkin is uncertain, he solicits answers from the chat room formed around his column. In the end, he confesses that writing his column has repeatedly reminded him of an old truth: "Often the hardest thing in life is not knowing the right thing, but knowing the right thing to do."

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Speaking of teachers…

By ELLIOTT MALAMET

JEWISH EDUCATION
The Next Generation

At the beginning of Chapter 2 of his *Laws of Studying Torah*, Maimonides writes that a city that fails to provide for a Jewish primary school should be "excommunicated" until arrangements have been made to provide teachers for local students. If arrangements are not made, the city should be "destroyed." Some versions of Rambam's text substitute "excommunicated" for "destroyed," as the dispute hangs by the correct reading of a single Hebrew letter in his original manuscripts.

Whichever fate awaits this unfortunate community, Maimonides' rationale is quite clear: "The world exists only through the merit of the mouths of children [studying Torah]."

How many of us, in our techno-corporate world, view the world's fate as being contingent on the Judaic strivings of our children? How many of us perceive Torah as the sustaining force in our march to grades, lucre, promotions, plaques and perpetuity?

And yet, despite these Maimonidean exhortations, the role of the educator remains, at the worst of times, uncomfortably akin to, shall we say, prostitution – a profession that is temporarily of great importance to others and solicited to fulfil an urgent need, but also one that is soon forgotten and never to be recommended as a vocation for one's children.

As parents, we expect and desire our children to have nominal respect for teachers, and yet how many times have we heard conversations in which the teacher is publicly derided by a mother or a father in front of their children?

Any attempts at damage control by somehow urging the kids to honour and defer to the teacher are quickly subsumed by children, who in their infinite capacity to discern and record hypocrisy, understand this to be mere window dressing for their parents' disregard for, and dismissal of, the instructor.

The need to take accurate account of the educator of one's child while at the same time fostering a basic respect for that individual is not an easy task to achieve. Children's feelings and perceptions of their teachers need to be validated, and teachers are, like all other human beings, certainly not perfect.

Nonetheless, there are discreet ways of handling situations, and there is language that is appropriate to the task. Do we help our kids by venting our own frustrations at a teacher in impulsively indecorous language, which, though we may wish to take it back in a moment of post facto calm and rationality, will not easily be erased from the minds of our children?

I have noticed that many people often speak differently to very wealthy people than they do to others, both in inflection and language. There is an unmistakable tone of deference and subtle caution in even the briefest of such conversations.

What a fascinating way to approach talking to, and about, teachers, who, if Maimonides is correct, are surely in charge of riches beyond compare.

Israeli blogs

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

The Jewish Highway

What do you remember best from your last trip to Israel? The newscast you overheard on the radio or that conversation you had with a taxi driver? If it's the driver and if you'd like to get a taste of what Israelis are saying right now, then it's time to check out their blogs.

Last week, I told you about "blogs" – or Web logs – a type of online diary that allows people to share their thoughts on issues big and small. Many bloggers like to troll the Internet in search of interesting articles that they reprint on their own sites with their own commentary – kind of like a one-person *Reader's Digest*. While some blogs can be exasperating soapboxes and a forum for uncensored language, others deliver insight that you can't find anywhere else.

Of course, the Internet is very well served by Israeli media in both English (The *Jerusalem Post* **[http://jpost.com]**, *Ha'aretz* **[http://www.haaretzdaily.com]**) and in Hebrew (*Maariv* **[http://images.maariv.co.il]**, *Galei Tzahal* **[http://glz.msn.co.il/glz]**) and many others. But to find what Israelis in Ra'anana, Afula or Eilat are saying, read their blogs (or Hebrew, *bloggim*).

Allison Kaplan Sommer is the person behind "An Unsealed Room: A Window on Life in Israel." When I last checked her room, Allison was weighing in on the controversy over the fact that Rona Ramon, widow of the Challenger astronaut Ilan Ramon, who is currently still living in Houston, is requesting U.S. citizenship for herself and the kids. "I say: Leave this poor woman alone… While I'd like them to come back to Israel, and think it would be wonderful if they did, I can understand why she might prefer for them not to be raised in this small country where they would be living symbols of a national tragedy – and not just kids." Allison also bemoaned the end of the Jewish holidays ("Oh, yeah, and today is the day everybody goes on a diet. On the radio, a nutritionist is saying that the average Israeli gains seven-nine pounds over the holidays. I'm there. I feel like I'm detoxing from food.") **[http://allisonkaplansommer.blogmosis.com/]**

Like most Israeli bloggers, Adrian of ExpatEgghead writes about violence and peace in his country. "Why are those Palestinians who are prepared to work toward a solution unable to control or neutralize what seems an alarming escalation of activities of the fanatical fundamentalist elements?" Then he adds a melancholy note, "Oh, for a quiet life. Why can't Israel be as boring as Belgium?" **[http://expategghead.blog spot.com]**

If you, like Adrian, long for a break from the bad news, check out the Good News from Israel blog **[http://www.newsoftheday.com/israel/blog.html]**. Did you know that a scientist from Hebrew University is the winner of the first Alzheimer's Disease Drug Discovery Award? Or that an Israeli girl has won the European champion of the western riding event for youth in the 14th European quarter horse championships? Or that voice-mail technology was developed in Israel? (I suppose that can be classified as good news.)

There are plenty of other English language blogs from Israel on the Web and they're quite easy to find. Just go the blogs above, where you will find links to sites such as Alisa In Wonderland, Civax, Entre Nous, Jennifer Not a Fish, Points of Departure, Sha!, TalG, The View From Here and This Normal Life.

To get a taste of what Israelis are blogging to each other in Hebrew, check out the Israeli Blogs & Journal Index, where you can find more than 100 links to different sites **[http://ilblogs.djyaniv.com/]**. Or easier still, click on the following link to go to a random Hebrew blog **[http://makeashorterlink.com/?E24912446]**. Remember, if you have trouble reading Hebrew online, then download the free Mozilla browser that does a great job of displaying Hebrew **[http://www.mozillaorg/]**.

I wasn't surprised to find blogs in Hebrew, but I did a double-take when I came across some in the language of Sholom Aleichem and Mendele Mocher Sforim. You can practice the mama-loshen thanks to the efforts of Sholem Berger **[http://www.israblog.co.il/blogread.asp?blog=5801]**, Katla Kanya **[http://www.israblog.co.il/blogread.asp?blog=1782]** and Der Chasid Noam Starik **[http://www.israblog.co.il/blogread.asp?blog=7203]**.

Come to think of it, perhaps I shouldn't be surprised about these sites. "Blog" does sound like a Yiddish word, doesn't it?

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Just A Second Shop benefits from new partnership

Thanks to a unique partnership between UJA Federation's Jewish Venture Philanthropy Fund (JVPF) and the Just A Second Shop operated by Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS), an important landmark in Toronto's Jewish community has been revitalized.

Located at York Downs and Bathurst, the Just A Second Shop (JASS) provides many benefits to the Jewish community and those who are served by JF&CS. All net proceeds of the JASS are used to send underprivileged Jewish children to summer camps. In addition, many clients of JF&CS and Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) who require financial assistance become eligible to be part of the store's voucher program which, in turn, allows them to shop for free. JASS also creates employment opportunities for a number of part-time staffers who may have trouble finding jobs elsewhere.

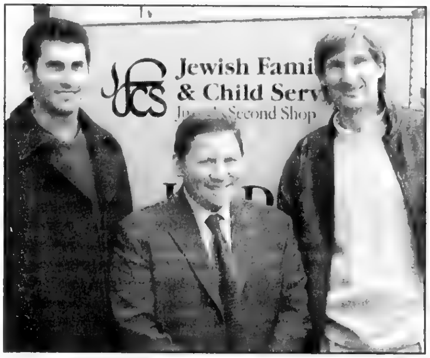
Members of the Jewish Venture Philanthropy Fund - who first identify, and then invest in worthy community programs - recently decided that there were many opportunities to enhance the store's success.

With that in mind, members of JVPF - spearheaded by Peter Brown, Glenn Graff and Ron Prosserman - teamed up with Just A Second Shop to initiate a number of changes, which applied business principles to a charitable venture, so that more families could be helped. Those changes include extended store hours for the public's convenience, better quality merchandise, and streamlining store procedures to make the shopping experience at JASS as pleasant as possible.

"This is a tremendous win-win opportunity," says Brown. "Local residents love to shop in the store for the incredible bargains and all clients of JF&CS benefit. By implementing basic business disciplines we believe the number of people being helped can grow exponentially."

"We like to be involved in hands-on projects where we can see the benefits in our own community, where we can actually make a difference." says Graff. "We are also always looking to improve the quality of the clothing donations so that all customers enjoy a better shopping experience. We're so pleased to be part of this amazing partnership."

"The partnership with UJA Federation and its Jewish Venture Philanthropy Fund has provided the agency with opportunities to enhance the shop and become more creative and the ultimate benefactors are the customers and the clients," says Fay Geitzhals, supervisor at JF&CS. "The Venture group has joined with us providing their expertise in business with our expertise in community work, and this is proving to be a successful combination. I am very excited about the future possibilities for the Just a Second Shop."



(l-r) Glenn Graff, Ron Prosserman, and Peter Brown, members of UJA Federation's Jewish Venture Philanthropy Fund in front of their latest project, the Just a Second Shop in North York.

(photo by Eve Marks)

Bay Street Meets Wall Street

A visit with former New York City mayor Rudolph Giuliani was one of the highlights of the recent "Bay Street Meets Wall Street" hosted by UJA Federation's Finance Division. The 2-day trip to NYC included 25 of UJA Federation's Major Gift donors. The trip, chaired by David Goodman and Seth Mersky, gave participants the opportunity to meet with a number of interesting personalities including Giuliani, as well as American *birthright israel* philanthropist Michael Steinhardt; and Alon Pinkus, Israel Consul General to New York.

Co-Chair of "Bay Street meets Wall Street" David Goodman presents Rudolph Giuliani with maps of Israel.

(photo by Jeff Springer)

Strong turnout expected for March of the Living

By DANIEL HOROWITZ

Organizers of this year's March of the Living (MOL) expect dramatically increased participation, with a sharp drop in the price of the trip.

The price reduction is motivated by an urgent need to encourage increased participation because there are fewer Holocaust survivors to accompany MOL members.

Last year, participation in MOL cost $5,500, while this year the cost has dropped to just $3,600. As a result, between 300 to 400 students from across Canada are expected to be part of the March of the Living from April 14-27, 2004. Approximately 60 adults including survivors, educators, religious leaders, and other qualified staff will accompany the Canadian contingent - high school students who come from a variety of religious and educational backgrounds.

Toronto's Rachel Shiff, a member of MOL 2003, visits the Treblinka Concentration Camp.

The lower prices were made possible by MOL International, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, UIA Federations Canada and private funding.

"The excitement and enthusiasm about this year's March is quite high," says Toronto MOL chair, Dr. Irv Gottesman. "People are going back to Israel in droves again; just look at the incredible numbers of *birthright israel* participants. There have been so many inquiries about this trip; we're expecting it to be a banner year. We're also thrilled to see the price come down so much making this important journey available to so many more Jewish teens."

Toronto MOL 2003 participants dance together at the Tikochyn Synagogue in Poland.

University age students are eligible for Anguish to Hope which will depart in December 2003. For more information log on to www.anguishtohope.org

On April 18, the Canadian MOL contingent, chaired by Hilda Cohen, will meet up with thousands of Jewish youth from Israel, U.S.A., Mexico, France, Great Britain, South Africa, South America, Australia, the former Soviet Union, Hungary and Romania, to share a once-in-a-lifetime experience when they march the three-kilometre distance separating Auschwitz from Birkenau, the largest concentration camp complex built by the Nazis during World War II.

The March takes place on Yom Hashoah – Holocaust Remembrance Day.

From Poland, the young people will proceed to Israel and on April 26 – Yom Ha'atzmaut - they will join with Israelis to celebrate Israel's 56th Independence Day.

"The itinerary looks tremendous, with great programs set for both Israel and Poland," says Gottesman. "The time to go on The March of the Living is now. Our youngsters must learn from these survivors who stand next to the students - quite often on the actual spot - as they recount their personal experiences of the Holocaust. There is nothing like this experience and soon these opportunities will be gone."

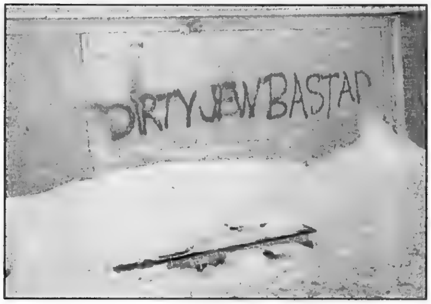
The deadline for registration is November 15. For more information check the website at www.marchoftheliving.org.

Experts concerned about the popularity of anti-Semitism today

By DANIEL HOROWITZ

Anti-Semitism today is more broadly based and more widespread than at any time since the Second World War, according to two of Canada's most prominent experts on the subject.

"The number of anti-Semitic incidents worldwide over the last three years (dating from the intensification of Palestinian violence against Israel) has not been this high since after the end of World War II," says Manuel Prutschi, National Director of Community Relations, Canadian Jewish Congress. "It's more prevalent than ever because, while it used to come predominantly from the far right, today it also comes from the left, from militant Islamists and from Arab Nationalists."



Anti-Semitism has become a popular activity in today's society.

"There is a palpable fear among many Jews and a feeling of vulnerability and marginalization because of how commonplace anti-Semitic comments and behaviour have become, much the same as people described it in pre-war Europe," says Dr. Karen Mock, Executive Director, Canadian Race Relations Foundation.

The experts are also concerned with the phenomenon of what has been called "the new anti-Semitism," which blurs the line between criticism of Israel and denigration of Jews.

"We see that line crossed regularly between legitimate political criticism and anti-Semitism," says Mock. "It is particularly upsetting to see it happen increasingly in schools, on campuses, and in discussions with many so-called human rights activists, leaving their Jewish colleagues silenced, marginalized, and feeling increasingly disillusioned and vulnerable."

"Essentially," says Prutschi, "anti-Semitism is the intent to deny the Jewish people its equal membership in the human family, and - once the State of Israel was created – to deny the Jewish State its rightful place in the community of nations. The assault on Israel is another manifestation of the same age-old anti-Semitism."

For the naysayers who insist that concern about anti-Semitism is overstated, the numbers vehemently disagree. There has been a steady rise in reported incidents of overt anti-Semitism over the last few years.

"And the severity of the incidents is getting worse too," says Mock. "The Stephen Roth Institute for the Study of Anti-Semitism and Racism at the University of Tel Aviv annually reports on documented anti-Semitic incidents in 27 countries worldwide, including Canada. The trends are clear, indicating that there is reality behind this so-called rhetoric."

"I think there is a climate of discourse today that has made it possible for all kinds of anti-Semitism – both verbal and physical – to take place," adds Prutschi. "The 'new anti-Semitism' is not new – the standard themes have remained constant for over 2,000 years. One of those is the libel of a world Jewish conspiracy most recently pronounced by the Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, who said that Jews rule the world by proxy and get others to die for them."

In his opening address to the recent 57-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference summit, Mohamad, referring to Jews, stated: "We are up against a people who think ... they invented and successfully promoted socialism, communism, human rights and democracy so that persecuting them would appear to be wrong, so they may enjoy equal rights with others. With these they have now gained control of the most powerful countries and they, this tiny community, have become a world power."

According to Prutschi, it is absolutely essential that this type of anti-Semitism be expunged from the mainstream.

"Leaders in public life have to condemn – unequivocally – any manifestation of anti-Semitism immediately. People need to see, right away, that this kind of behaviour is not acceptable and will not be tolerated."

Fighting anti-Semitism is a key area to which funds from UJA Federation Campaign 2004 will be directed.

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Finding beauty in a legacy of loss

By WENDY LAMPERT

Mindy Weisel spent her childhood trying to make her parents happy.

The internationally recognized artist and author told 200 women at the UJA Federation Lion of Judah Luncheon last week that, as a child, she never really felt a wide range of emotions. "None of my feelings were as bad as those who survived the death camps," she noted.

"My life as a child of survivors was about trying to be everything to my parents, to bring them beauty and joy," Weisel said. "I tried desperately to erase the sadness I inherited."

Weisel is the author of *Daughters of Absence: Transforming a Legacy of Loss*, a book examining how creative women changed the inheritance of their parents' Holocaust ordeals into beautiful artistic expressions. Her art hangs in collections around the world, including The Israel Museum and the U.S. Capitol Building.

Lion of Judah Luncheon Chairs Renee Gozlan (left) and Honey Rubenstein (right), with keynote speaker Mindy Weisel.
(Photo by Stephen Epstein / Big Dipper Communications)

"Like most survivors' daughters, I really didn't know how I felt about anything. I buried my feelings until I couldn't any longer." At the age of 28, Weisel went into therapy to deal with those feelings.

What she found were many questions. "How could I learn to be happy knowing what my parents went through?" she said. She also began to think about how people who face tragedy continue with their lives, and how they find hope.

"We are living in a time when we are being faced with so many challenges and tragedies and insecurities and anxieties," Weisel said. The answer, she noted, is to find and create beauty.

Painting and writing have transformed the tragedies of her parents into something meaningful.

"Painting became my form of prayer, of dance, of life itself," she said. "Only in the studio was my authentic voice available to me."

Weisel told her audience that everyone has the ability and the responsibility to create beauty in the face of tragedy and loss.

"Every single one of you sitting in this room is creating something beautiful. You are creating hope. You are allowing people to hold on to something," she said. "Even in the worst and hardest of times, it's within us to create our own beauty. Human nature makes us capable of this."

Noting that several generations of women from a single family were in the room, Weisel praised the ability of women to develop intergenerational commitments to the Jewish community.

"You are a force for good," she said. "Your commitment of time and energy is so necessary."

Lion of Judah, a division of Women's Campaign & Advocacy, honours women who make a yearly contribution of $5,000 to the UJA Federation annual campaign. To date, Women's Campaign & Advocacy has raised $4.7 million, helping to propel Campaign 2004 to the $41 million mark.

Farber honoured by Police

Bernie Farber, Executive Director, Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region, was recently accepted as an associate member of the Ontario Chiefs of Police for his work with police services over the years. Farber was nominated by York Region Police Services Chief Armand La Barge. The chief and 17 officers from York Region recently took a tour of the UJA Federation Holocaust Centre at the Lipa Green Building in Toronto. "I am particularly honoured," says Farber, "because this is not an affirmation of my work, but of the work we've done in the Jewish community to better our relations with the police."

(Photo: left to right) York Region Deputy Chief Bruce Herridge, Bernie Farber, Chief Armand La Barge and Deputy Chief Eric Jolliffe.

(Photo by Bruce Kurta)

BJCC paid parking policy may be changing

By **PAUL LUNGEN**
Staff Reporter

The Bathurst Jewish Community Centre's (BJCC) 10-month experiment with paid parking may be coming to an end.

For the past few weeks, the gate that enclosed 50 choice parking spaces adjacent to the centre's Leah Posluns Theatre has been up for much – though not all – of the day, allowing BJCC members access to the lot without paying the $2 fee.

"We're reviewing the parking policy as we speak," said BJCC executive director Sherry Kulman. "The arm is up much more frequently, let's put it that way."

The paid parking policy came under fire last winter from some BJCC members, particularly seniors, who said those on fixed incomes found the payment too onerous leading them to park in the overflow lot at the south end of the BJCC grounds. Some found the walk to the facility, especially in winter, a disincentive to attending, and were incensed when their trek took them past the mostly empty pay lot.

Kulman said the BJCC has responded to members' needs by implementing several changes to its parking policy.

It has added about 10 new handicapped spots adjacent to the building on the west side, and it has eased congestion in the rest of the parking lot when the arm is down by permitting parents with children in day care to use their access cards to open the gate of the paid parking lot. The latter move has freed up parking spaces in the rest of the lot, Kulman said.

The parking arm, though up at various times of the day, will remain down in the evenings and at other unspecified times, Kulman said.

"We're piloting this and we will see how it is going. If circumstances change, we'll evaluate it at that time," she added.

In addition to the 50 spots in the paid parking lot, the centre has 200 spots on the west side of the building, plus 400 spots in the south overflow lot, for a total of 650.

When the paid parking policy was implemented, BJCC officials were hoping to add up to $30,000 a year to the centre's revenues.

SUKKAH VISIT: Mount Sinai Hospital's president and CEO Joseph Mapa and its senior vice-president of finance Joan Sproul visit with students from the Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School in the hospital's sukkah. The students had decorated the sukkah for patients, staff and volunteers.

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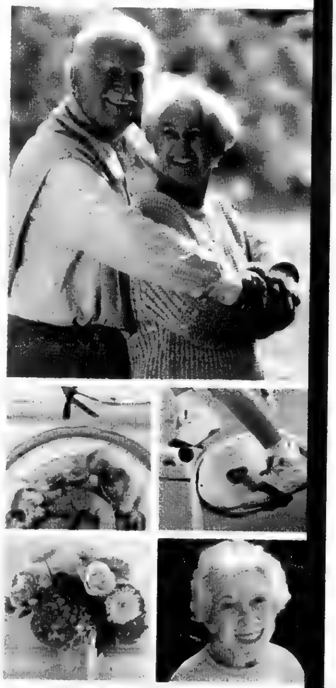

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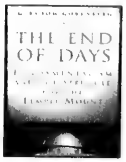

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JF&CS welcomes new executive director

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

After 25 years in academic life, Ron Levin moved from Edmonton to Toronto this summer to become executive director of Jewish Family and Child Service (JF&CS), replacing longtime executive director Gordon Wolfe, who retired.

Ron Levin

Levin said the position intrigued him professionally because of the agency's innovative, multi-faceted approach. "Most of the time, organizations are more single-focused. Children's aid societies [usually only] provide children's services. It's a more segmented system.

"At other places, [when] you have to refer to another agency, there's a discontinuity. People unfortunately get lost."

He said JF&CS, which acts as a children's aid society while also providing other social services, has "the ideal kind of arrangement," because it meets many needs under one umbrella. Its counterpart in Edmonton, for example, serving a Jewish community of 5,000, has no child-welfare component, he said.

A Winnipeger who moved to Edmonton in 1971, Levin, 57, also has close family, including a son, in Toronto, making the move an even more appealing choice.

The Jewish aspect of the agency was of interest as well. A past president of Beth Israel Congregation in Edmonton, Levin – the son of Holocaust survivors who was born in Poland and immigrated to Canada via Israel as a child – also served as a member of Edmonton's chevrah kadishah, or burial society. Although he was affiliated with an Orthodox congregation there, he describes himself as an "aspiringly observant person."

Speaking about six weeks after he arrived, Levin said he was still involved in a "self-orientation" process as well as the day-to-day details of his job.

He said the JF&CS board has identified three major areas for the agency to focus on: prevention and wellness, including early-intervention supportive programs; "capacity building" in terms of delivering services more effectively; and revenue sources.

The agency has three offices, and about half its annual budget is related to child welfare, Levin said. Because of cutbacks in government funding, "all the agencies have a shortfall of funds." Some of that is offset by funding from United Way and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, he said.

"It's a very complex organization… I'm trying to discover how I can add value to the organization. I'm hoping I can bring another perspective because of my academic background."

Levin was head of the Edmonton division of the University of Calgary's faculty of social work for a total of 15 years, running its bachelor of social work and executive master of social work programs at its satellite location on the University of Alberta campus. He developed the MSW program.

At the same time, he remained involved in clinical social work, among other things spending five years as part-time director of social work for a rehabilitation hospital.

During his third sabbatical, in the 2001-2002 academic year, Levin developed a course on spirituality and social work, and started to think about what he wanted to do following his "payback" year of teaching after the sabbatical.

His wife, a former public school principal, had already retired, but he said that when he received a call "out of the blue" about the position at JF&CS, it sounded more appealing than retirement. "It piqued my interest."

BIALIK VOLLYBALL: Bialik Hebrew Day School recently participated in the Second Annual Girls' Invitational Volleyball Tournament. Pictured above, with their coach Jeff Krupski, are the A and B teams, gold and silver medalists, respectively.

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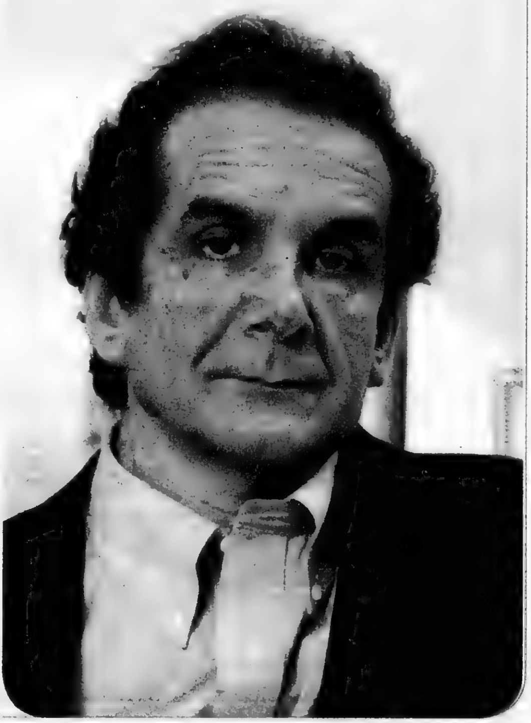


Special Report

Jewish life in Georgia

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TBILISI, Georgia — In the open plaza directly in front of Tbilisi's main synagogue, a handful of kippah-clad men sit around on two benches, smoking, shmoozing, watching the world go by.

It's a typical scene of idleness in the Republic of Georgia: acquaintances come and go, making chit-chat and spending some time watching a clutch of workers nearby, only to be replaced by others with time on their hands.

To the left of the synagogue's main doors, a small group of workers is busy constructing a memorial. Asked who is being memorialized, synagogue member Yakov Rabinovich says with a shrug of the shoulders, "We'll find out after they finish."

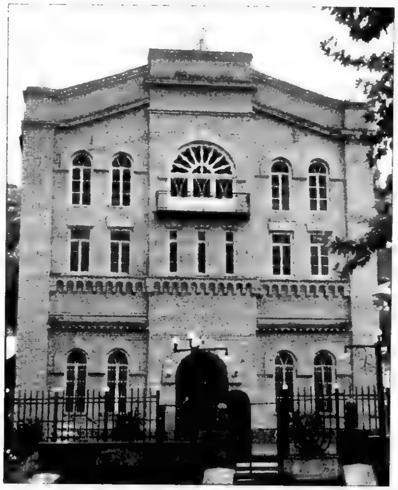
The purpose of the open-air booths to the right of the synagogue's entrance, however, is well known to the congregant. It's where the community's shochet performs the ritual slaughter of animals that provides kosher meat to the local Jewish community.

The centre of Jewish life in Tbilisi, the Synagogue of Georgian Jews has undergone extensive renovations in the last few years, making it a real community showpiece. Unlike the ramshackle buildings that are common elsewhere in the Georgian capital, with their peeling paint, missing chunks of masonry and rusted iron railings, the synagogue is in immaculate condition. A lovely iron fence with inlaid golden Stars of David sets the shul apart from the street, and the front of the building features new and level interlocking stone – unusual in Tbilisi, where it appears little effort has gone into upgrading the dilapidated infrastructure.

Inside the shul, worshippers have two sanctuaries to choose from. Upstairs is a grand hall, with beautiful crystal chandeliers, an ornate wooden bimah and walls painted in elaborate, decorative motifs in the Georgian tradition. Services are also held in the sanctuary on the main level.

The synagogue renovations were completed thanks to the financial support of expatriate Georgian Jews living in the United States, who also subsidize the community's free Jewish school and community offices.

Most of Georgia's Jews have left in the last 30 years, leaving about 10,000 people. At one point in the early 1970s, the community numbered more than 100,000.



Tbilisi's main synagogue.

But with relaxed emigration in the former Soviet Union and later under an independent Georgian government, most left for Israel, the United States, Russia and Belgium.

Georgia, which lies in the mountainous south Caucasus region between the Black and Caspian seas, has been home to a Jewish community for 26 centuries, likely making it the oldest Diaspora community in the world.

Surprisingly, few among the congregation hanging around on a hot August day can relate the historical reasons for the community's presence in Georgia.

"We're here and that's what we know," said one congregant, though another was aware that the Jews' arrival coincided with the destruction of the First Temple in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Avimelech Rosenblath

Ask Guram Batiashvili the same question and the author/playwright heads over to the crowded bookshelf that fills one wall in his elegantly appointed salon. He pulls down a tome on Georgian history and points out the most commonly accepted view, which is that Jews fleeing Nebuchadnezzar's Babylonian armies around 586 BCE came to Georgia and settled in Tzekhta, only a few miles from Tbilisi. Another view suggests the Jews arrived even earlier, following the Assyrian destruction of the Northern Kingdom of Israel in 770 BCE. Still others link the Jewish arrival to the destruction of the Second Temple by Roman armies in the first century.

Speaking through an interpreter, Batiashvili, publisher of *Menorah*, a Jewish biweekly newspaper, said Jews worked as farmers and traders "like everyone else." Nevertheless, they "tried to stay separate from the Georgian people, with only a little interaction with other Jews in other countries. They lived here alone."

Tbilisi eventually became the centre for the largest concentration of Jews, but other communities could be found in Gori (the birthplace of Josef Stalin), Kutaisi and Ahkaltsikhe. To the east, in Muslim Azerbaijan, Jews also maintained communities and became known as the region's "mountain Jews."

During the Soviet era, the condition of the Jews varied. Toward the end of the Stalinist period, in the early 1950s, synagogues were closed, some Jews were exiled to Siberia and the rabbi was imprisoned, Batiashvili said.

A government laureate in literature, Batiashvili said life under the Soviet regime was not too harsh, except for the late Stalinist period. The Georgian brand of communism was not as severe as Russia's and after the Stalinist period, "it was easier for the Jewish religion."

Beginning in the 1970s, immigration restrictions were lifted. Seeking freedom and hoping to improve their economic lot, many of the community's Jews left, mostly for Israel and the United States, Batiashvili said.

In the 1990s, following the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the last wave of emigration occurred, bringing the total number of Jews who had left in that 30-year period to 80 per cent. Today, New York is home to 4,000

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Special Report

'90s were difficult period for Georgian community

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Georgian Jews, the largest expatriate community outside of Israel.

The 1990s were a particularly difficult period for the Georgian community – as it was for the wider society. Political upheaval, war and economic stagnation hurt the community's prospects, Batiashvili said.

Today, he said, "most remaining Jews want to live here. Some want to go, but they cannot sell their houses." Others are concerned they won't be able to find work in Israel.

Guram Batiashvili

A variety of agencies serve the local community. The Joint Distribution Committee operates Chesed Eliyahu, an agency that provides dinner every day for 240 needy people. In early August, a new "campus" opened that houses a variety of Jewish organizations, including Chesed Eliyahu, Hillel, a Jewish information centre, *Menorah*, Yonat Hashalom (a Jewish/Georgian dance troupe) and a cultural centre, he said.

The building was financed by a contribution from the Posner family in Pittsburgh. A local businessman, Badri Patarkatsishvili, who has interests in construction and the media and has been linked to Russian oligarchs, is also one of the community's major benefactors.

The *Sochnut* (Jewish Agency) operates in Georgia as does an office of the World Congress of Georgian Jews, of which Batiashvili is a member. The congress offers cultural, religious, youth and women's programs.

Chabad Lubavitch also has a presence there. In January 2002, the movement opened offices in central Tbilisi and it now operates a kindergarten and has plans to open a school as well. The offices feature a computer centre and Internet café. Last June, about 100 children attended a two-week day camp at Tsemi, near Bakurian. And last spring's Passover seders attracted 500 people at the Sarajishvili restaurant.

Back in the old city of Tbilisi, not far from the community's main synagogue, is the office of Rabbi Avimelech Rosenblath, a spokesperson for the Religious Congregation of Jews of Georgia.

Expanding on the exile story, Rabbi Rosenblath says the ancient community was supplemented in the 19th and 20th centuries by immigration from Iran and from neighbouring Azerbaijan. He estimates there are still 20,000 Jews in Azerbaijan, mostly in the capital Baku and in Kuba, but the Georgian community doesn't have much contact with them. Nearby Dagestan is home to a few Jews, while small communities can also be found in Armenia to the south and Chechnya to the north.

Rabbi Rosenblath agrees with Batiashvili's assessment that communism in Georgia wasn't as bad as in other parts of the Soviet Union. Even during difficult times, the synagogue remained open. Today, the Synagogue of Georgian Jews regularly attracts 80 to 100 for Shabbat services and crowds of around 400 during the High Holy Days. A second house of worship, the Ashkenazi Synagogue, has a smaller congregation.

Tiferet Zvi, a tuition-free day school, educates more than 80 youngsters from grades 1 to 11. The school is subsidized by donations from abroad. Classes are taught in Georgian, but students also learn Hebrew, Russian and English. Rabbi Rosenblath says many older Georgian Jews don't have a strong command of Hebrew, but the younger generation is growing up with it.

Thanks to the emigration of the last 30 years, most Georgian Jews have relatives in Israel and therefore have close ties to the Jewish state, the rabbi said.

Batiashvili said the government of Georgia has good relations with Israel, attributable in part to the good relations between the Jewish and broader Georgian communities.

Another reason for such good ties was described at a forum hosted by the U.S. National Intelligence Council a few years ago. Discussing the Turkey-Israel/South Caucasus-Central Asia nexus, John Daly of the Middle East Institute said Georgia sits in a highly strategic location where Europe and Asia meet. A pipeline to carry Caspian crude oil to western markets could traverse Georgia and exit through Turkey. Furthermore, Georgia lies directly south of Chechnya, where Islamic insurgents linked to Al Qaeda have tied down the Russian army for years.

Interior of Tbilisi synagogue. [Paul Lungen photos]

South Caucasus countries look to Turkey and Israel for their experience in tackling insurgencies and for being part of strategic alliance with the United States. Israel and Turkey both have great potential for expanding their influence in the region, Daly said.

The United States, for its part, has sent army instructors to train the Georgian military in counter-terrorism tactics, employed in the Pankisi Gorge near Chechnya, which is considered a redoubt of Islamic militants in the region.

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Memorial recalls Fackenheim

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

Toward the end of his life, philosopher Emil Fackenheim worried that he would only be remembered for his admonition that after the Holocaust, the Jewish people must survive, and, in a phrase that has become famous, not give Hitler posthumous victories.

But a memorial service at Holy Blossom Temple last week showed that he will also be remembered for his tremendous scholarship, his intellect, his writing and perhaps most of all, his personality.

The low-key, very personal event included reminiscences by Rabbi Dow Marmur, former senior rabbi of Holy Blossom; Henrietta Chesnie, a community activist and former president of Holy Blossom; Michael Morgan, a professor of philosophy and Jewish studies at Indiana University; and Mary Jo Leddy, an activist for social justice and good relations between Christians and Jews.

All had had personal relationships with Fackenheim and spoke of him with humour and affection.

Morgan said Fackenheim will be remembered as one of the greatest theologians of recent history. "He had a sensitivity and a commitment to scholarship and literature," and he was always engaged in an "intense and honest search for truth," Morgan said.

While he studied in Berlin, Aberdeen and Toronto, the two greatest intellectual periods of his life were in Toronto, where he formulated what he called his 614th commandment – that Jews were obligated to survive after the Holocaust – and where he wrote about tikkun olam, to mend the world, Morgan said.

"Toronto was his intellectual home, and he returned here when he needed revitalization."

Morgan said Fackenheim had two passions that he felt all Jews must share: the Holocaust and God. He believed that "there is no healing – the scars must remain. But there can be mending."

His other passion, Morgan said, was the work of German philosopher Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel.

Chesnie described how popular Fackenheim's classes were and how effective a teacher he was.

"He made us face the particularity of Auschwitz," she remembered.

Making aliyah in 1982 was fully in tune with his belief in the 614th commandment, she said. "He was a passionate speaker for the defence of Israel."

Rabbi Marmur said Fackenheim paid a heavy price for living out his convictions by living in Israel, where he had difficulty adjusting and received little recognition.

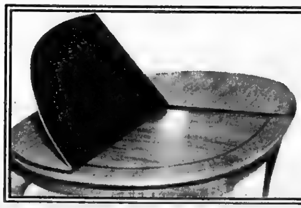
He praised Fackenheim as a staunch defender of Reform rights in Israel.

His concentration on the lessons of the Holocaust were "both his strength and his weakness," Rabbi Marmur said. "He had trouble getting past it."

Nevertheless, he continued, "it is our task to make sure that his message is heart. What he taught, must be learned."

Chazzan Benjamin Maissner of Holy Blossom Temple chanted the *K'El Maleh Rachamim*.

BIALIK RETREAT: Grade 6 students at Bialik Hebrew Day School recently participated in a retreat at Camp George. The purpose of this program is to develop team cohesiveness through activities integrated with Jewish themes. Seen above are a group of studens with their teacher, Meira Mendelaoui, who are learning how to make challah.



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Eugenics movement in U.S. led to Holocaust: author

By **SHELDON KIRSHNER**
Staff Reporter

Readers may be shocked to learn that the pernicious idea of the master race, fiendishly perfected by Nazi Germany with horrific results, originated in the United States.

According to Edwin Black, the Washington-based author of *War Against the Weak* (Four Walls Eight Windows), the concept was enshrined and promoted by the eugenics movement, the science of controlled breeding.

Its objective, the creation of a superior, white, Nordic race, was supported by the Rockefeller Foundation and the Carnegie Institution and backed by some of the most respected scientists in the United States.

In an interview to promote his book, Black, an American journalist whose previous work was *IBM and the Holocaust*, condemned eugenics as a pseudo science.

It legitimized race hatred and anti-Semitism, encouraged restrictive immigration policies in the United States, Canada and elsewhere and laid the groundwork for the Holocaust.

In *Mein Kampf*, Adolf Hitler displayed a sound knowledge of American eugenic ideology. He wrote: "There is today one state in which at least weak beginnings toward a better conception of [immigration] are noticeable. Of course, it is not our model German republic, but the United States."

Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy, went one step further. "National Socialism," he observed, "is nothing but applied biology."

Establishing a scientific rationale for persecution, proponents of eugenics sought to "cleanse" America of the so-called "unfit." They included Afro-Americans, Jews, the infirm, the poor, non-Nordic immigrants and Indians.

Under their nefarious influence, 27 U.S. states subjected 60,000 Americans to coercive sterilization procedures, and the U.S. Supreme Court endorsed eugenics as a national policy.

Black, the son of Holocaust survivors, says the eugenics movement exploited and fanned existing racial and ethnic conflicts all around the world.

"First came racial animus and then came racial science," he said.

Ironically, eugenicists considered themselves liberals who thought they were improving society, he noted.

"Some of America's best and brightest reformers were eugenicists."

Canada was the first country after the United States to adapt eugenics.

The director of a psychiatric hospital in Toronto supported sterilization as a means by which to staunch criminality.

In 1928, Alberta passed the Sexual Sterilization Act, and in 1933, British Columbia enacted similar legislation.

Tommy Douglas, a future leader of the left-of-centre New Democratic Party, was an early devotee. He recanted after visiting Germany in the 1930s.

Black speculates that Canada's harsh immigration laws, which restricted the flow of Jewish refugees from Germany and Nazi-occupied Europe, were influenced by the eugenics movement.

He was drawn to the topic while researching *IBM and the Holocaust*.

As he writes: "I finally came to see that eugenics was a life and death proposition for Europe's Jews. Yet I still didn't realize that this bizarre cult of Nazi race science was originally linked to America."

But as he explored the subject, he grew to understand that the overarching Nazi principle of Nordic superiority was hatched not in Germany but in the United States.

"Eugenics was a precursor to the Holocaust," he said.

SPIRIT CONVENTION: BBYO's Greater Toronto Area Council recently held its Spirit Convention at Camp George in Parry Sound. The teens participated in leadership workshops on world issues and spirit to win the coveted "spirit gavels." Pictured are the chapter spirit winners Chapter Magen and Chapter L'Chaim V'Ahava.

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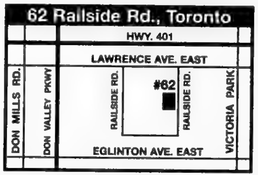

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Academics seek to create an Israel advocacy group

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

A group of university professors is planning to launch an organization to counter the upsurge of anti-Israel feelings on Canadian campuses.

They are working to establish Canadian Academics for Peace in Israel and the Middle East, said Ed Morgan, a University of Toronto law professor and chair of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region (CJC).

The idea was prompted by two relatively recent events – the troubles surrounding the visit of American scholar Daniel Pipes to York University last January and the disturbances at Concordia University over Benjamin Netanyahu's visit last September.

Group would help counter negative image of Israel on campus

Morgan and several colleagues, including York University historian Irving Abella and University of Toronto philosopher Kenneth Green, have formed a steering committee to draft a proposal for the organization.

"The Jewish community has committed substantial resources to student-oriented programming through Hillel, and we feel that the atmosphere on campus can also be improved through faculty-oriented initiatives," said Morgan, a specialist in international law who was born in the United States.

The group has applied to the new Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy for seed funding and has received support and encouragement, as well as a commitment of administrative assistance, from Hillel of Greater Toronto and CJC.

"We do not conceive of this proposal as initiating another Jewish community advocacy group," said Morgan. "It has a relatively specialized function, and is limited to university-oriented activities."

He believes the community should be at the forefront of efforts to ensure that Canadian universities remain open and safe places for discussions about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Once Canadian Academics for Peace in Israel and the Middle East gets off the ground, Morgan wants to start a magazine dealing with Mideast issues, sponsor summer internships for students, hold an annual conference and host visiting lecturers.

The organization, Morgan said, would be open to all academics, Jewish and non-Jewish, who are interested in dialogue on "issues of concern" regarding Israel, the Palestinians and the Arab world.

If established, Canadian Academics for Peace in Israel and the Middle East would supplant the now-defunct Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East, founded in 1978 and disbanded in 1992 as "a cost-saving measure," said David Goldberg, the research director of the Canada-Israel Committee.

Morgan said Israel's image on campuses is poor for a number of reasons.

"It is hard to pinpoint any one policy of the Israeli government or one point in the Arab-Israeli conflict that is the catalyst. One must keep in mind, however, that the state of world politics is such that a pro-Israel argument or position often gets translated as a pro-American argument or position.

"It is safe to say that there is no more difficult position to assert in a Canadian university setting than one that strikes students as pro-American. Our students are, by definition, mostly young, and they therefore take very easily to anti-establishment and anti-American positions on social and political issues.

"Thus, Israel advocates on campus are fighting not only a substantial amount of ignorance about Israel and the Palestinians, but also the entrenched Canadian prejudice against arguments about world politics that do not denounce the United States."

Green said much of the opposition to Israel comes from academic circles and the left, adding that "decent academics" should align themselves with Israel and the West.

Jewish academics in particular should "make known the importance of Israel in the post-Holocaust world, and to keep alive the need of the Jews for a state of their own in their ancestral homeland."

Morgan learned this lesson in Israel advocacy while studying at Northwestern University in the 1970s – a lesson that would stay with him.

"I came to the realization then, and I still believe, that it is for the faculty – or at least those knowlegeable in the area – to take the lead in rebutting the anti-Israel trends of the students and the academic community at large.

"It is remarkable the impact that one or two engaged faculty members can have on a given campus."

Professors are important role models, Green added. "The students need to see their professors standing up for Israel and for the Jews, and speaking up for Israel and the Jews. There should be no doubt in the public's mind on which side decent Jewish academics stand."

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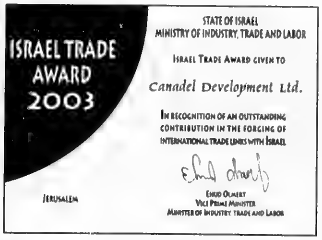

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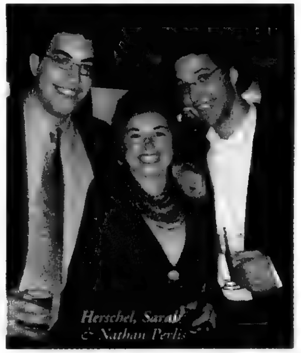
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HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK PROGRAMS

Friday, Oct. 31: Solel Congregation presents **Shelley Hornstein**, professor of art and architectural history at York University, on the challenges of building Holocaust memorials. 8:30 p.m. 2399 Folkway Dr., Mississauga. 905-820-5915.

Saturday, Nov. 1: *Oratorio Terezin*, a work for orchestra, a children's choir and three vocal soloists that combines biblical passages with children's poetry from Terezin to explore the question "Can God be found in my place of pain?" Toronto Centre for the Arts, 8 p.m. Tickets, 416-870-8000. Repeated Sunday, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 2: "The Light Amidst the Darkness: Stories of Courage and Heroism During the Shoah." Featuring storytellers **Meryl Arbing, David Bender** and **Eli Rubenstein**. Miles Nadal JCC 750 Spadina Ave. 11 a.m. 416-924-6211.

The Toronto Jewish Film Society presents the film *Resistance: Untold Stories of the Jewish Partisans*, with guest **Michael Marrus,** dean of graduate studies, University of Toronto, at the Miles Nadal JCC, 750 Spadina Ave. 4 & 7 p.m. Call 416-924-6211.

Monday, Nov. 3: The Medina Theatre Ensemble presents a reading of *The Aching Heart of Samuel Klienerman*, a play about a family facing difficult choices during the Holocaust. 8 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building. Free. 416-785-0344.

Tuesday, Nov. 4: The Dutch Canadian Association presents the film *Resisting Forces: The Jewish Council in Enschede 1941-1943*, the story of the only Jewish council in the Netherlands that resisted the Nazis. 7:30 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building. Free.

Beth Tzedec Congregation presents "Anti-Semitism/Anti-Zionism: Converging Hatreds," with **Bernie Farber** of Canadian Jewish Congress and **Shulamit Imber** of Yad Vashem. 8 p.m. 416-781-3511.

Thursday, Nov. 6: Centennial College presents the Bertolt Brecht play *The Jewish Wife*, part of a discussion of "Jewish Wives/German Husbands: Broken Bonds and Shattered Identities in Pre-Holocaust Germany" 7 p.m. 651 Carlaw Ave. Panel discussion follows play. Free. 416-289-5000 ext. 8849.

Thursday, October 30

A COMMON THREAD

The Beth Tzedec Museum opens a new exhibit chronicling the history of the Toronto garment industry. It includes video interviews and vintage film footage. Runs until June. For hours, call 416-781-3514 ext. 32.

Friday, October 31

KIEVER SINGLES WEEKEND

The Kiever Shul hosts "Sharing, Caring & Herring" a weekend for singles 30-50, Oct. 31-Nov. 2. Includes meals and accommodations. The Saturday Night Gala is co-sponsored by the Israel Cancer Research. Sunday brunch workshop, "Become the Person You'd Want to Date," with **Adrienne Gold**. 10:30 a.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Register at www.international/jewishsingles.org or call 416-785-1395.

RABBI BEREL ROSENSWEIG

Rabbi Berel Rosensweig will be the scholar in residence at BAYT from Friday, Oct. 31 to Sunday, Nov. 2. The theme for his presentations will be "The Life and Times of Rabbi Yosef Ber Soloveitchik." Sunday evening, Rabbi Rosensweig will discuss "The Innovative Traditionalist: Rav Soloveitchik" at Eitz Chaim, 80 York Hill Blvd. 8 p.m.

Sunday, November 2

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Habonim Breakfast Club hosts **Michael Brodsky**, microbiologist with the Ministry of Health, discussing "How Food Proofed Are You?" 10 a.m. 5 Glen Park Ave. breakfast and lecture $6.

If you are single and interested in volunteering for good causes, join **Aryeh Barf Chesed Network for Jewish Singles** for breakfast at 10:30 a.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue.

KABBALAH EXPLORED

Join Rabbi Avraham Plotkin of Chabad Markham for a series on "Kabbalah: Dynamics of the Soul, the true Roadmap to Inner Peace," Sunday mornings to Nov. 23 at Pride of Israel Synagogue. 10:30 a.m. $10 for series, breakfast served. Call to register 416-226-0111 ext. 10.

INTRO TO JUDAISM

Rabbi Joel Wittstein of Temple Israel, London, begins a 13-session course on the basics of Judaism. 10:45 to noon, 605 Windermere Rd. For information, call 519-858-4400.

CHARITY FASHION SHOW

Beth David Sisterhood invites the community to its Annual Fall Fashion Show & Boutiques, dedicated to the memory of **Goldie Risenman**. Boutiques open at noon, showtime 2 p.m. Refreshments served, fabulous door prizes. Admission $20. 416-633-5500.

OLDER WOMEN'S NETWORK

Clara Callan by **Richard Wright** will be discussed by the Feminist Book Discussion Group, Older Women's Network, 1:45 p.m. at the Barbara Frum Library. Call **Ruth Goldsmith** 416-782-6414.

TRANSNISTRIA HASKARA

A remembrance program commemorating 62 years since the deportation of Jews in Transnistria. Keynote speaker is **Adam Fuerstenberg**, and the Bialik Hebrew School Choir will perform. 2 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

A HEALING SERVICE

The Toronto Healing Project hosts a healing service with **Rabbi Ronald Weiss** and **Ken Rabow**, an opportunity for hope, comfort, faith and support in the face of whatever difficulties you are experiencing. 3-4 p.m., Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. Wheelchair accessible. Free. For details, call **Etta** 416-944-3359.

Monday, November 3

THE PROMISED LAND

Holy Blossom Temple's Library Club, with **Andrea Most**, discusses *The Promised Land* by **Mary Antin**. 10 a.m. For information, call **Anne**, 416-789-3291 ext. 235.

SOUL MATES & STALEMATES

Chana Weisberg begins a four-week course at the Jewish Russian Community Centre about bridging the gap between men and women. 7:45 p.m. $18 for series, $7 per session. 18 Rockford Rd. 416-222-7105 ext. 230.

OUT OF THE COLD

A meeting for new volunteers for the Out of the Cold Program at Temple Har Zion. 8 p.m. 7360 Bayview Ave. 905-889-2252.

Tuesday, November 4

BEGINNER'S TALMUD

Learn Talmud with **Rabbi Matthew Kaufman** of the Lodzer Centre Congregation. No experience necessary. 7:15-8:15 p.m. Tuesdays to Dec. 16. Members $50, non-members $60. Pre-registration required, materials provided. 416-636-6665.

JEWS FOR JUDAISM SEMINAR

A counter-missionary survivor 6- week seminar that will give you tools to respond to those who challenge your Jewish beliefs, with **Rabbi Michael Skobac,** the Village Shul, 1072 Eglinton Ave. W. 8 p.m. Free. Pre-registration required. 905-761-0040.

HALACHAH SERIES

Rabbi Moshe Stern of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation begins a series on contemporary issues and halachah. 8 p.m. Tuesdays until Dec. 16.

Wednesday, Nov. 5

INFORMATION EVENING

United Synagogue Day School holds an information/registration evening, 7:30-9 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. For families interested in any of its three campuses. For details, call 416-224-8737 ext. 137.

YOUR MOUTH IS LOVELY

Beth Tzedec Max & Beatrice Wolfe Library presents **Ruby Newman** reviewing **Nancy Richler**'s latest book, *Your Mouth Is Lovely.* Richler will join the discussion via telephone.7:30 p.m. Free. 416-781-3511.

Other news

KOLEL PROGRAMS

Home For the Holidays: Shabbat, a workshop with value for both beginners and seasoned Shabbat observers. Get ideas, inspiration, tunes and training to enjoy Shabbat in a more meaningful and knowledgeable way. Sunday, Nov. 2, 7.-9. p.m. at 151 Eglinton Ave. W. Free. Pre-registration required, 416-485-7007.

"Judaism 101: A One Night Intro to Judaism in Russian" with **Cantor Anna Trubashnik**. Monday, Nov. 3 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the BJCC, 4588 Bathurst St. Free.

SHIVAH: DOES IT HELP?

Bereaved Jewish Families of Toronto presents **Michaele-Sue Goldblatt** discussing "Shivah: Does It Help or Hurt?" Thursday, Nov. 6. 8 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue. 416-638-7800 ext. 202.

FAMILY ONEG SHABBAT

Join the Lodzer Centre Congregation for Shabbat dinner with songs, food and fun Friday, Nov. 7. Reserve by Nov. 1. 416-636-6665.

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Prof. Stephen Berk will discuss "Our People Are Your People: American Jews & the Struggle for Civil Rights 1954-1965," Monday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m. St. Jerome's Siegfried Hall, 200 University Ave. W., Waterloo. Free. 519-888-4567 ext. 2967.

SOCIAL WORK CLINIC DAY

Pauline Boss is guest speaker at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care's social work clinic day, Friday, Nov. 7, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Her topic will be "Introduction and Overview of Ambiguous Loss in Relation to Aging." 416-785-2500.

FOR SENIORS

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Israeli Club Etrog for Hebrew speakers, meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Call **Anna** ext.110.

MILES S. NADAL JCC

Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211 or www.milesnadaljcc.ca.

Lunch & Learn, Thursday, Oct. 30, 12–1 p.m., with **Louis Greenspan** discussing "Hollywood's Portrait of the Holocaust." Babysitting available. Kashrut observed.

"The Modern Jewish Short Story: A Survey Through Many Lands," six-week course begins Thursday, Oct. 30, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Re-dedication of Leonard Bernstein Chapel, Sunday, Nov. 2, 8 a.m.

Beginner Hebrew 6-week program. Tuesdays, Nov. 4–Dec. 10, 7:30-9 p.m. Registration required.

The Downtown Ken – Hashomer Hatzair & The Miles Nadal JCC present a new, downtown Jewish teen group for grades 7 & up. Sunday afternoons 2-4 p.m. at the JCC.

Good Age Club: Oct. 30, Scrapbooking and memories, 1 p.m.

BATHURST JCC

Bathurst Jewish Community Centre and Koffler Centre of the Arts, 4588 Bathurst St. 416-636-1880 or www.bjcc.ca.

The Travellers, Thursday, Oct. 30, at 8 p.m. at Leah Posluns Theatre. Tickets $30 in advance, $35 at the door. Call ext. 228.

Sunday, Nov. 9, 2 p.m. Koffler Salon Concert Series presents **Jacques Israelievitch**, violin & **Michael Israelievitch**, percussion. $65. For tickets, call ext 228.

The BJCC presents a preview evening of *The Producers*, Wednesday, Dec. 10 at the Canon Theatre. Platinum tickets are $1,000 for 2 seats, gold tickets are $250 a ticket. Tax receipts will be issued for the maximum allowable amount. For tickets, call **Marni** at ext. 271.

Fall programs offered at the Koffler Centre for children and adults include ballet and jazz, as well as visual arts such as ceramics, painting, calligraphy, photography and drawing. Music classes include private piano, flute, violin, guitar and band, dance, drama and Nashir Choir.

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Barrie congregation holds first service in new building

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

With the opening of its new premises, Congregation Am Shalom in Barrie has become the only North American Reform congregation to open a building in 2003.

The first services in the new building, attended by about 230 people, were held on Yom Kippur, when a mezuzah was dedicated in honour of Rabbi Bernard Baskin, the rabbi emeritus of Anshe Sholom Congregation in Hamilton who led Am Shalom's High Holy Day services for 15 years.

Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld, rabbi emeritus of Temple Emanu-El in Toronto, will now be part-time spiritual leader of Am Shalom.

Am Shalom president Stephen Sperling, who has lived in Barrie for 31 years with his wife and three daughters, said there had always been a small Jewish community in Barrie, but 25 years ago they formed the Simcoe County Jewish Association.

"We began with a Hebrew school, then we added High Holy Day services, and we just kept growing. In the last five years we really took off. There is now a core of 85 families, with another 50 or 60 families that come and go.

"People, some who had been travelling to Toronto to attend synagogue, want a community close to home. When couples start having children, they want to feel rooted to where they live," Sperling said in a telephone interview.

The land for the new building was donated by Henry Bernick, a retired Barrie developer, and in a period of 16 months, the congregation was able to raise $1.3 million to build, Sperling said.

"We raised most of the money from personal donors, and Adath Israel [Poale Zedek] Synagogue in Montreal donated four Torahs. This has all been very exciting for us. Kol Nidre night we had five Torahs."

The congregation's Hebrew school, which has about 40 students, will be moving into the new building, and Am Shalom expects to hold a bar mitzvah in the next couple of months, Sperling said.

It has also dedicated land for Barrie's first Jewish cemetery.

"We have a vibrant, warm community. We recently received a call from a lawyer who was interested in moving to Barrie. We were able to direct him to a law firm, and now he sits on the board of the synagogue.

"Until now, we met where we could, but now we finally have roots. It's a heartwarming story.

"I was here when there was very little for me Jewishly. It is important to have our own synagogue. Otherwise, we would just assimilate," he said.

Israeli concert pianist honoured in Ottawa by Hadassah-WIZO

By DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — More than 150 members and friends of Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO enjoyed a performance earlier this month by one of Israel's cultural exports and a longtime beneficiary of Hadassah-WIZO projects in Israel.

Concert pianist Carmen Or, the guest of honour at WIZO's Youth Aliyah/Youth Services Oct. 14 campaign launch at Agudath Israel Synagogue, shared the story of her escape from the former Soviet Union, her settlement in Israel as a 13-year-old child with neither friend nor family, and the subsequent years during which the people at WIZO became her family and mentors.

Or became 'a WIZO child'

Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO is affiliated with the worldwide Hadassah-WIZO organization that provides educational, healthcare and social services for Israeli citizens and new immigrants of all ages.

Or, now 38 and living in Montreal, grew up surrounded by music. Her mother was an opera singer with the Bolshoi Opera in Moscow. At the age of five, she began to play the piano. By 13, she was chosen to represent Russia internationally at a competition in Geneva, where she was awarded first prize and a gold medal. Amid the media attention, the teen decided to defect.

Although she knew nothing about Judaism – "I only knew about Yom Kippur because my grandmother fasted" – she looked in the telephone directory and found the name of a rabbi whom she called for help.

Her daring escape resulted in her arrival in Israel and separation from her family.

"This is Israel for me – an open home, a family… you give them one hand and they embrace you with both," she said.

She became, as she called it, a "WIZO child."

"If Israel gave me a chance for life, WIZO gave me a chance to make something of that life. I began to represent Israel around the world at piano competitions and was always taken in by a WIZO family," she said. "I am an Israeli and I have a family all over the world… the WIZO family."

Following a performance of Beethoven's Appasionata sonata, Or made an appeal for Israeli children living in poverty.

"There are many orphans in Israel right now who have no one and they are looking for help. You extend your help to them and make miracles," she said.

Scant attention paid to Mahathir's anti-Jewish rant

According to Reports

By
PAUL MICHAELS

"It is hard to know what is more alarming – a toxic statement of hatred of Jews by the Malaysian prime minister at an Islamic summit meeting this week or the unanimous applause it engendered from kings, presidents and emirs in the audience." So began the *New York Times'* Oct. 18 editorial.

One may argue that the reaction of the 57 members of the Organization of Islamic Congress (OIC) – a standing ovation for Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad – was even more alarming than his anti-Semitic outburst, in which he said "Jews rule the world by proxy" and "get others to fight and die for them."

But it is indisputable that, along with Mahathir's slander, the reaction of the heads of the world's largest Islamic assembly, representing 1.3 billion people, should have received widespread attention from Canadian media outlets. Oddly, or perhaps predictably – depending on your point of view – it did not.

On the day Mahathir spoke (Oct. 16), CBC's *The National* devoted a mere half-minute to the story, saying that the prime minister of Malaysia had made "some shocking comments about Jews." Mahathir was shown claiming that "1.3 billion Muslims cannot be defeated by a few million Jews." Anchor Peter Mansbridge added one line: "Mahathir Mohamad called on Muslims to unite to find a non-violent way to achieve what he called a final victory against the enemy." That was it. No mention of the size of the assembly of Islamic leaders or, more importantly, their unanimous, ringing endorsement of Mahathir's poisonous remarks.

On CBC Radio's *World Report*, Oct. 17, Peter Lloyd reported that leading Muslim delegates to the conference – including the Egyptian foreign minister and the head of the Arab League – "immediately came out and praised what Dr. Mahathir said. It went down very well with that audience."

Unfortunately, Lloyd's attention to this vital piece of information was not conveyed by many other electronic media outlets, and its broader significance was mostly lost.

Even more surprising was the complete inattention to the story by both *Global National* and *CTV News with Lloyd Robertson* on Oct. 16 and in the days immediately following. It was almost a week later, on Oct. 21, when both newscasts covered the story, reporting on Prime Minister Jean Chrétien's insipid exchange with the Malaysian Prime Minister at the APEC summit in Bangkok, Thailand. CTV devoted attention to the anger within the Canadian Jewish community over Chrétien's failure to rebuke Mahathir.

Mahathir's comments were not just the ravings of a crank. They represent a widespread conspiratorial mindset about Jews that has a dangerously frightening grip on much of the Islamic world today. The reaction of the Islamic leaders, which confirms this, makes the story so compelling. Yet CBC Radio programs such as *As It Happens*, *The Current* and *Sunday Edition*, which typically delve into important international stories, ignored it.

The print media generally provided more coverage and commentary. In its Oct. 17 editorial, "Mahathir's poison," the *Globe and Mail* issued a strongly worded rebuke. The *Toronto Star* waited until Oct. 20 to publish a short editorial on the subject. While the *National Post* had no editorial comment, on Oct. 21 it ran a major op-ed piece, "Mahathir's pack of lies," by Iranian journalist and author Amir Taheri, that provided in-depth analysis of what transpired in Malaysia and its significance.

The Canadian news media need to pay far more attention both to the dangerous rise in conspiracy-laden anti-Semitism in many parts of the Muslim world, and to those moderate Islamic voices that condemn it.

Paul Michaels is director of communications of the Canada-Israel Committee.

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Muslims condemn Mahathir, MPs slam Chrétien

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

Two of three Canadian Muslim organizations contacted by *The CJN* for their reactions have roundly condemned the recent anti-Semitic tirade by Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad.

Mahathir triggered a firestorm of controversy around the world when he told an Islamic meeting in Malaysia earlier this month that Jews "rule this world by proxy. They get others to fight and die for them." He also hinted at the need for Muslims to rise up and curb Jewish power.

"I have no qualms denouncing" Mahathir's remarks, said Riad Saloojee of the Council on American-Islamic Relations Canada. "They are really quite disgusting and completely at odds with Islam in letter and spirit."

Muslims "have to do a lot of soul-searching to confront" this sort of sentiment, Saloojee said. "Clearly, the community has to get beyond scapegoating other communities," and needs to take a "a very, very hard and critical look at itself."

Mahathir's comments reflect badly on all Muslims, he said.

"We condemn something like that. It's not something we would endorse or Muslims would endorse," said Faisal Kutty, general counsel to the Canadian Muslim Civil Liberties Association.

"By making that kind of statement, [Mahathir] lost the whole impact and balance of his speech," Kutty said. He called the speech "good" overall, in that it included a call to Muslims to re-examine many of their fears and concerns, "but by focusing attention [on Jews], he made sure no one would listen."

Mohamed Elmasry, national president of the Canadian Islamic Congress, called Mahathir's remarks "regrettable," but would not condemn them.

"He shouldn't have said it. There was no need for him to say it. He could have made his point without it."

But Elmasry said the comments "were in the context of praising Jewish achievement after the Holocaust. He said that despite the fact that 6 million of 12 million Jews were killed, they managed to take a non-violent route to reconciliation and healing. I thought this was a very positive assessment."

Elmasry called Mahathir "a very wise man and high achiever" whom he met a year ago. Elmasry said it would "serve [*CJN*] readers well" to read the entire text of the speech.

"Two lines got headlines. It was a regrettable statement within a good speech. It was unfortunate language, but even in his speech, he tried to correct himself [by saying] some Jews are against Israel's policies."

Calls to the Canadian Arab Federation and the newly created Muslim Canadian Congress were not returned by press time.

In a guest editorial in the *Montreal Gazette* last week, Yahya Abdul Rahman, an editor with the Montreal Muslim News Network, blasted Mahathir's comments as "anti-Semitic, racist to the core, outrageous and simply untrue.

"As a Muslim who believes all forms of racist intolerance are a grievous sin against God and humanity, I repudiate and distance myself from Mahathir's statements. He does not speak for me, but sadly enough, his words will be used to embolden anti-Semites everywhere and be used as a farther pretext to further malign Islam and Muslims," Rahman said.

"Our leaders should be more careful when they speak, as what they say reflects on the whole Muslim community. Mahathir's remarks make all Muslims look like a pack of anti-Semite [sic] bigots."

Mahathir repeated his allegations a few days later in a newspaper interview.

"In my speech I condemned all violence, even the suicide bombings, and I told all Muslims it's about time we stopped all these things and paused to think and do something that is much more productive," he told the *Bangkok Post* on Oct. 21.

"That was the whole tone of my speech, but they picked up one sentence where I said that the Jews control the world.

"Well, the reaction of the world shows they do control the world."

He blamed the Western media because "many newspapers are owned by Jews.

"They only see that angle and they have a powerful influence over people," he said. "Only their side of the picture is given now. The Muslims, we are pictured as terrorists, unreasonable people, unable to administer our countries, unable to develop our countries.

"Israel is a small country. There are not many Jews in the world. But they are so arrogant that they defy the whole world. Even if the United Nations say no, they go ahead. Why? Because they have the backing of all these people."

Foreign Minister Bill Graham condemned Mahathir's original comments as unacceptable, and Malaysia's high commissioner in Ottawa was called in to express this country's outrage.

Graham called Canadian Jewish Congress president Keith Landy from Bangkok the day after the remarks were delivered, something Landy said he "appreciated."

"He appeared outraged at the comments and was very receptive to working with us and to find a way to get moderate Muslims to speak out and denounce [the remarks]," Landy told *The CJN.*

As for Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, who shook hands with Mahathir a few days later at the summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation in Bangkok, "he's made himself irrelevant," Landy said. "It's one more embarrassment for him and the country."

Landy likened the prime minister's gesture to his handshake a year ago with Hezbollah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah at the francophonie summit in Beirut.

"I talked with him," Chrétien said when asked about his exchange with Mahathir. "I said his speech was not well received in Canada. But he gave an explanation that he invited everybody to read the whole speech, you know."

Asked whether he offered Mahathir his own opinion of the remarks, Chrétien added: "I said [the day before that] it was unacceptable… We were a bunch of guys there, you know."

The day after the handshake, deputy prime minister John Manley said the government's position was "very clear. [The remarks are] not acceptable. We don't tolerate them, we don't countenance them at all and I don't think that there has ever been any ambiguity about our government's views."

Mahathir's remarks and Chrétien's reaction triggered three days of sharp comment by opposition MPs and Senators, just as MPs passed an historic bill proclaiming an annual Holocaust Memorial Day.

Comments in the House of Commons included the following:

Carolyn Bennett (St. Paul's, Lib.): "I wish to add my voice to that of the Canadian government in condemning Mr. Mahathir's remarks in the strongest possible way."

Anita Neville (Winnipeg South Centre, Lib.): "Comments in [Mahathir's] speech were blatantly anti-Semitic, highly inflammatory and unequivocally false… That his remarks were applauded by the Muslim leadership in attendance at the conference speaks to the ever-present fears of the Jewish people. His language was shocking and only furthers racist hatred, and his subsequent unwillingness to acknowledge his remarks as such is even more appalling.

Val Meredith (South Surrey–White Rock–Langley, Canadian Alliance): "The prime minister has once again failed to voice Canadian values and looked weak and unconcerned. Why did the other world leaders recognize the need to criticize Mahathir's comments? Canada's prime minister should represent Canadian values and have condemned the Malaysian prime minister's statements."

Pat Martin (Winnipeg Centre, NDP): "On this day when Parliament has agreed to establish Yom Hashoah as Holocaust Memorial Day I call upon our prime minister to publicly denounce Mahathir Mohamad and to state clearly that we consider his shameful racist comments a hate crime on an international level."

Deborah Grey (Edmonton North, Canadian Alliance): "Mr. Speaker, well, our so-called prime minister has once again failed Canada miserably on the international stage. Or, our prime minister reported that he had told Mr. Mahathir only that his speech was not 'well received' in Canada, but then went on to say that the Malaysian prime minister gave an explanation and invited everybody to read the whole speech, as if that would help. Is our prime minister suggesting that this is simply a matter of words taken out of context?

"After two days of pressure, all our prime minister could muster up was 'I regret today to have to use such strong words against you.' They were not strong enough. Shame."

Chuck Strahl (Fraser Valley, Canadian Alliance): "What do we do when the current prime minister, the one who is not here right now but is overseas somewhere, is over in Malaysia embarrassing the country by shaking hands with people who are accusing the Jews of ruling the world?"

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ואז יש קטע בחדר המנהל שבו שלומי בן השש עשרה בטוח שהולכים לזרוק אותו מבית הספר, אך המנהל, קצין לשעבר בצבא, שואל אותו שאלות חשבון מסובכות ומוצא שהוא בעצם גאון, שהמערכת כמעט החמיצה בגלל טפשותה ובינוניותה. את הקטע הזה בסרט סיימתי זולג דמעות, גם בגלל הרגישות הנפלאה של מנהל, שבסטריוטיפ ציפית שיהיה אטום וטיפש, וגם בגלל הצדק שיוצא לאור. סוף טוב-הילד הולך לבית ספר למחוננים. והכוכבים של שלומי- על שום מה?- על שם עוגות ועוגיות הכוכבים הנפלאות שהוא אופה.

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Canada backs UN move to condemn security fence

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But the CIC "is still frustrated by Canada's tendency to equivocate on Israel's right to self defence," Goldberg added. "Canada affirms Israel's right to protect itself but then qualifies its position."

The Oct. 21 vote before the UN's General Assembly called on Israel to stop and reverse construction of its security wall, which Palestinians have charged encroaches on their territory, splits Jerusalem and divides families. So far, 145 kilomotres of the 640-km fence has been built.

Four countries – the United States, Israel, the Marshall Islands and Micronesia – voted against the measure. Twelve nations abstained.

Canada often abstains on UN resolutions that criticize Israel, but its vote this time is not seen as a departure from its Mideast policy, Goldberg said.

The resolution is nearly identical to an Arab-sponsored measure the United States vetoed a week earlier at the UN Security Council because it did not contain condemnation of terrorist acts.

Canada and other nations, particularly those of the 15-member European Union, reworked the new resolution to include the condemnation of "the recent suicide bombings and intensification of violence with the attack in Haifa and the bomb attack in the Gaza strip, which killed three American security officers."

It also calls on both parties to fulfill their obligations under the "road map" peace plan; urges the Palestinian Authority "to undertake visible efforts to restrain individuals and groups conducting and planning violent attacks;" and calls on Israel "to take no actions undermining trust, including deportations and attacks on civilians and extrajudicial killings."

The amended resolution was then introduced by Italy on behalf of the EU, which is one of the sponsors of the road map, along with the United States, Russia and the UN.

In return for EU support, the Palestinians and their supporters agreed to drop a second resolution that would have asked the International Court of Justice at The Hague, Netherlands, for an opinion on the legality of the barrier.

But the resolution raises the possibility of going to the court sometime in the future if Israel doesn't comply with the demand to dismantle the fence.

It also asks UN Secretary General Kofi Annan to submit periodic reports on Israel's compliance, with the first due within one month. Once the report is received, the resolution says, "further actions should be considered, if necessary, within the United Nations system."

The resolution, which is not legally binding on Israel, expresses the UN's "particular concern that the route marked out for the wall under construction by Israel in the occupied Palestinian territory, including in and around East Jerusalem, could prejudice future negotiations and make the two-state solution physically impossible to implement and would cause further humanitarian hardship to the Palestinians."

A spokesperson for Israel at the UN called the vote a "humiliating farce" and decried the "disservice" being done to the UN "as long as the majority pandered to the resolution." Israeli Deputy Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Israel will continue building the barrier.

While commending Canada for securing the inclusion of the condemnation of terror attacks, Goldberg said Canada's explanation of its vote "contains a sense of unreality."

Saying Canada respects Israel's right and obligation to defend itself, Canada's UN ambassador, Paul Heinbecker, explained the country's vote in a statement by repeating its oft-cited policy that it "opposes all unilateral actions which could predetermine the outcome of final status negotiations," including the construction of "an extensive security barrier on land inside the occupied territory of the West Bank.

"Canada considers the expropriation of land to facilitate the construction of this barrier to be unacceptable."

Canada, the statement said, is concerned "with the highly prejudicial impact this barrier may have on the already-flagging prospects for peace. Further, its adverse effect on the ever-dire humanitarian and economic situation in the Occupied Territories is worrisome. We fear that the scope and location of the barrier being constructed further undermines the hopes of the many who yet yearn for peace."

Goldberg said Canada's explanation is "surreal" because it implies there is a peace process to defend.

"Israel was compelled to build the barrier in response to terrorism. The peace process was destroyed by Palestinians' use of terror.

"Israel has a right to expect a little more from its friends, including Canada."

In a statement, CIC chief executive officer Shimon Fogel said his organization is "increasingly frustrated that while Canada endorses Israel's right to protect its citizens from the constant onslaught of Palestinian terrorism in theory, Canada keeps on issuing objections to its practical application.

"Canada has to stop confusing the arsonist with the firefighter; it is the unwillingness of the Palestinian Authority to dismantle terror groups and the murderous acts committed by these groups that is crippling the peace process, not the Israeli measures designed to stop them."

On the same day the resolution was passed, a senior UN official told the Security Council that Israel has quickened the pace of erecting the fence.

"Over the last month the speed of construction has accelerated," Kieran Prendergast, UN under-secretary general for political affairs, said in his monthly briefing on the Middle East. "Palestinians along the barrier's route face land loss and severely restricted access to jobs, markets and essential social services… We repeat our call to the Israeli authorities to halt construction of the wall."

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Canadian MPs find Muslim anger at Israel, U.S.

By **PAUL LUNGEN**
Staff Reporter

Canadian parliamentarians meeting the elite of Arab intellectual and political society in Jordan and the Palestinian territories were confronted last week with a virtually monolithic expression of anger at Israel's "occupation" and intense feelings of anti-Americanism, according to Montreal MP Irwin Cotler.

In meetings with "top people" during a 10-day Mideast tour, Cotler said he was taken aback at the intensity of the emotions and views expressed by his Arab interlocutors. Cotler, who first visited the Arab Middle East in 1975 and who has been to Jordan nine time and Egypt 13 times, said he never before experienced "the intensification of the focus on the Israel and Palestinian conflict in general and the occupation in particular. It came up wherever we went."

In meetings with politicians, intellectuals, journalists and NGO representatives, the parliamentarians heard that "the occupation was the root of all evil. We heard that in every strand of the Jordanian meetings."

Speakers brought up Israeli military checkpoints "as a kind of metaphor. For the Palestinians, it's held out as a sense of humiliation and restrictions on their movements" while "they refer to suicide bombings as acts of resistance," he said.

Cotler, along with MPs Keith Martin (Canadian Alliance) and Bernard Patry (Liberal), were in the Middle East to research the world of Islam.

Three groups of MPs from Parliament's foreign affairs committee have recently visited different parts of the Muslim world. One group visited southeast Asia, including India and Malaysia, while another visited Iran, Saudi Arabia and Turkey. Cotler's group visited Jordan, the Palestinian territories, Israel and Egypt.

The foreign affairs committee is planning to compile its findings in a report to Parliament. The report, which will likely be published early in the new year, "will reflect what we heard and where, in a modest way, Canada can play a role," Cotler said.

Although the report has yet to be written, Cotler said, "The idea was that we have to have an approach that will not be adversarial as the West versus Islam. Our discourse is not that of a conflict of civilizations… it is one of a dialogue and what we can do to promote understanding."

The foreign affairs committee has already held hearings on the issue and will hear from other presenters before the report is begun, Cotler added.

Speaking from the Middle East before the Cairo leg of the trip, Cotler said what was "compelling was the intensity of the focus on the conflict and the occupation as the root of all evil."

In addition, the United States, which is seen as supporting Israel's occupation and is now seen as an occupier itself in Iraq, came in for heated criticism, even "hatred," he said.

"Israel is seen almost as an extension of America, not as a legitimate independent entity, but as its agent in the Middle East, which is a delegitmating feature."

In Jordan, one of the group's contacts told him that "98 per cent of Jordanians hate Americans. We felt an intense animus against the United States. It was palpable."

The U.S. invasion of Iraq was seen as a prelude to further incursions in Mideastern states and the group heard the argument, presented by secular Jordanians and Palestinians, that the Israeli occupation has inflamed the Arab and Muslim world and "made the Arab world more Islamic."

Cotler said he often presented a counterargument in an attempt to balance the discussion, but "when you hear a case presented in a very powerful way and given the emotionalism that underpinned it, it's hard for people who don't know the whole situation not be affected by it."

The "sheer weight of exposure would get someone to have sympathy certainly for Palestinian suffering."

While the group heard a unified and emotional voice from the Arab side, their Israeli contacts spoke in a calmer manner in an office setting, which did not lend itself to the same kind of impact achieved in a visit to Palestinian areas. What's more, there was disagreement among Israelis – as might be expected in a democracy – on a number of issues, including the Geneva agreement promoted by Meretz MK Yossi Beilin. Incredibly, Cotler said, even one Shinui member of the governing coalition supported the initiative while two other government members opposed it.

On another occasion, an Israeli journalist seemed to confirm the Palestinian characterization of Israel's security fence, also calling it an "apartheid" fence, Cotler said.

Meanwhile, on the Palestinian side, specific suggestions were advanced for Canadian policymakers to adopt while no such unified message was advanced by Israeli parliamentarians.

Arab contacts refused to condemn the speech by Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, saying the entire speech should be examined and the comments on Jews were only a small part of the overall message, Cotler said.

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Yom Hashoah proclaimed national memorial day

By ZEV KALIN
Special to The CJN

OTTAWA — Less than a week after Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad received a standing ovation from the leaders of 57 Muslim states for saying "Jews rule this world by proxy," the House of Commons passed a private-member's bill sponsored by MPs from all five parties to create a nationwide Holocaust memorial day.

At a press conference following the bill's passing, Auschwitz survivor Nate Leipciger, who was representing survivors on behalf of the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), compared the climate in Germany just before the Holocaust to today's rising anti-Semitism.

"Those remarks [by Mahathir] are very reminiscent of 1938 when Hitler was talking about the fact that the Jews are a scourge to the world and they must be eliminated," Leipciger said.

The bill, which proclaims an annual Holocaust Memorial Day on the Hebrew calendar date of Yom Hashoah, was introduced by five MPs and passed last Tuesday, Oct. 21 with the unanimous consent of the Commons. It must still be approved by the Senate.

The five sponsors of the bill were Bloc Québécois MP Richard Marceau, Tory MP Scott Brison, Liberal MP Art Eggleton, Canadian Alliance MP Scott Reid and NDP MP Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

"One of the most important things about this bill is that each and every parliamentarian, the elected officials of Canada, regardless of their party affiliation, passed this bill unanimously," Marceau said. "That is how strongly this country feels the Holocaust should be remembered."

Leo Adler, director of national affairs for the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies, said, "The fact that all five parties unanimously supported this bill speaks volumes about Canada's response to racists like Mahathir Mohamad. It would have been nice for our prime minister to have been with us as well. Perhaps it's symbolic in many ways that he's not here today. Instead he chose to shake the hand of the Malaysian prime minister without condemning his inflammatory remarks."

Leipciger agreed, saying, "[Chrétien's] absence of condemnation of the remarks [by Mahathir] sent a very damaging message to Canadians and to the world."

Jack Silverstone, executive vice-president of CJC, said, "Canada has been a world leader in officially recognizing the significance of the Holocaust. Beginning in 1998 with Ontario, all 10 provinces have enacted Holocaust remembrance legislation. It's very gratifying to see the federal Parliament take a similar step."

Marceau is credited by his co-sponsors with being the bill's champion.

"He's done a lot and deserves the credit for getting the act to where it is today," said Wasylycia-Leis, who recalled how she had tabled the bill in 1998.

"When the House dissolved in October of 2000, the bill died. I tried to reintroduce it as a private member's bill," she said, "but very few bills are allowed to be introduced that way. I never won the lottery. I had been looking for another way to get it introduced when Richard came to me and suggested an all-party approach. I was delighted."

Reid said, "[Marceau] had to find a sponsor in each party. Then he had to clear the bill with every party caucus, arrange to have first, second, and third reading done all in one shot and get the House Leaders and the Speaker of the House on side. It was a lot of work."

Rochelle Wilner, president of B'nai Brith Canada, said, "We welcome the efforts of Richard Marceau in garnering the support of all the parties to enact this legislation declaring an annual Holocaust remembrance day. It's important that our government show its commitment to combating racism and genocide in all its forms. By acknowledging and remembering the horrors of the Holocaust, they are insuring that future generations of Canadians will bear witness and never forget. "

Security fence will 'ghettoize' Jews again, says academic

By DAVID LAZARUS
Staff Reporter

The irony of the massive security fence being built to keep terrorists out of Israel is that it will "ghettoize" Jews again, a result entirely out of keeping with Zionism's ideals, says a well-known Jewish Canadian academic.

"From 1947 to 1967, Israel was fenced in," Janice Stein, professor of conflict management and negotiation at the University of Toronto, said to a full hall at the Gelber Conference Centre earlier this month.

"Zionism was supposed to be about the normalization off the Jewish condition, the end of the ghetto, the end of the fencing off of the Jewish people. Does the Zionist dream translate into the creation of the largest Jewish ghetto ever?"

The fence, she said, will only serve to "ghettoize" both Israelis and Palestinians and harden positions.

It will also isolate Israeli communities in the West Bank and virtually surround some Palestinian enclaves, almost closing them off completely.

Stein said Israelis support the fence because it seems to be a "simple solution" to terror. But she said senior army commanders are not all that optimistic about how effective it will be in keeping out terrorists.

"It will reduce terror, but certainly not eliminate it," she said.

To even approach doing that, Israel's military would have to use forces to patrol the fence in much greater numbers than it has up to now, she said.

The trouble with such static defences, Stein said, is that they not as effective as moving defences, which is why Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon resisted building it.

Even if it were impenetrable, the fence still leaves Israel vulnerable from the sea, she said.

The ghetto issue aside, Stein said she would be less opposed to it if it followed the the 1967 borders known as the Green Line. Instead, parts of it go deep into Palestinian territory, creating de facto borders and cutting off some Palestinians from their own areas, she said.

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JWI needs more young women, new president says

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Freda Gottesman-Brender, incoming president of Jewish Women International of Canada (JWI/C), says the organization has taken a giant leap into the future.

"We're looking at JWI through a new set of eyes based on the reality of the day," she says.

A JWI member for 36 years, Gottesman-Brender, a retired mathematics teacher originally from Montreal, founded the Calgary chapter when she lived there with her husband and daughters in the early 1980s. In Toronto, she has served on the national board of JWI/C.

"The core values of JWI are to create social change, but we realize that there is a more meaningful way to encapsulate the values of our organization."

Freda Gottesman-Brender

Women have been working for years to make a place for themselves in the work world, she says, "but it has come at a price for Jewish women's organizations. We have come to recognize that all of the organizations are faltering in membership.

"We believe that women still want to make a difference but within the confines of their time. There are many intelligent young women who are committed to Judaism, but are very time-crunched.

"[Our challenge] is to position the work of the organization in order to attract these women," says Gottesman-Brender.

After consulting with Ruth Flicker, a specialist in strategic planning who has done extensive work with U.S. women's groups, she says, "we learned that every non-profit organization in North America is facing a crisis. There are fewer members, with less time and fewer dollars to donate. Ruth is opening our eyes as to what is happening [across the continent], and the impact it has had.

"We are working with her in order to find new and innovative ways to engage women in the important work that we do. Without young Jewish women, there is no future for Jewish organizational life."

It's clear that younger women can't make the same commitment to organizations as their mothers and grandmothers did, Gottesman-Brender says.

"The world is a different place now. [If people do join an organization] they are afraid to take on a task because there are not enough people to help out. They do not want to take sole responsibility."

With shrinking numbers, "members also need to accept the responsibility of raising more money," she says.

Gottesman-Brender will be installed along with the rest of the new executive board at this weekend's JWI/C convention, titled "A Force for Social Change."

Speakers include Laurel Rothman, the executive director, of Campaign 2000, the drive to end child poverty; Wendy Cukier, president of the Coalition for Gun Control; and Hedda Matza-Haughton, who will lead participants in a journey through laughter, fun and play. Also on the agenda are several interactive workshops, including one led by Ruth Flicker.

At Sunday's closing luncheon, the organization is honouring Sharon Hampson, entertainer and breast cancer activist, with the JWI/C Woman of Achievement Award.

Israeli firefighters launch Friends group

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL – Israel's firefighters are looking for friends.

It's often forgotten that the firefighters are the first on the scene of a terrorist attack, whether or not there is a fire, and they treat casualties until ambulances arrive, said Israel's national fire and rescue services commissioner Shimon Romach.

Romach is on a North American tour with a twofold mission: to exchange information with fire officials here on areas of common interest, and to officially launch the American and Canadian Friends of Israeli Firefighters, organizations that will raise funds to update the country's aging firetrucks and other equipment.

Romach said the country needs at least 100 new vehicles, which cost $300,000 to $1 million US each. Israel is also interested in buying used vehicles from abroad.

Romach, who was a senior officer in the Israeli Security Agency (Shin Bet) for 23 years working mainly in anti-terrorism intelligence, was last year named fire commissioner, a position within the interior ministry.

"In 2002, we responded to 40 suicide bombings, as well as other types of attacks, such as shootings. Unfortunately, we are gaining experience in dealing with terrorism, which fire departments in North America, especially since 9/11, are interested in. We also have expertise to share in preparing for biological and chemical attacks," he said.

Romach, who was accompanied by the Friends' director-general Eldad Halachmi, began his tour at a fire chiefs' conference in Washington, D.C., and then went to New York, where he met Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta.

In Montreal, he met at the fire department's Park Avenue headquarters with deputy director André Brunelle and Charles St. Onge, deputy director of strategic planning.

Romach was interested in learning how Montreal has managed to harmonize the 20-odd fire departments on the island since the municipal merger Jan. 1, 2002.

Israel's fire services are organized into 26 zones, rather than at the municipal level, Romach said. He would like to see that pared down to six or seven zones.

Romach also met with Montreal executive committee members Peter Yeomans, who is responsible for public security, and Robert Libman, who is in charge of urban planning.

While in Canada, Romach said he would like to learn something about fighting forest fires.

Another goal of his trip is to foster brotherhood between Jewish firefighters here and in Israel, and possibly organize exchange visits to each other's cities.

Romach met with two of the three Jewish members of Montreal's fire service: Richard Liebmann, director of public affairs, and Victor Fleischer, president of the Pompiers Auxiliaires de Montreal, the volunteer firefighters' association. (Missing was Doug Lion, who works in the prevention division.)

From Montreal, Romach was scheduled to visit Ottawa, Toronto, Houston and Los Angeles before returning home.

Halachmi said he began the process of registering the Canadian Friends of Israeli Firefighters as a charitable organization while in Montreal. The chair of the Friends, which was established in Israel in April, is David Magen, who was a cabinet minister in the Yitzhak Shamir government.

The Friends have been working through United Israel Appeal (which covers all countries outside the United States), and have raised $1.2 million US. The Toronto Jewish community contributed $220,000 of that, Halachmi said.

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School's new cookbook offers creative recipes

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

More than 150 parents of the students at Netivot HaTorah Day School, a centrist Zionist Orthodox school, have worked together for more than two years to produce a colourful and easy-to-read cookbook that will delight both novice and experienced cooks, and raise funds for the school.

Gatherings: Creative Kosher Cooking From Our Families to Yours reflects the dedication of the Netivot parents who received 930 recipes, tested each one three times and then selected and combined some of the recipes to publish 300 in the cookbook. The categories include some longtime favourites and a host of new creative combinations that are gourmet yet easy to prepare.

The *Gatherings* project was headed by parents Shawna Magence and Carol Lesser. Lesser is a psycho-educational consultant with JVS and Magence manages a law office and serves as president of Emunah Women.

"We felt that it was important to make the book user-friendly," Magence says. "We chose a large font, made sure it was well spaced, added numerous tips on the sides of the recipes, and the book has a special Ottabind binding, which allows you to open the cookbook flat on a surface."

Lesser said "the project was created so everyone in the school could work together, to bring awareness to the community about Netivot HaTorah and we could raise much needed money for the school.

"We tried to make the project fun," she added. "We had many events including contests for some additional recipes."

The publication costs were covered by sponsorships, "so everything is now profit," Magence says. "The first day we received the cookbooks at the school, we sold 500."

The 300-page cookbook has recipes that include Risotto Primavera, Squash and Fennel (Anise) Soup, Terra Chip Chicken, Balsamic Rib-Eye Roast with Roasted Vegetables, Pavlova and numerous desserts and cakes, and a Passover section with clearly marked modifications of recipes that can be used or altered for Passover.

Gatherings: Creative Kosher Cooking, which will make a wonderful gift for a holiday or simchah, will be launched at the Jewish Book Fair on Sunday, Nov. 9, between 7 and 10 p.m. There will be an interactive program that includes samples of culinary delights, floral demonstrations, food styling and table décor ideas.

The cost is $34.99 plus GST. Copies are available by calling Netivot HaTorah, 905-771-1234, ext. 303.

SQUASH AND FENNEL (ANISE) SOUP

1 fennel (anise) bulb
1 tbsp. margarine
1 celery stalk, chopped
1 onion, chopped
1 butternut squash, peeled, seeded and cubed
broth: 2 cups water with 1 tbsp. vegetable or pareve chicken soup mix
2 cups water
½ tsp. salt (optional)

Take greenery off fennel bulb. Reserve greenery for garnishing. Chop fennel bulb into thick pieces. Reserve.

Melt margarine in an 8-quart pot over medium heat. Add celery and onion stirring regularly until vegetables are translucent but not golden. Stir in fennel, squash, broth and additional water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat. Cover and simmer until vegetables are tender, approximately 15-30 minutes. Add salt to taste. Allow soup to cool before puréeing with a hand blender or in a food processor. Reheat prior to serving. Serves 6-8.

Tips: Freezes well. Other types of squash may be substituted instead of butternut.

RISOTTO PRIMAVERA

4 cups chicken or vegetable stock
1 tbsp. margarine
1 onion, chopped
1 carrot, peeled and chopped
2 cloves of garlic, minced
¼ tsp. pepper
2 cups arborio rice, uncooked
½ cup white wine or vegetable stock
1 red pepper, chopped
1 yellow pepper, chopped
2 tbsp. fresh parsley, chopped (optional)

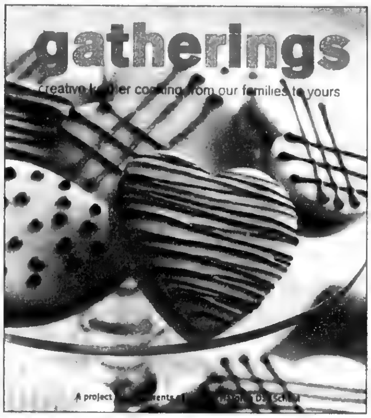
In small pot, bring chicken stock to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Set aside.

In a large pot, sauté onion, carrot, garlic and pepper in margarine until vegetables are softened. Stir in arborio rice until well coated. While stirring the rice mixture, add ½ cup of warm stock, stirring constantly until all liquid is absorbed. Add wine, stirring until all the wine is absorbed. Add red and yellow peppers. Continue adding ½ cup stock at a time, stirring after each addition until completely absorbed. Rice should be tender and creamy once all the liquid has been added, approximately 20 minutes. Be sure to keep heat on low to avoid the rice sticking. Stir in parsley if desired. Serves 6-8.

TERRA CHIP CHICKEN

½ cup all purpose flour
1 tbsp. garlic powder
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper
6 boneless chicken breasts
1 egg
1 tbsp. Dijon mustard
1 tsp. lemon juice
1 tsp. lemon and herb spice
1 170-g bag Terra chips, crushed
⅓ cup margarine

Preheat oven to 350. In a small bowl, combine flour, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Dredge chicken breasts in mixture. Set aside.



Cover of Netivot HaTorah's cookbook, Gatherings: Creative Kosher Cooking From Our Families to Yours.

In another small bowl, beat egg, mustard, lemon juice and lemon and herb spice together. Set aside. Place crushed chips in a large bowl. Dip chicken first in egg mixture then in crushed Terra chips. Place chicken breasts in roasting pan. In a small saucepan, melt margarine. Drizzle on top of chicken. Place roasting pan, uncovered, in oven. Bake for 30-45 minutes. Serves 6.

BALSAMIC RIB-EYE ROAST WITH ROASTED VEGETABLES

Marinade
2½ cups balsamic vinegar
1¼ cups dry red wine
2 tbsp. brown sugar, packed
salt and fresh ground pepper to taste

3-lb. rib-eye roast, tied
⅓ cup olive oil
1½ tsp. coarse salt
fresh ground pepper to taste
2 lbs. baby potatoes
1 lb. pearl onions, peeled
4 carrots, peeled, sliced into rounds

In a large saucepan, combine balsamic vinegar, wine, brown sugar, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat. Cover and simmer for approximately 15 minutes. Remove from heat. Set aside to cool.

Place roast in a roasting pan. Pour marinade over roast. Cover. Marinate for 1 hour at room temperature or refrigerate for up to 24 hours.

Preheat oven to 325. In a small bowl, combine olive oil, salt and pepper. Set aside. In large bowl, mix potatoes, onions and carrots with olive oil mixture and toss to coat. Place vegetables on a large greased baking sheet. Put in oven on lowest rack. Bake for 30 minutes, tossing occasionally. Meanwhile, uncover the roast. Put on middle rack of oven. Bake uncovered, for 1¼ hours. Remove. Let roast stand 10 minutes before slicing. Servings: 8.

Tips: Roast freezes well. Once cooled, cut roast against the grain then wrap well for freezing.

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Anger follows Netzarim attack

By DAN BARON
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV — As a thunderclap explosion signalled the destruction by Israeli forces of three high-rise buildings in Gaza believed to have been used in last Friday's deadly Palestinian raid on the Jewish settlement of Netzarim, the debate in Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's Cabinet about Netzarim's future grew increasingly heated.

Some members of the Cabinet questioned the wisdom of maintaining the small Jewish town in Gaza, using terms that were more reminiscent of a dovish government than a hawkish one.

"We must not reward violence, but the time has come for the government to hold a discussion on the future of Netzarim," Justice Minister Yosef "Tommy" Lapid said at Sunday's meeting.

His colleague from the secular Shinui Party, Interior Minister Avraham Poraz, proposed that the 60 Israeli families living in Netzarim, who are protected by an entire battalion of the Israel Defence Forces (IDF), be evacuated so Netzarim could be turned into a full-time military base.

The two ministers were quickly shot down by other Cabinet members.

"Netzarim should be maintained and bolstered," said Infrastructure Minister Effi Eitam, head of the National Religious Party. "And when there is someone to talk to" on the Palestinian side, he said, "it will be a community next to which the border will run."

Sharon and Defence Minister Moshe Ya'alon are also known to oppose any discussion of Netzarim's future.

Fresh from a new round of international criticism for killing Palestinian civilians in recent bombing raids, Israel appeared to take pains not to harm any this time.

In Gaza, Israeli soldiers rounded up Palestinian residents and moved them out of harm's way before demolishing the buildings. The army laid down cover fire to discourage snipers from shooting at soldiers as military engineers fanned out throughout the buildings, planting sticks of dynamite for the building's demolition.

Fuelling Sunday's debate were intensified domestic criticism and feelings of frustration and anger as Israel buried two women who died in the Netzarim attack.

Three soldiers, two of whom were women, were killed by Palestinian gunmen last Friday as they slept in the army base: Sgt. Adi Osman, 19, of Kfar Saba; Sgt. Sarit Shneor, 19, of Shoham; and Staff Sgt. Alon Avrahami, 20, of Or Yehuda. Two other soldiers were wounded by the attacker before he was shot dead by troops. Both Hamas and Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the attack.

Israel's military, which bars women from most combat roles, is unused to female conscripts dying in battle.

Charges that the women were without their rifles due to budget cuts stoked further controversy.

"How can you put soldiers on the front line without weapons?" the tearful father of Shneor told Israeli television on Sunday, the day his daughter was buried.

A spokesperson for the IDF said the army is investigating the claim that a base commander took away weapons from all female soldiers serving at the base.

There was also anger after it became apparent that the gunman infiltrated Netzarim with little difficulty, using early morning fog to escape surveillance.

Nahum Barnea, a leading Israeli columnist, said the raid highlighted the human cost of budget cuts, given that there were no rifles for the women to use.

"There is denial at work here. There is cowardice. There is an insufferable situation that is beginning to prove insufferable for large sections of Israeli society," Barnea wrote in the daily *Yediot Achronot*. "Netzarim is a luxury that Israel, in its current situation, cannot really allow itself."

In Mexico, Jews hail new law against anti-Semitic discrimination

By CORRIE MACLAGGAN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

MEXICO CITY — Mexican Jews are pleased that the government has begun implementing a recent law that explicitly prohibits anti-Semitic discrimination.

The Federal Law to Prevent and Eliminate Discrimination, which one government official called "one of the most advanced laws of its kind," passed unanimously in both legislative chambers in April and was signed by President Vicente Fox in June.

The law calls for a 300-member National Council to Prevent Discrimination, which is being formed and will begin operating in January 2004. The council, which will have branches throughout the country, will address alleged violations of the law.

Anti-Semitism is not a serious problem in Mexico, Jewish leaders said. Still, the law is seen as key to Mexico's future as a democracy.

"This law places Mexico on a level plane with democratic nations," said historian Shulamit Goldsmit, co-ordinator of the Judaic studies program at the Iberoamerican University in Mexico City.

The law prohibits discrimination on the basis of ethnicity, gender, age, disability, economic or social condition, health, pregnancy, language, religion, opinions, sexual preference or marital status. It clearly states that xenophobia and anti-Semitism are forms of discrimination, and calls for equal access to education, jobs and political office.

Previous presidents had issued declarations forbidding discrimination, but they never made them into law.

Former legislator Gilberto Rincon Gallardo, who will direct the anti-discrimination council, said the council's goal is cultural reform – something that could take two or three decades.

Rincon Gallardo of the Social Democratic Party ran for president in 2000 on an anti-discrimination platform. After losing to Fox, Rincon Gallardo founded a citizen's commission against discrimination, which spent two years drafting the law.

"This law is extremely advanced. I believe it's one of the most advanced laws of its kind in the world," Rincon Gallardo said in an interview.

Prohibiting anti-Semitism is an indispensable part of the law, he said.

"In Mexico, there is a certain tradition of looking at Jews as a form of foreigner," he said. "We want the elimination of anti-Semitism to be part of this cultural change."

There are about 50,000 Jews in Mexico, mostly in Mexico City, the capital.

While they don't suffer serious anti-Semitism, the law is an important symbolic measure that could prevent future problems, said Mauricio Lulka, executive director of the Central Jewish Committee, Mexico City's Jewish umbrella organization.

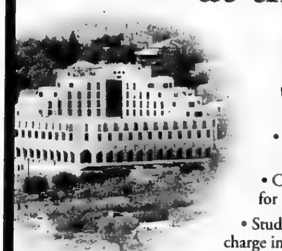
"There was confusion about why anti-Semitism needed to be included," said Lulka, who was part of the citizen's commission that drafted the law. "We explained that anti-Semitism goes beyond ethnic discrimination."

Lulka and Rincon Gallardo both said the law aims less for punishment than for education, which Lulka sees as essential to Mexico's future.

"In the past, Mexican nationalism was defined by sameness," Lulka told JTA in an interview at the committee's Mexico City office. "But if you don't recognize plurality and diversity, you can't be democratic."

Jews have been both welcomed and persecuted throughout Mexican history, as the country struggled with competing desires to attract immigrants for economic reasons and to maintain a cohesive society.

Jewish settlement in Mexico dates back to the Spanish colonization in the 16th century. But Mexico's Inquisition, although not as severe as Spain's, virtually eliminated the Jewish community.



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Anti-Israel trend grows in European academic circles

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

An open letter to the British Medical Journal by a psychiatrist and human rights activist has called for the British Medical Association to withdraw from the World Medical Association because of the election of an Israeli as chair.

The Sept. 6 issue of the BMJ contained a letter from Derek Summerfield, a senior lecturer at the Institute of Psychiatry at King's College in London, that accused Dr. Yoram Blachar, the head of the Israel Medical Association (IMA), of complicity in alleged human rights violations.

Summerfield quoted a 1996 Amnesty International report that said Israeli doctors working with the security services "form part of a system in which detainees are tortured, ill-treated, and humiliated in ways that place prison medical practice in conflict with medical ethics."

He also pointed to a statement published last year in the *Lancet*, another British medical journal, in which Blachar said Israel was "under the constant siege of terror" and therefore forced "to grapple with complex ethical issues" easily dismissed by those not involved in the conflict. Human rights activists have argued the statement proves Israeli doctors are not conforming to the same ethical standards as the rest of the world.

Summerfield's statement comes at a time when many members of the Jewish community feel that the world is applying a double standard to the Middle East dispute and that Israel alone is being faulted for the conflict.

In a Sept. 8 letter responding to Summerfield, Blachar wrote, "[T]he IMA, and I as its head, oppose torture in any form."

Israeli soldiers "do the best they can to uphold human rights under very difficult conditions of constant terror attacks," he said.

"Nonetheless, when specific incidents are brought to our attention regarding apparent violations of neutrality or medical ethics, the IMA tries to clarify the incident with the appropriate party, be it the army, hospital directors or the prison services."

In a press release dated Sept. 13, Blachar further elaborated that "we as physicians are the advocates and partners of our patients and we want to send a clear and unambiguous message to all perpetrators of torture that we condemn this abhorrent practice.

"In addition, we have a role as social leaders, and in this capacity physicians need to denounce acts of torture which they become aware of in the course of their medical practice."

"We have also recently organized a course on human rights for military medical personnel, in conjunction with the Israel Defence Forces and the Association for Civil Rights in Israel," Blachar said.

In an open letter responding to Summerfield, also published Sept. 6 in the BMJ, the British Medical Association's director of professional activities, Vivienne Nathanson, emphasized the importance of "maintaining an inclusive international organization that seeks to influence medical associations positively by exposing them to best practices rather than excluding and isolating them."

Nathanson said while reports from organizations such as Amnesty International have specified problems in Israel, such reports also show that no country on earth has a blameless human rights record.

"Awareness among medical leaders… doctors will ultimately have a positive human rights influence in the communities in which they work," she wrote.

Some doctors feel that the effort to exclude Israeli physicians from the World Medical Association represents much worse than the application of a double standard. It blocks the free flow of information by intimidation and promotes an environment that discourages open debate.

The attempt to boycott Israel represents "a knee-jerk reaction that is surprising and shocking in the scientific community and gives credence to those who wish to demonize Israel and its policies as if they are responsible for the conflict," says Joel Sadovoy, a professor of psychiatry at the University of Toronto and president of the International Psycho-Geriatric Association.

Sadovoy said in disciplines such as medicine, where honest discussion is crucial, scientific leaders need to take great pains to inform themselves fully. When they allow their political motivations to guide their actions, prejudices are presented as if they're reality and legitimacy is given to the idea that entire scientific bodies can be censored by ejection from the academic community, he said.

In the meantime, many Canadian Jewish doctors say the boycott debate is taking place solely overseas.

Israeli physicians working in Canadian hospitals have not reported on any discrimination, says Rose Geist, a professor of psychiatry at the University of Toronto and president of the Canadian chapter of the Israel Medical Association, an organization that brings Israeli doctors to Canada for one or two-year terms.

After reading about the controversy, Geist questioned Summerfield's intentions in his letter, saying he uses non-critical, unsubstantiated evidence to demonize and alienate people and organizations as a form of education.

However, the effort to ostracize, exclude and excommunicate is an archaic and unethical tool that was used in the past to persecute people and inflict pain, Geist said.

Now, when Israelis are perceived to be under attack, she said, exclusion is clearly not the most ethical response to their plight.

"Boycotts serve no one's purpose," agreed Arnold Noyek, who is the director of the Isabel Silverman Canada-International Scientific Exchange Program (CISEBO), an umbrella organization that brings together Canadian, Israeli, Palestinian and Jordanian doctors to work on health-care projects.

Health-care professionals have the ability to "defocus from the political" and come together to advance common goals. Doctors should be attempting to contribute to peace building in the region by breaking down barriers, not imposing them, Noyek said.

Suicide bombing 'justified'

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

A well-published political science professor in the United States told an audience in Toronto recently that suicide bombing is justifiable in the Middle East conflict.

Ali Mazrui, the director of the Institute of Global Cultural Studies at Binghamton University, State University of New York, was the featured guest speaker Oct. 11 for the Ontario chapter of the Friends of Makere University in Uganda.

During his talk outlining the pros and cons of globalization and terrorism, Mazrui, who is originally from Kenya, said the downside to activism occurs when bystanders are hurt.

For example, he said, innocent Africans were killed in Kenya when they got in the way of "Al Qaeda radicals and Israeli diehards."

In a question-and-answer period, Mazrui said suicide bombing is an effective tool to use against Israelis. He added proudly that he is still one of the few Muslim professors who are still bold enough to say what they truly believe.

The young girl who committed suicide in Café Maxim in Haifa Oct. 4 would not have managed to kill so many Israelis had she simply attacked with a gun, said Mazrui, who is also the Albert Schweitzer Professor in the humanities and director of the Institute of Global Cultural Studies at Binghamton University.

Masrui's views are part of a growing intellectual trend that has emerged out of the current Middle East conflict. Its proponents include doctors, lawyers, writers and academics who advocate the use of murder and suicide as a means of political expression.

Adel Sadeq, the chair of the Arab Psychiatrists Association, head of the department of psychiatry at Ein Shams University in Cairo and recipient of the 1990 Egyptian State Prize, recently discussed suicide bombing on Iqraa, a Saudi-Egyptian satellite TV channel.

During his interview, which was translated by Middle East Media Research Institute, the doctor, who otherwise appeared to be an adherent to the hippocratic oath, glorified the notion of suicide bombing and the taking of Israeli lives as a concept impenetrable to the western mind, where the human soul is considered "most sublime."

"Only our culture understands sacrifice, loyalty and honour," Sadeq said.

"No one in the [western] world sacrifices his life for his homeland. If his homeland is drowning he is the first to jump ship."

But "in our culture it is different" because when a martyr dies, he reaches the height of bliss. When the martyr explodes, he knows that he is not dead. He is simply in transition to another, more beautiful world, because he knows very well that within seconds he will see the light of the Creator."

Sadeq also disagreed with the notion that killing Israelis is a crime against humanity.

"There are no Israeli civilians," he said.

No plan to kill Arafat, Sharon tells EU lawmakers

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said for the first time in public on Monday that Israel had no plans to kill Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat.

"I don't see any plans to kill him, although the man is responsible for the deaths of hundreds, of thousands of mostly civilians because his strategy is a strategy of terror," Sharon told a group of some 150 European parliamentarians visiting Jerusalem.

Israel has said it would seek the "removal" of Arafat, whom it accuses of fomenting violent attacks since the launch of a Palestinian uprising three years ago. Arafat denies the allegation.

Political sources had said Sharon had ruled out assassinating Arafat, but it was the first time the prime minister has done so publicly.

Cabinet members have talked openly of expelling Arafat, a former guerrilla leader who returned from exile as the head of the Palestinian Authority under 1993 interim peace accords.

The threat has drawn strong international opposition, including from the United States, Israel's main ally.

Israel Radio quoted Sharon as telling the lawmakers that Israel will agree to recognize a Palestinian state and, under the third stage of the road map peace plan, will be willing to discuss settlements, borders and security zones.

Sharon said that he wanted to implement goodwill measures toward the Palestinians, but that easing restrictions had led to more terror attacks in the past.

Sharon also told the lawmakers that every phone call made by a European leader to Arafat stalls the peace process.

The 150 members of the European Parliament were on a four-day Mideast mission that began Saturday with a quick visit to Amman, where they met with King Abdullah, Queen Rania and the speaker of Jordan's senate, Zaid Rifai.

They were to meet Monday with Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia, but the meeting was cancelled at the last moment.

Austrian slave labour fund extends deadline

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

The government of Austria is giving Nazi-era forced labourers and slave labourers more time to apply for payments from its Reconciliation Fund.

Former forced labourers and slave labourers now have until Dec. 31 to apply for lump-sum payments that range from 7,630.65 Euros ($11,711) to 363.36 Euros ($558), depending on the claimant's wartime experiences.

The deadline was extended from Sept. 27 when fund administrators realized that many potential applicants remained unaware of the program, despite substantial public relations efforts, said Richard Wotava, secretary general of the Austrian Reconciliation Fund.

Since the fund's inception in December 2000, administrators have received 770 applications from Canada. Even in Austria, where the fund has been broadly publicized, "people only recently learned we exist," Wotava said. "If we get new cases in Austria, I'm 100 per cent sure we'll fund new applications, new cases in [Canada]."

More than one million forced labourers were deported to Austria during World War II to work in the country's factories and fields – even as domestics and in hotels – Wotava said. It is believed about 150,000 are alive today, and so far, the fund has identified 110,000 of the onetime forced labourers, paying out approximately $320 million (US).

While individual payouts are modest, the fund's purpose is not to offer full compensation or restitution for losses suffered. The goal is "to pay a symbolic and voluntary [sum] to forced and slave labourers who worked on the territory of what is today Austria," Wotava said.

Anyone who believes they are eligible for compensation are encouraged to contact the fund directly in Austria. Fund administrators acknowledge that most forced labourers do not possess documentation proving their claims, but Wotava assured applicants that "we are not bureaucrats. We want to help people get their small awards and small recognition."

Wotava noted that people deported to German-administered concentration camps, who were forced into slave labour, are not eligible, as these survivors are covered by a German-administered fund.

For more information, the fund can be contacted by mail at Post Box 44, A-1011 Vienna, Austria; by telephone at 43-1-5136016-0; by fax at 43-1-5136016-15; by e-mail at info@reconciliationfund.at. The fund's Web site can be found at: www.reconciliationfund.at.

Despite retreat, Iranian dossier remains open

By ZE'EV SCHIFF
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

Analysis

A week before the expiration of the International Atomic Energy Agency's ultimatum to Iran demanding it sign an agreement to increase nuclear inspection and allow surprise inspections at all sites ("the supplementary protocol"), Tehran retreated from its refusal. Tehran has also agreed to the demand to cease production of the fissionable materials for the production of nuclear energy (enriched uranium and plutonium), even though it claims it has the right to produce them.

Because Iran has been caught out in a series of lies about its nuclear activities in violation of agreements it has signed, it is necessary to be on the alert and not allow for any procrastination in the implementation of its promise. But in any case, it will now be harder for it to continue to lie. Various intelligence services are now scrutinizing its every move. Israeli intelligence has played an important role in understanding what is happening in Iran behind the scenes.

The Iranians have retreated because of the fear of sanctions, economic pressures, increasing diplomatic isolation and perhaps a military strike. This retreat is an international achievement which, if realized, will perhaps have a positive effect on the suspicious nuclear activities of North Korea.

Three European states deserve kudos: Britain, France and Germany, which joined later after some debate. The Germans were hesitant until a laboratory found that samples taken from suspicious sites in Iran showed that Iran was enriching uranium to make it suitable for military needs.

For their part, the Russians acted cautiously with respect to the provision of the nuclear materials for operating the reactor they built at Busheir, while Japan cancelled a large plan to invest in the fuel industry in Iran.

The determining factor was British and French intelligence, which both concluded separately that Iran is advancing its production of atomic weaponry. European suspicions increased when they found out that Iran was also developing ground-to-ground missiles with a range of 2,000 kilometres, and another missile with a range of 5,000 kilometres. The British and French intelligence services asked why Iran needed expensive long-range missiles when they already had Israel in range with the Shihab 3, which reaches about 1,300 kilometres.

Before the three foreign ministers of Britain, France and Germany came to Tehran, the directors general of their ministries came to set forth their demands in detail. They did not simply demand that Iran sign the supplementary protocol, but also demanded that it not wait to carry it out until the ratification of the agreement in the Iranian parliament. It was clear that the elements in Iran who are pushing for nuclear weapons want to gain time. The Europeans and the Americans realized that such procrastination would in the end cause other countries in the region to turn to atomic weapons. The Europeans presented the Iranians with an economic plan as well as plans for the production of electricity if Iran accepts their proposal.

Even assuming that a nuclear turnaround is beginning in Iran, which is still doubtful, the matter is far from closed. Apart from the nuclear issue, there are two other sensitive issues pending in this file: the development of long-range ground-to-ground missiles that will threaten not only Israel or Saudi Arabia, but also Europe, and Tehran's involvement with terror.

Tehran is behind operational activities of such terror groups as Hezbollah and Islamic Jihad, and it also sends money to Hamas. Its involvement in direct terror against Israel has increased, with representatives of the Revolutionary Guards working through Hezbollah with terror cells in Fatah's Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades in Samaria.

As is their wont, the Iranians were prepared to "do business" to put an end to terror, on condition that they would not be disturbed in their nuclear development. But those who negotiated with them did not fall into this trap. It is hoped that they will keep up the pressure on Tehran on the issues of terror and missiles as well.

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Oct. 20

- The Arutz-7 radio station shut down, stopping transmissions after 10 employees were found guilty of transmitting programs illegally and maintaining studios and transmitters between 1995 and 1998.

Oct. 21

- Israel is planning a nuclear science museum near its nuclear reactor in the Negev Desert. Plans have been drawn up for Explore Atom, a hands-on museum that will include a model of the reactor and examples of how nuclear science is used in medicine and in other fields.

Oct. 22

- Elhanan Tannenbaum, who is being held captive in Lebanon, was making an unauthorized trip to Abu Dhabi when he was kidnapped. He was lured to the United Arab Emirates city by a business proposition made by an Israeli Arab who was a Hezbollah operative. The news about Tannenbaum was made public after a gag order was lifted by the Supreme Court.

Oct. 23

- Emergency aid of $2 million (US) will prevent the closure of Beth Hatefutsoth, the Museum of the Jewish Diaspora, in Tel Aviv. The government and the Claims Conference in the United States reached an agreement in principle under which Israel and the Claims Conference will each inject $1 million (US) into the museum.

Oct. 24

- Three Israeli soldiers were killed and two wounded by two Palestinians at Netzarim in the Gaza Strip. The killed soldiers were: Staff Sgt. Alon Avrahami, 20, from Or Yehuda; Sgt. Adi Osman, 19, from Kfar Sava; and Sgt. Sarit Shneor, 19, from Shoham. One of the infiltrators was killed; the other escaped.

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Arts & Travel

Sari Colt barely survives her Jewish family

By KATHRYN KATES
Special to The CJN

The jury is still out as to whether Sari Colt will invite her family when she takes to the stage to for her one-woman comedy show *Barely Surviving My Jewish Family*.

Colt's family – her younger sister Dani and parents Betty and Neil – are anxious to see her skewer them with love. It's Colt who's not sure they should attend the Nov. 1 show.

"My parents have a very good sense of humour I inherited from them. The show is based on the truth, but with an element of exaggeration, just to make it more entertaining. That's what comedy is all about. I'm a bit nervous having them there. It took comedian Margaret Cho years before she could invite her Korean family to her one-woman show," says Colt, 36.

The Toronto-born and raised performer describes the play as a series of stories about growing up in what she calls her very unique Jewish family.

"I discuss how my family had a loaf of challah bread, which we continued to use every Friday night. After blessing it, we'd put it back in the freezer to use the next week… without even taking a bite. This ritual went on for a year. I suggested shellacking the bread to keep it from getting mouldy, but finally my mom bought a new one.

"In the show, I also talk about how my mom adores Sharon Osbourne, Ozzy's wife, because she's half-Jewish – not to mention her hair always looks fabulous; how my mom accidentally got herself a television commercial – meanwhile I've never been in one and I've studied acting for years; and how I discovered my Grade 1 Hebrew teacher had become a centrefold in a men's magazine," she says.

Colt has wanted to be in comedy since childhood. At the age of 14, she submitted a wish to be a teenage TV talk show host to the CTV's *Thrill of a Lifetime*, a show devoted to making dreams come true, and her dream came true in a very big way. She was flown to Vancouver to host an episode of the *Alan Thicke Show* and got to hang out with an unknown comic called Jerry Seinfeld.

Colt's career includes appearances on a number of top radio shows across North America and performances in clubs in Toronto and Los Angeles. She also wrote a satirical book poking fun at dumb blonde stereotypes called *The Dumb Blonde Dick Shunary of Sex*. Her comedic songs *Bring Back Metal* and *My Cousin is a Redneck* have earned airplay south of the border.

Colt hopes the Nov. 1 pay-what-you-can charity event in aid of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation is just the beginning for *Barely Surviving My Jewish Family*.

"My hope is to find a producer who would like to get involved with the play so that I can perform it all over North America. I would love to be the next Nia Vardalos, who wrote and starred in *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*," Colt says.

Tickets to the show on Nov. 1 at 8 p.m are available at Centre for the Arts' door, 533 College St., Suite 303, on performance night, or by e-mailing rsvp@dkproline.com.

Sari Colt yearns for some fresh challah.

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"Children of a Vanished World", Russian photographer Roman Vishniac's startling collection of Eastern European Jewish children between 1935 and 1939 will once again be on display as part of Holocaust Education Week.

This multi-media presentation directed by Judy Kopelow features over 70 of his photographs, projected onto a stage accompanied by Yiddish folk songs and narration.

It will be performed at Hart House Theatre, University of Toronto on Nov. 3 at 8 p.m. Following the performance, CBC's Evan Solomon and Joe Schlesinger will moderate a discussion with Leo Adler, director of National Affairs Friends of the Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies and Mara Vishniac Kohn, the photographer's daughter.

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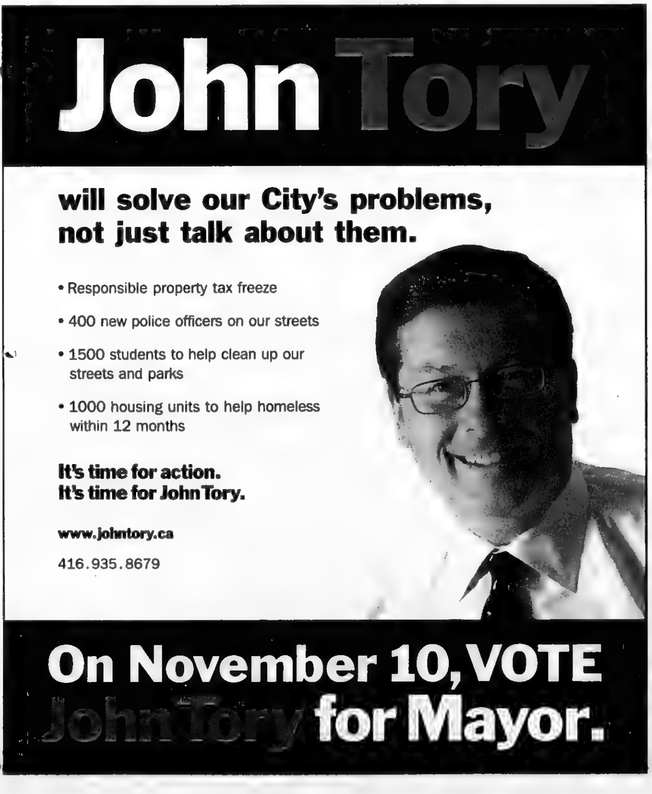
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Author explores complex themes of second-generation survivors

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

With her fourth novel *A Good Man*, Toronto author Cynthia Holz has chosen a theme close to home by writing about Jewish characters struggling with how the Holocaust has shaped their lives and self-perceptions.

Published last spring by Thomas Allen, *A Good Man* is a study of the lives of Izzy Schneider and Phil Lewis, Toronto friends who had appreciably different experiences in the Holocaust. Wherease Izzy escaped, leaving behind his family in Berlin, Phil fought the Nazis in Poland as a partisan and became a war hero.

Izzy's conscience condemns him in later years for not having done enough, but Holz renders a far more balanced judgement. She also shows that someone who had emerged heroic from the Nazi cauldron can yet be deficient in major areas of character.

"My whole point is that these labels don't stick because they aren't appropriate," Holz told *The CJN*. "The truth is always much subtler. My feeling is that we're all in the middle ground, neither this nor that. People are complex and subtle and a mix of many things."

The story is literally triggered by the mysterious shooting death of Phil Lewis, who had operated a shirt factory, employing Izzy among many others. To Izzy, Phil was almost family, since his daughter Eva had married Phil's son Roger and produced a son. Attempting to gain insight into Phil and perhaps himself as well, Izzy begins an unofficial investigation into Phil's life.

Dark secrets of the gothic variety are not lacking among these characters, especially Eva. The author's intent seems to be to alleviate the heavy judgement Izzy makes against himself by showing that he actually accomplished much good and was, indeed, "a good man." Simultaneously, many unsavoury aspects emerge of the supposedly heroic Phil.

Set in Toronto and Florida in a time near the present, *A Good Man* avoids any scenic presentation of the Holocaust. Its theme concerns the continuing effects of that dramatic upheaval many years later upon the aging survivors and their children.

"It's a book that deals with the second generation – the guilt and the shame that the second generation carried even though they never went through the war," Holz said. "I didn't want to write a book that was directly about the Holocaust, partly because it's already been done. There are plenty of stories that need to be told about the second generation and how the history and the intense feelings of the Holocaust are carried on.

"Also, I wanted to address the story of someone who didn't go through the camps or the ghettos, and who left in time, and how he was not spared – it still wrecked his life. He carried enormous amounts of guilt and grief and shame. And I wanted to address the dislocation that comes with leaving your culture and your home and starting all over again."

In some ways, Izzy's story parallels that of Holz's father, who died five years ago, leaving behind a packet of letters from family members who perished in Europe. She would not have felt comfortable writing the book while he was alive, she said.

The New York-born author, who came to Canada in 1976 as a magazine correspondent and stayed, has previously penned *Onlyville*, *The Other Side* and *Semi-detached*, as well as the short-story collection *Home Again*. Her latest novel is the first in her oeuvre that deals with a Holocaust theme and in which the Jewishness of the main characters is not incidental.

"It's a departure for me, and it's where I'm going now with my work as I get older," she said. "As one gets older, one begins to question the meaning of life. I'm looking for deeper meaning and how we look at our world. I've always written about relationships but in this case I'm taking on three generations and a lot of historical stuff as well."

Holz reads from *A Good Man* during the Jewish Book Fair at Leah Posluns Theatre on Sunday Nov. 16, 1:30 p.m. She is also scheduled to read at Israel's bookstore in January.

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Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

EDEET RAVEL, ANDREW COHEN, REGINE ROBIN AMONG NOMINEES FOR GOVERNOR GENERAL'S AWARDS

Eye on Arts delights in the extraordinary wealth and breadth of literary talent in this country, but derives a special naches from seeing Jewish names on prestigious lists such as the roster of nominees for this year's Governor General's literary awards.

In line for the top fiction award is **Edeet Ravel**, Montreal-based author of *Ten Thousand Lovers*, her first novel, about a woman who falls in love with an Israeli army interrogator. Ravel, who has already written a second novel as yet unpublished, competes with **Margaret Atwood** and three others for the $15,000 prize, to be awarded Nov. 12. (All nominees receive $1,000.)

Edeet Ravel

Nominated in the non-fiction category is Ottawa writer **Andrew Cohen** for *While Canada Slept: How We Lost Our Place in the World* (McClelland & Stewart). The book offers a cogent analysis of how Canada slipped from its place as a respected middle power that can reconcile the differences of bellicose nations.

Montreal author **Regine Robin** is in the running in the French-language non-fiction category for *La mémoire saturée*, an investigation into the duty to remember the Holocaust and other historical catastrophes of the last century. Robin's novel *The Wanderer* won the coveted fiction prize at the Canadian Jewish Book Awards in 1998.

Montrealer **Yolande Amzallag** was nominated for her translation from English into French of *The Ethical Canary: Science, Society and Human Spirit* by **Margaret Somerville**. And **David Homel** was nominated, along with **Fred A. Reed**, for their English translation of **Monique Proulx's** *Le coeur est un muscle involontaire* (*The Heart is an Involuntary Muscle*).

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Rosenbergs' Son to Speak: Robert Meeropol was six years old when his parents, **Ethel and Julius Rosenberg**, were executed 50 years ago. In an event sponsored by the United Jewish People's Order, Meeropol reads from and discusses his book *An Execution in the Family: One Son's Journey*, as part of the Jewish Book Fair. $10 in advance. Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Saturday, Nov. 1, 8 p.m. 416-789-5502 or 416-636-1880, ext. 368.

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Holocaust Films

- The Toronto Jewish Film Society presents *Resistance: Untold Stories of the Jewish Partisans* (United States, 2001, directed by **Seth Kramer**), with guest speaker **Michael Marrus**, dean of graduate studies, University of Toronto. Miles Nadal JCC, Al Green Theatre. 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). Sunday, Nov. 2, 4 and 7 p.m. Memberships and information, 416-924-6211.
- The Dutch Canadian Association of Greater Toronto is screening **Renee Sanders'** 45-minute documentary *Resisting Forces: The Jewish Council in Enschede 1941-1943*, about anti-Nazi resistance in the town of Enschede. The Amsterdam-based filmmaker 's grandfather was secretary to the council that helped many Jews go into hiding. He perished in the Holocaust. Several relatives live in Toronto. Presented as part of Holocaust Education Week. Lipa Green Building, Room 421. Tuesday, Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m. 416-229-1753.
- The Polish-Jewish Heritage Foundation of Canada and FENIX Polish Film Promotions present *Samson*, by **Andrzej Wajda**. $10, members $8. Regent Theatre, 551 Mt. Pleasant Rd. Wednesday, Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m. www.PJHFtoronto.ca
- As part of Hate Hurts Week, the ecumenical chaplaincy of Carleton University and the embassies of Israel and Italy present **Joseph Rochlitz's** documentary *The Righteous Enemy*, about Italy's role in saving 40,000 Jews during the Holocaust. Free admission. Humanities Theatre (Room 303, Paterson Hall), Ottawa. Sunday, Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m.

Renee Sanders directed *Resisting Forces.*

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What's Doing at Israel's: Steve Floris, author of *Escape From Pannonia*, discusses this miraculous tale of survival and love, Sunday, Nov. 2, 8 p.m.

Sally Rogow, author of *Faces of Courage: Young Heroes of World War II*, discusses the book's 12 stories of courageous teenagers who resisted the Nazis; the program should appeal to teachers, high school students and children with disabilities and their parents. Wednesday, Nov. 5, 7 p.m.

Both events presented as part of Holocaust Education Week. Israel's Judaica, 897 Eglinton Ave. W. Refreshments, no charge.

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Choir Seeks Voices: Entering its 78th season, the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir is preparing to perform two major works rarely done: *Benyomin der dritter* (*Benjamin III*) penned by **Mendele Moykher Sforim** in 1878, and *Babi Yar*, from the poem by Russian poet **Yevgene Yevtushenko**.

The choir welcomes new singers to rehearsals, all voices welcome. Requirements are an ear for music, a voice to sing and an ability to follow music. Morris Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Wednesday evenings, 7:30 p.m. Jean Shek, 416-489-7681.

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Arts in Brief

- The Koffler School of Music presents violinist **Jacques Israelievitch** and percussionist **Michael Israelievitch**, performing a salon series fundraising concert in a private home. Sunday, Nov. 9, 2-p.m. School director Adrienne Cohen, 416-636-1880, ext. 228.
- **Risa Waldman** and **Wendy Coles**, directors of the Music Together Centre, help parents enjoy songs, rhythms, rhymes and creative instrument play with their toddlers to age five. $160 for 10 classes. Leaside and Thornhill areas, 416-833-1231; Beaches and Riverdale areas, 416-406-0160.

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At the Galleries: The fall show of the Willowdale Group of Artists is on view at the North York Public Library, 5120 Yonge St. Free. Nov. 1 to 30… "Connections," an exhibition by artists with disabilities, is at the Joseph D. Carrier Gallery, 901 Lawrence Ave. W., until Nov. 21… **Ruth Devor's** stone and bronze sculptures are on view at The Sculpture House, 23 Thornheights Rd., Thornhill; stone-carving classes available, 905-889-4587… Paintings by **Racheline Dayan-Seidelman** are on display at Timothy's Cafe, 1070 Eglinton Ave. W., until Nov. 30… Drawings and prints by **Sorel Etrog** are on view at the Varley Gallery, Main St., Unionville, until Jan. 4, 2004… The Vancouver JCC's Zack Gallery displays paintings and ketubot by **Mordechai Robert Edel** until Nov. 30.

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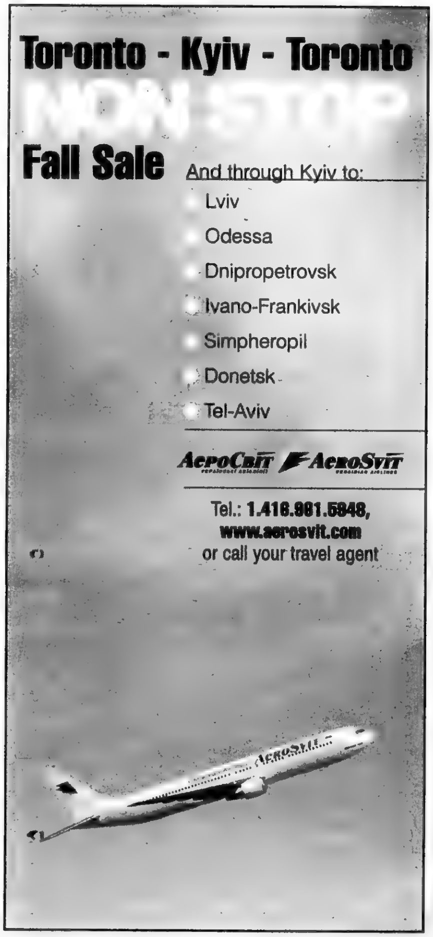
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TRAVEL TALK

BY BILL GLADSTONE

ISRAELI HOTELS WIN HIGH RATINGS FROM CONDE NAST READERS

Readers of *Conde Nast Traveler* magazine have given high marks to Israeli hotels, with the Hyatt Regency Dead Sea Resort and Spa on Israel's Dead Sea being judged Best Resort in the Middle East. The results of the magazine's annual readers' choice awards are in the November 2003 issue.

Jerusalem hotels scored well too, with the American Colony, Inbal and King David winning three of the five "Best Middle Eastern Hotel" awards.

Jerusalem hotels scored well

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Book on Dead Sea Scrolls: Three of the original Dead Sea Scrolls and about 100 rare artifacts from the biblical period in Israel are being shown at the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Hull, Que., from Dec. 5 to April 12, 2004.

The exhibition, "Ancient Treasures and the Dead Sea Scrolls," was organized by the Israel Museum, Jerusalem, in collaboration with the Montreal Museum of Archaeology and History at Pointe-à-Callière, where many of the items were previously on display.

Those who plan to view this rare showing of biblical-era artifacts outside Israel may wish to prepare by reading *The Meaning of the Dead Sea Scrolls: Their Significance for Understanding the Bible, Judaism, Jesus and Christianity.* Edited by James VanderKam and Peter Flint, this useful compendium of articles was published recently by HarperCollins.

For years, interested observers have found it hard to gain a focus on the scrolls because there was no academic consensus about them and so much remained hidden behind a cloak of secrecy. Now, as this engaging book makes clear, a broader and more confident picture is emerging. The book offers an excellent summary of developments from 1990 to 2002, the golden period of scrolls-related scholarship and publication.

Collaboration with the Montreal Museum of Archaeology and History

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New York Museum Scene: "Schoenberg, Kandinsky and the Blue Rider," a new exhibit at The Jewish Museum in New York, explores the friendship and intellectual dialogue between painter Wassily Kandinsky and composer Arnold Schoenberg. Until Feb. 12, 2004. 1109 Fifth Ave. 212-423-3271… The exhibit "Petra, Lost City of Stone," is currently on view at the American Museum of Natural History, Central park West at 79th Street in Manhattan. www.amnh.org.

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Travel Briefs – Canada

- The Canadian War Museum in Ottawa is screening the 153-minute film *Uprising.* Starring Hank Azaria and Donald Sutherland, the film focuses on the powerful and disturbing story of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising of 1943. Presented as part of Holocaust Education Week. Free admission. Eaton Room, Thursday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.
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Travel Briefs – International

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- Travellers to Texas may request free copies of the *Buckaroo Bucks* coupon book and *Texas Travel Guide*. 800-8888-TEX or www.TravelTex.com.
- Berlin's Jewish Museum celebrates its second anniversary with an exhibition on its architect, the famed Daniel Libeskind, whose designs have been selected for the World Trade Center site in New York and the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto. Until Dec. 14.

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Journalist uses life experiences to help others

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Journalist and author Ellie Tesher has lived through many experiences and traumas in her life and is using her insights to help others.

A syndicated columnist whose column "Ellie," which advises people on questions about love, marriage, friends and family and appears in 10 newspapers across Canada and in Chicago, says she believes you can successfully overcome all kinds of obstacles.

Tesher has gone on record in the past about her traumas and experiences, which include a childhood with a troubled/depressive mother, young marriage and divorce, single parenthood, children reacting to divorce, a mixed marriage, a parent with Alzheimer's, "step parenthood" and various career challenges.

Born in Toronto, Tesher graduated from the University of Toronto with a major in sociology and worked as a social worker with Children's Aid Society, where she managed the cases of some 50 foster children removed from their parents' homes. This was good preparation for the advice column, she says.

In the mid 1970s, the stay-at-home-mother began freelancing for *The Canadian Jewish News* and was later published in many magazines and newspapers. She was invited to join the *Toronto Star* staff in 1977.

During her 26-year career at the *Star*, Tesher has worked as a general assignment reporter, a feature writer, the editor of the Life, Food, Fashion and Home sections, and the editor of the *Sunday Star*. For the past eight years, she has focused on social justice issues.

Ellie Tesher

In 1999, she wrote the bestseller *The Dionnes*, about the identical Canadian quintuplets who were born during the Depression and brought millions of tourist dollars to Ontario.

In her book, Tesher revealed how the quintuplets, who successfully sued the Ontario government for financial redress for past mismanagement of their trust funds, were living their adult lives in poverty and isolation. As a result of its publication, the women were granted more than a million dollars each by the Ontario government.

Tesher says she writes it as she sees it.

"I have never in my years as a writer, editor or columnist been prevented from expressing my opinions on any issue and my Jewish identity when it is appropriate," she says, adding that her career has always been fresh and exciting.

"I had the opportunity to change what I was doing somewhat every five years and I always felt challenged in a positive way and I learned new things."

Tesher also wrote a relationship column for several years under a pseudonym for *GTA Today*, the city's commuter paper, now known as the *Metro*.

"People have always asked my for advice," she says. "Several years ago, when a replacement for Ann Landers was being sought in Chicago, it first struck me that I could do this."

She didn't pursue the idea then because she didn't feel she was ready. But when Landers died last year, Tesher realized it was the right time for her to move into that area. She expressed her interest to the publisher of the *Star*, John Honderich.

"He flashed back a positive response and now my syndicated column appears here and in the United States."

Tesher, who is a frequent guest on television and radio shows and makes many public appearances, says growing up she felt like an outsider.

"My mother had depressions and five nervous breakdowns so I did not have a strong mother image. [She] died three years ago and I realize that somehow, she had the right values and always transmitted them to me."

Her father, Phillip W. Goldman, whose mother died when he was nine years old, rose in the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association and was the president of Shoppers Drug Mart for nine years.

"My father was a strong image for me and my brother and a great public speaker. Our home was geared to education and decent values."

Today, Tesher is the mother of two children and three stepchildren. She says she and her husband Vian Ewart, a senior editor at the *Star*, lead busy lives, but they make sure to spend time together.

"We come home together and we cook together," she says. "We are health conscious and we eat a lot of fresh fruit, vegetables and fish."

Tesher says she relies on a large list of resource people, books, Web sites and community resources to help her readers, most of whom send their questions by e-mail.

"I try to answer as many as possible and I try to balance the mix," she says.

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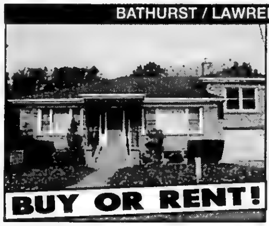

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Arts & Travel

Film grapples with Nazi past

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Germany's Nazi legacy, and the intergenerational conflicts it inspires, are the overlapping themes of *Bronstein's Children*, a German feature film to be presented by the Goethe Institut in conjunction with Holocaust Education Week on Tuesday, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m.

The screening will take place at Kinowelt Hall, 163 King St. West.

Adopted from a novel by Jurek Becker, this 1990 movie, directed by Jerzy Kawalerowicz, turns on the abduction of a former concentration camp guard and on the tense relationship between a Jewish Holocaust survivor and his somewhat rebellious teenage son.

The film, set in East Berlin in 1973, flashes back and forth between the present and the past.

Arno Bronstein (Armin Muller-Stahl) and his two friends have kidnapped Arnold Heppner, the guard, and have tied him to a bed in a rural cottage. They threaten to torture him unless he confesses to his crimes.

They are convinced Heppner shot and killed concentration camp inmates. They have kidnapped him because they do not believe East Germany's judicial system will convict a Nazi war criminal.

Shackled to a bed, Heppner is a frightened, grizzled and pathetic-looking figure.

Hans, Bronstein's 19-year-son, has misgivings about his father's decision to kidnap Heppner. At one point, he even considers freeing Heppner, who supposedly regrets what happened under the Nazis.

Hans, whose constant companion is a comely young woman, also refuses to be labelled as "a son of a victim of fascism." But he cannot repress the past, which continually haunts Arno.

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Arts & Travel

Film trembles with controversy

By LARRY ANKLEWICZ
Special to The CJN

Every once in a while you run across a film that makes you think or stirs up controversy. There have been several of these in the past few years – *The Believer*, *Capturing the Friedmans* and a film that has just been released on video and DVD – *Trembling Before G-d*.

Until *Trembling Before G-d* was on the festival circuit and in theatres, few people gave much thought to the problems faced by observant Jews who happen to be gay.

Then director Sandi Simcha Dubowski decided to face the problem head on. As a gay Jew who loved his religion and its traditions, he brought the difficulties faced by observant Jewish members of the gay community to everyone's attention. The film played at the Sundance Film Festival in 2001 and has won numerous awards, including the Teddy Award for Best Documentary at the 2001 Berlin International Film Festival.

Dubowski spent several years tracking down observant Jews who were willing to talk on camera about their homosexuality. Even then, some of them refused to allow their faces to be shown or their full names to be used.

The fact that such people even existed in the community was probably a shock to many Jews. But what was probably even more surprising was the passion and determination of these gay Jews to retain the customs and traditions they grew up with and their love of Judaism and the Jewish people – despite the antagonism they felt from their families and friends after they went public with their sexual orientation.

It is heart-rending to watch these individuals try to reconnect with their parents and family members. It is also painful to hear others who have not come out of the closet relate their fears of how their loved ones will react if they do.

Trembling Before G-d is a fascinating and emotional study of people trying to retain their connections with their families and with a way of life they truly love, despite being ostracized and virtually exiled from their community.

Though people have had different reactions to this film, I have never been to a screening where members of the audience weren't touched by it and where it didn't lead to hours of heated discussion.

Trembling Before G-d has been released in Canada by Mongrel Media. The two-disc DVD contains some three hours of bonus material, including *Trembling On The Road*, a 40-minute short feature describing the reaction from screenings around the world and updates on characters who appeared in the film; a 21-minute interview with the director; *Mark: The Musical*, a music video that is based on what MTV would do if it produced a spiritual music video; a conversation with editor and director Susan Korda; and much more, including subtitles in Spanish, Hebrew and Yiddish.

German film grapples with Nazi past

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In a subplot, Arno's daughter, Elle, who was hidden by strangers during World War II, has been committed to a mental institution. It is unclear why she is there, but one can safely assume she was traumatized by the war.

Hans visits her on a regular basis, but Arno seems estranged from his daughter. The few scenes in which Elle appears are not uninteresting, but they add little to *Bronstein's Children*, which tends to hold the viewer's attention.

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On Nov. 5 at 7 p.m., the 1920 silent film *The Golem* will be screened by the Goethe Institut. *The Golem*, which unfolds in 16th century Prague, is a doom-laden, menacing classic.

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Jews in pro hockey: a 2003-04 update

By HARVEY ROSEN
Special to The CJN

WINNIPEG — The most prominent Jewish player in the National Hockey League this season won't be Detroit Red Wings' defenceman Mathieu Schneider or Washington Capitals' centre Jeff Halpern.

Instead, it's likely to be commissioner Gary Bettman, who will face off with NHL players' association executive director Bob Goodenow to try to reach a new collective bargaining agreement before next season.

If both these Ivy League-educated lawyers can't resolve the stalemate between players and owners by next September, chances are that there won't be a "Jews in pro hockey" article like this one next year, or for some time to come.

Right now, it appears that Schneider, 34, and Halpern are the only two Jewish skaters in the NHL who seem to be relatively secure with their present teams. But make no mistake, there are plenty of skaters champing at the bit.

Schneider, at $3.5 million (US), is the highest paid Jewish hockey player of all time. The Red Wings also paid a high price to acquire the veteran rearguard from Los Angeles at the trading deadline last year, surrendering a pair of young minor leaguer hopefuls plus first- and second-round draft picks.

Schneider last year enjoyed his third 50-point season in his 14-year career, garnering 16 goals and 34 assists in 78 games.

I hesitate to suggest that the power-play specialist might be losing a step or two, since his sister-in-law Michelle Schneider took exception to my assessment of her brother-in-law when she read my hockey column last winter in the *Jewish Star Times* of Miami.

She wrote: "He is not winding down his career. He was out last season with a groin injury. It can take quite a while to come back from this type of [problem]. Mathieu has always played with grit and determination and is in no way winding down."

Not including playoffs, the New York native – who shoots left-handed, stands six feet tall and weighs 190 pounds – has played in 914 games with the Islanders, Leafs, Rangers, Canadiens, Kings and Red Wings.

Halpern, 27, is a local hero who was inducted into the Greater Washington Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. The Princeton grad, who often plays on the Capitals' checking line, was one of only a handful of NHL players to play in all of his team's 82-regular season games last season.

He is always at his best as a penalty killer and is often used against the other teams' top lines. Such assignments come at the expense of his offensive output. Last season he had only 13 goals and 21 assists.

The Washington organization exercised their option in June on the 6-foot, 200-pound Halpern, who earns just over $1 million (US) per season. This season is therefore a pivotal one for the checker, who is described as being "on the bubble."

Veteran centre Steve Dubinsky, 33, who played last season in six games with the American Hockey League's Worcester IceCats and in 28 with the NHL's St. Louis Blues, is a Group Three unrestricted free agent who has yet to be signed. He has played 375 games in the NHL and hopes to amass another 25 to reach the all-important 400 mark for superior pension benefits.

There are also another five Jewish players at the AHL level who might be recalled by their parent clubs in the event of injuries.

Andrew "Bubba" Berenzweig, a 26-year-old fifth-round Islanders draft pick, was left unprotected by Dallas in the recent October NHL waiver draft and went unclaimed. The 6-2, 215-pound defenceman is now in the AHL with the Utah Grizzlies. He played several games last season with the Nashville Predators.

Also left unclaimed was Edmonton Oilers' property, Michael Henrich, 23, a former first-round selection, 13th overall. The winger, who has yet to realize his full potential, last year played overseas in Sweden and was later loaned to Hershey of the AHL. This season, the right-winger is with the new AHL franchise in Toronto, the Roadrunners.

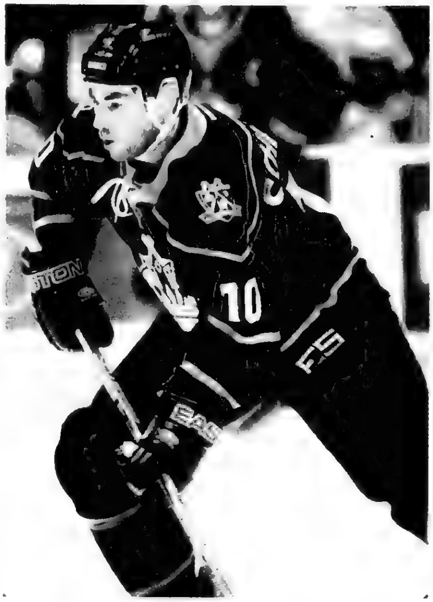
Max Birbraer, 23, formerly the property of the New Jersey Devils and who played left wing with the Albany River Rats of the AHL, is now in the Florida Panthers chain and will begin the season with the AHL's San Antonio Rampage. The Kazakhstan native, who once played in Israel, scored six goals and added six assists last year with Albany.

Cory Pecker, 22, who was drafted in 1999 by Calgary Flames, is now in the Anaheim chain playing with Cincinnati of the AHL The centre was a scoring star in junior, recording 53 goals and 46 assists in only 56 games in his final year with the Erie Otters of the Ontario Hockey League. With Cincinnati last season, he scored 20 goals in his rookie pro campaign.

Dave Hymowitz, 29, is in Binghamton with the Ottawa Senators number 1 farm club for his second season. The left winger had 15 goals and 19 assists last year.

Adam Henrich, Michael's brother and a second-round draft pick of the Tampa Bay Lightning, is back as alternate captain with the Brampton Battalion of the OHL. The 6-4, 214-pound left winger fired 31 goals and added 33 assists last season.

Goalie Robert Gherson, 20, Washington's fifth round pick in 2002, enjoyed a 26-12-7 record with a 2.78 goals-against average with the Sarnia Sting of the OHL last year. He is back with the same club this year.



Mathieu Schneider

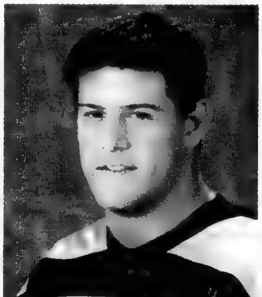
Eric Himelfarb, 20, scored 31 goals and added 44 helpers with Barrie Colts of the OHL last season. The diminutive forward was a sixth-round selection of Montreal in 2001, but the Canadiens never signed him. This fall, he attended the Ottawa Senators rookie camp, then ended up again in the OHL, this time with the Kingston Frontenacs.

Former NHL stalwart Bob Nystrom's son Eric, a first round pick, number 10 overall, by Calgary in 2002, is playing at the University of Michigan. The winger played 39 games and recorded 15 goals and 11 assists last season.

David Nemirovsky, a Toronto born centre who has played in 91 NHL games and scored 16 NHL goals, is playing for Jokerit, Helsinki, where last winter he potted 18 goals and had 23 assists in 56 games.

Winnipeg's Jacob Micflikier, a forward, scored 31 goals and had 36 assists in 59 games with Sioux Falls of the United States Hockey League last season. He is set to play at the University of New Hampshire this season.

Lower minor league hopefuls also out there to watch for are: Aaron Brand (Port Huron Beacons, United Hockey League), Shawn Mamane and Harold Hersh (Granby Predateurs, Quebec Senior Professional Hockey League), Jamie Sokolsky (University of Western Ontario), Jeff Dessner (Cologne Sharks, German Ice Hockey League), Aaron Fox (Clarkson Golden Knights, Eastern College Athletic Conference), Justin Kearns (Toledo Elite Hockey League) and Greg Gardner (Mississippi Sea Wolves, East Coast Hockey League).



Andrew Berenzweig

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An inspirational Yom Tov

Left, right, centre

By AVRUM ROSENSWEIG

The High Holy Days of 5764 represented a significant and welcome stopover on my spiritual roadmap.

I was hired to lead services for a group called The Danforth Jewish Circle (DJC), a well-organized congregation composed of a circle of spiritual travellers living in east Toronto.

The chalutznikim (pioneers) of the DJC were Jewish-hippy in nature, in pursuit of a creatively spiritual environment open to all those who wanted to participate in Jewish ritual, prayer and community. They wanted to be eclectic in their choice of liturgy, egalitarian in leadership and actions, and unaffiliated with any specific denomination so that the group could fly according to the call of its soul.

This past yom tov, I discovered that the founding members had succeeded in their quest.

The success of the DJC was evident throughout the High Holy Days. Between 200 and 500 people attended the services. The congregation was composed of a healthy mixture of Jews from all backgrounds, intermarried couples, gay and lesbian partners, singles and families.

Everyone's presence was honoured. The language from the bimah openly and invitingly included messages of embrace and shared experiences, such as Crystal Kleitch's witty dvar Torah on her recent conversion to Judaism, and her husband Avrum's invitation to medical professionals (who helped our city through SARS) to make the *brachot* on the Torah.

Nothing was masked. Everyone was received into the DJC with the warmth and inclusiveness one always hoped religion would be all about.

Mostly, for me, the road that I followed on yom tov 5764 was a creative one full of explanation and inspiration. *Kol Nidre* was gracefully performed by world-class musicians and singers.

The prayer binder was a methodically researched compendium of traditional prayers such as *Unitaneh Tokef*, *Al Chait* and *Avinu Malkeinu*. It also included silent meditation (with instructions), stories, poetry, prose readings and illumination of concepts such as introspection and kindness.

The *Mishebeirach* prayer, a blessing of wellness, hauntingly sung by board member and singer Lisa Kent, pierced my core the way Irish pop-balladeer Sinead O'Connor does. The entire shul was still.

Bar and bat mitzvah youngsters were invited to participate. And the shofar blowing was an explosive duet, I must say, between co-founding member Richard Chardish and me.

While I am aware of and empathize with those who suffer through the agonizing and inherently exclusionary debates of Who is a Jew?, I was equally relieved to have found a gentle and inclusive congregation in the DJC.

I respect the millennia of scholarship required to create the siddur and mainstream services, but I was also thrilled to have discovered an attempt by the DCJ to craft a new approach to liturgy, in which explanation of prayer is equally as important as its recitation.

For me, the DJC was a gulp of spiritual fresh air, one I had been gasping for, for a very long time now. It welcomed my creativity and offered me a magical and imaginative Jewish community driven by a mighty ideological passion to unearth the truth within Judaism. The DJC introduced me to its childlike *ruach* (spirit), like that of a kid who is friends with everybody.

Mostly, however the Danforth Jewish Circle helped me grow as a Jew. Well done and thanks for stopping to pick me up by the side of the road.

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Dear Ella,

I was recently at a convention with many colleagues from across North America.

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I was shocked and speechless, which I rarely am. It wasn't till I walked away that I suddenly came up with 10 different comeback lines to put him in his place. It ruined my day and it bothered me for a very long time.

I happen to be going through a difficult period in my life and I didn't need that to make me feel just that much worse. What should I have said to this guy that would have made me feel better?

Speechless

Dear Speechless,

We share this planet with all kinds of people. Some with class and some without.

This guy had no idea what his comment would do to your self-esteem. It was simply an ice-breaker to start a conversation.

Unfortunately. we have no control over someone else's words. There is nothing you could have done to prevent him from coming out with that line.

Your only choice was, as you stated earlier, to come up with a quick reply to put him in his place, or to ignore what he said and move on.

I would choose the latter for two reasons. First, it is usually difficult to come up with a good comeback until after the incident, and second, that brings you to his level, a place you shouldn't want to be.

By changing your facial expression from friendly to serious, and abruptly stopping the conversation, you will give him the message that something went wrong. Unless he is very shallow, he will at least think about it for a minute.

As for you Bernie, this guy obviously hit a serious nerve for you. This comment runs deeper than just bad manners. Now the control is in your ball park.

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An inspirational Yom Tov

Left, right, centre

By AVRUM ROSENSWEIG

The High Holy Days of 5764 represented a significant and welcome stopover on my spiritual roadmap.

I was hired to lead services for a group called The Danforth Jewish Circle (DJC), a well-organized congregation composed of a circle of spiritual travellers living in east Toronto.

The chalutznikim (pioneers) of the DJC were Jewish-hippy in nature, in pursuit of a creatively spiritual environment open to all those who wanted to participate in Jewish ritual, prayer and community. They wanted to be eclectic in their choice of liturgy, egalitarian in leadership and actions, and unaffiliated with any specific denomination so that the group could fly according to the call of its soul.

This past yom tov, I discovered that the founding members had succeeded in their quest.

The success of the DJC was evident throughout the High Holy Days. Between 200 and 500 people attended the services. The congregation was composed of a healthy mixture of Jews from all backgrounds, intermarried couples, gay and lesbian partners, singles and families.

Everyone's presence was honoured. The language from the bimah openly and invitingly included messages of embrace and shared experiences, such as Crystal Kleitch's witty dvar Torah on her recent conversion to Judaism, and her husband Avrum's invitation to medical professionals (who helped our city through SARS) to make the *brachot* on the Torah.

Nothing was masked. Everyone was received into the DJC with the warmth and inclusiveness one always hoped religion would be all about.

Mostly, for me, the road that I followed on yom tov 5764 was a creative one full of explanation and inspiration. *Kol Nidre* was gracefully performed by world-class musicians and singers.

The prayer binder was a methodically researched compendium of traditional prayers such as *Unitaneh Tokef, Al Chait* and *Avinu Malkeinu*. It also included silent meditation (with instructions), stories, poetry, prose readings and illumination of concepts such as introspection and kindness.

The *Mishebeirach* prayer, a blessing of wellness, hauntingly sung by board member and singer Lisa Kent, pierced my core the way Irish pop-balladeer Sinead O'Connor does. The entire shul was still.

Bar and bat mitzvah youngsters were invited to participate. And the shofar blowing was an explosive duet, I must say, between co-founding member Richard Chardish and me.

While I am aware of and empathize with those who suffer through the agonizing and inherently exclusionary debates of Who is a Jew?, I was equally relieved to have found a gentle and inclusive congregation in the DJC.

I respect the millennia of scholarship required to create the siddur and mainstream services, but I was also thrilled to have discovered an attempt by the DCJ to craft a new approach to liturgy, in which explanation of prayer is equally as important as its recitation.

For me, the DJC was a gulp of spiritual fresh air, one I had been gasping for, for a very long time now. It welcomed my creativity and offered me a magical and imaginative Jewish community driven by a mighty ideological passion to unearth the truth within Judaism. The DJC introduced me to its childlike *ruach* (spirit), like that of a kid who is friends with everybody.

Mostly, however the Danforth Jewish Circle helped me grow as a Jew. Well done and thanks for stopping to pick me up by the side of the road.

"Deep down in me I knowed it was a lie, and He knowed it. You can't pray a lie – I found that out." – Mark Twain

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About Life

Dear Ella,

I was recently at a convention with many colleagues from across North America.

One of my acquaintances came up to me to catch up on how I've been doing. He started the conversation with a big slap on the shoulder and said, "Bernie, how ya doin'? Gee, you've really put on some weight eh?"

I was shocked and speechless, which I rarely am. It wasn't till I walked away that I suddenly came up with 10 different comeback lines to put him in his place. It ruined my day and it bothered me for a very long time.

I happen to be going through a difficult period in my life and I didn't need that to make me feel just that much worse. What should I have said to this guy that would have made me feel better?

Speechless

Dear Speechless,

We share this planet with all kinds of people. Some with class and some without.

This guy had no idea what his comment would do to your self-esteem. It was simply an ice-breaker to start a conversation.

Unfortunately. we have no control over someone else's words. There is nothing you could have done to prevent him from coming out with that line.

Your only choice was, as you stated earlier, to come up with a quick reply to put him in his place, or to ignore what he said and move on.

I would choose the latter for two reasons. First, it is usually difficult to come up with a good comeback until after the incident, and second, that brings you to his level, a place you shouldn't want to be.

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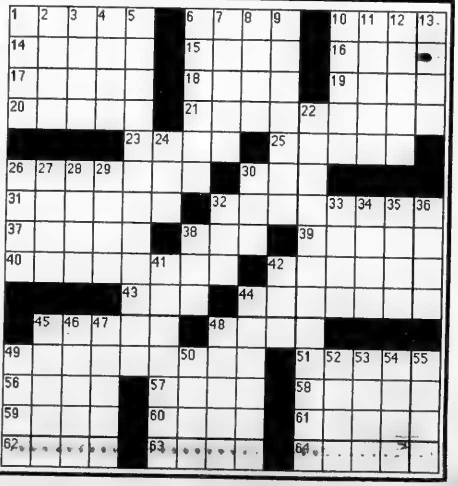

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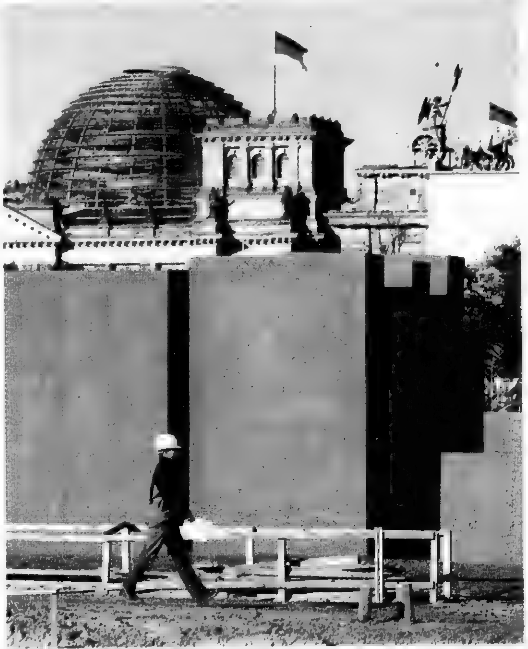

The cupola of the Reichstag building and the Quadriga on top of the Brandenburg Gate are seen behind concrete pillars at the construction site for the Holocaust memorial in Berlin. Controversy erupted last week when one of the companies involved, Degussa, was prohibited from further work on the project because it had partly owned the firm that supplied Zyklon B poison gas to Nazi death camps. The memorial is slated to open in 2005. ***[RNS/Reuters photos]***

Israel threatens world peace: EU poll

By ADAR PRIMOR
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — European Union officials sought Monday to minimize the significance of a survey in which more Europeans named Israel as a threat to world peace than any other country, saying the question had been "misleading" and that the answers would not affect EU policy.

The EU poll, conducted in mid-October, found 59 per cent of EU citizens said "yes" when asked if Israel posed "a threat to peace in the world," more than the 53 per cent who believed Iran and North Korea were a threat.

On Sunday, Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom rejected claims that the poll was proof of European anti-Semitism.

Shalom said the poll, due out Monday but leaked over the weekend to the Spanish daily *El Pais*, reflects the overexposure of Israel in European media.

"There's no comparing the amount of media exposure Israel gets in Europe compared to Iran or North Korea. The images broadcast from here have an impact, but we should not get exerted by it," he told *Ha'aretz*.

Shalom said a poll published a month ago in Europe showed a significant improvement in Israel's image in recent months.

"But who cares about such polls? Even though the previous poll might even be more accurate than the current one, it ended up on the back pages of the papers. They prefer to give big headlines when the news about Israel is negative."

Shalom said the latest survey results point to Europe's efforts – and particularly France's – to position itself as a counterweight to the United States.

"This isn't necessarily a matter of anti-Israel or pro-Palestinian. It's a much broader issue of expressing views different from the United States, to establish itself as a power," he said.

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Donald Sinclair

'Expand bilateral relations'

Canada's new envoy to Israel sets goals

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Canada's new ambassador to Israel, Donald Sinclair, hopes to achieve two main objectives during his three-year term in Tel Aviv.

Sinclair, who was posted to the Canadian embassy in Israel in the 1980s as political first secretary, wants to expand Canada's bilateral relationship with Israel and help Israelis and Palestinians resolve their differences.

The 56-year-old seasoned diplomat, who has been stationed in Iran, Holland, Australia and Switzerland since joining the Department of Foreign Affairs 30 years ago, arrived in Israel on Sept. 11, the second anniversary of the Al Qaeda terrorist attacks on the United States.

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Alternate Polls

TORONTO — City councillor Howard Moscoe said he has arranged for haredi voters in his ward to cast ballots at alternate locations in the upcoming municipal election after a number objected to voting at polling stations in Catholic schools. Residents of poll district 21 in Moscoe's Ward 15 (Eglinton-Lawrence) are slated to vote Nov. 10 at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic School on Glenmount Avenue in the Bathurst and Lawrence area, or in advanced polls at Regina Mundi Catholic School. Instead, they can call Moscoe's office at 416-783-7474 for help to transfer their names to alternate polls at Bais Yaakov Elementary School at 15 Saranac Blvd. or Glen Park Public School at 101 Englemount Ave.

Grad Heads West

CALGARY — Winnipeg native Naomi Pfeffer, the first graduate of a program at Toronto's York University designed to attract young Jewish educators to Western Canada, began teaching this fall at the Calgary Jewish Academy. Pfeffer received a three-year scholarship from Jewish communities in Western Canada to cover tuition at York, where she earned a B.Ed. and certification as a Jewish studies teacher. In return, she agreed to teach at a Jewish day school in the West. The York program is run by the university's Jewish Teacher Education Program in partnership with the Western Canadian Coalition of Jewish Educators.

ISRAEL

Heart Team in China

JERUSALEM — A team of 13 Israeli doctors and nurses returned home this week after a trip to China to help perform 20 heart surgeries on critically ill children in the cities of Hebei, in Shijiazhuang province, and Lanzahou, in Gansu province. The team, which was in China from Oct. 16 to Nov. 2, was sent by the Israeli organization Save a Child's Heart. It was headed by cardiovascular surgeon Arie Schachner of Holon's Wolfson Medical Center.

WorldPride in Israel

JERUSALEM — WorldPride 2005 will be hosted by the Jerusalem Open House (JOH), a centre for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community in Jerusalem. The location of the global celebration of gay culture – the second of its kind, following WorldPride 2000 in Rome – was approved at the 22nd annual conference of InterPride – the International Association of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered Pride Co-ordinators – last month in Montreal. Organizers envision a message of "optimism, tolerance and hope," said JOH executive director Hagai El-Ad.

WORLD

Prayers for Zion

CHICAGO — Millions of Christians prayed for Israel on Sunday, Oct. 26 as evangelical churches around the world participated in the second "Day of Prayer and Solidarity With Israel," sponsored by the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews. Evangelical Christians have been among Israel's strongest supporters in recent years.

Survivors Sought

WASHINGTON, D.C. —The United States Holocaust Museum (USHM) is seeking survivors from displaced persons camps in France, Italy, Germany and Switzerland who were interviewed by David Boder, a psychology professor from the Illinois Institute of Technology. The interviews capture their immediate reactions to the Holocaust undiluted by time and mark the first time many spoke on record about their experiences. The USHM department of oral history hopes to re-interview them about their initial statements and contrast their original perspectives with their views today. Survivors can call Elizabeth Hedlund at 202-488-6133 or e-mail her at ehedlund@ushmm.org.

Oxford Prof Penalized

LONDON — An Oxford University science professor was suspended last week without pay for two months after rejecting a graduate student for being Israeli. Andrew Wilkie rejected an expression of interest from Tel Aviv University student Amit Duvshani in June, partly on grounds Duvshani had served in the Israel Defence Forces. Oxford announced it would suspend Wilkie, prompting him to resign his chair at Oxford's Pembroke College. The move does not prevent him from resuming normal teaching duties when his suspension ends.

Arrest Rattles Jews

MOSCOW — Russian Jewish leaders have expressed concern over last month's arrest of Jewish businessman Mikhail Khodorkovsky, the head of the Yukos oil corporation. Believed to be Russia's richest man, he faces charges on six counts, including tax evasion and theft of state property. His arrest came after more than three months of pressure on his firm in what is widely seen as a politically motivated case against a man who is helping to finance the campaigns of several opposition parties in the December parliamentary election.

Constitution to Refer to EU's 'Christian Roots'?

PARIS — Support is growing to include a reference to Europe's Christian roots in a first-ever European Union constitution in time for a December EU summit slated to put the finishing touches on a final document.

According to a questionnaire circulated among EU member and candidate states, Ireland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Malta have now joined Italy, Poland, Portugal and Spain in calling for a reference to Europe's historical and cultural Christian roots in the constitution's preamble.

The eight countries are still a minority in the EU, which will have 25 members as of May 1, 2004.

France and Belgium have been particularly vociferous in opposing the reference, and France has indicated it might use its veto power if support for the idea increases, making its inclusion in the constitution unlikely. President Jacques Chirac has said he will defend the lay character of the French state and will not accept a "religious reference" in the EU Constitution, the *EU Observer* reported last week.

The European Jewish Congress wants a reference to more recent history in the preamble. In a recent advertisement in the *International Herald Tribune* and *Le Monde* condemning EU states' approach to anti-Semitism, the EJC said the preamble "should state clearly that post-World War II Europe was founded on the pledge 'Never Again.'"

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Israel advocate counters Finkelstein at U of T

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Staff Reporters

Norman Finkelstein, the pro-Palestinian DePaul University political science professor who has been touring North American campuses to the dismay of many Jewish students, shared the stage last week at the University of Toronto with a Jerusalem-based Israel advocate in an event sponsored by U of T's Student Administrative Council (SAC).

David Olesker, who happened to be on a North American campus tour, was brought in from Chicago by Betar-Tagar, the youth wing of Herut-Likud. Jewish student representatives negotiated a format-change with SAC just days before Finkelstein's scheduled appearance, changing the event from a solo lecture to a debate titled "Israel & Palestine: Roots of the Conflict, Prospects for Peace."

"When I compare Finkelstein's performance at U of T to his [solo] performance at the University of Waterloo in June, this was definitely 'Finkelstein lite,'" said Len Rudner, director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region. At Waterloo, Rudner said, "I think it's fair to say he was insensitive, rude and... vicious" to pro-Israel audience members who asked questions.

The U of T event had a visible police presence, and moderator Susan Spratt, a negotiator for the Canadian Auto Workers union, made it clear that speakers and the almost 500 audience members at U of T's music building would have to respect the debate process and each other. Finkelstein, the son of Holocaust survivors, joked that her sternness brought back memories of his late mother.

Jewish students at U of T supported Finkelstein's right to speak, but they were "disturbed by his revisionist history," Hillel said in a statement.

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Education tax credit repealed

TORONTO — In the face of an unexpected deficit of $5.6 billion, Ontario will have to undergo several cost-cutting measures, including the elimination of the Equity in Education Tax Credit (EETC), Premier Dalton McGuinty said last week.

In effect, McGuinty repeated his campaign pledge to repeal the credit, which provides tax relief for parents of children in private and faith-based schools.

"I am not here to tell you the cupboard is bare, to get out of our promises," he said. "I am here to tell you that we found something in the cupboard: a $5.6 billion Tory deficit. We are going to eliminate it so we can implement our promises."

The EETC is one of several initiatives facing the axe.

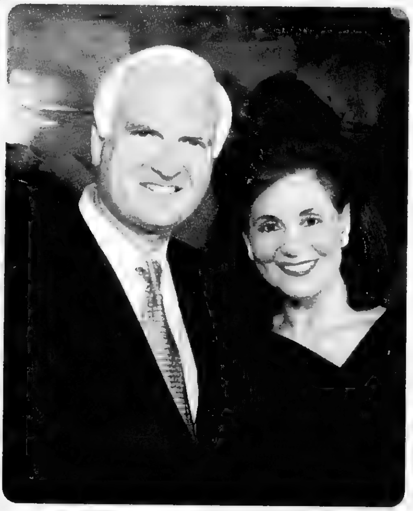
McGuinty's remarks came less than 24 hours after former provincial auditor Erik Peters reported that Ontario faces a deficit of at least $5.6 billion, despite the Tories' claim that the budget was balanced.

Hours after the premier's address, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, issued a statement saying it was "greatly disappointed" to hear of the plan to repeal the EETC.

"To do so will be to return to the days of systemic discrimination against non-Catholic religious schools in Ontario," said CJC Ontario region chair Ed Morgan.

CJC has asked McGuinty to allow the credit to be used for this year so that parents of children in independent schools who have already budgeted their household expenditures with the credit in mind will not face undue hardship.

"For the government to repeal this tax credit without finding an alternative sends Ontario back to a time when this province was the only jurisdiction in the democratic world that gave special rights to one faith community while denying that right to all others," Morgan said.



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Inspired by a philosopher

From the editor's desk

Holocaust Education Week, wherever it is commemorated in North America, falls at this time of the year because it is generally agreed that the

violence and brutal, physical horror of the Holocaust began at this time of year on Kristallnacht.

Next week, on Nov. 9 and 10, we mark its 65th anniversary.

Nearly 30 years ago, I attended a symposium at the University of Toronto on the subject of "The Holocaust: Its Place in History." Three world-renowned scholars took part.

The presentation by one of them, Emil Fackenheim, remains, to this day, one of the best lectures I have ever heard.

It was a tour de force. In an absolutely brilliant analysis, he held us all spellbound. At times in a whisper, at times shaking his fist in anger, the ache in his heart poured forth.

I still recall the goosebumps, how I, and the capacity audience in the Convocation Hall, were transfixed, utterly silent, enveloped by the darkness of the large chamber and pierced by the professor's poignant *cri de coeur*.

Fackenheim died in Jerusalem on Sept 19. Every now and then, I return to the cassette recording of that U of T symposium to hear his words and voice again.

On the approaching eve of Kristallnacht's 65th anniversary, in the midst of Holocaust Education Week and just a few days after his *shloshim*, I publish barely a handful of some of his remarks.

Fackenheim wrote and spoke in beautifully literary English. That evening he was an orator, speaking with a passion and a defiance that I had rarely heard before, although, at the centre of his voice, there was still the familiar, tender humility that marked all his lectures.

He began the presentation with the "sad confirmation that the crime of the Holocaust had not yet been assimilated into the historical consciousness of the world.

"History has changed because of what was done to my people. The effect has been darkness. But if you do not face what happened, our situation is hopeless."

Never one to submit to hopelessness, Fackenheim undertook to try to answer two unanswerable questions about the Holocaust: How and why?

To answer the "how," he recounted and explained the changes that overtook the many layers of German society: the true believers, the bureaucrats, the petty thieves and then the ordinary folk.

Emil Fackenheim
(As he appeared in the mid-1970s)

"The passion of evil was not confronted by the passion of goodness…

"By deception, intimidation, blackmail and sheer brutality, the machinery [of death] was set in motion, the likes of which the world had not seen before and has not seen since.

"Historians, philosophers, theologians and ordinary men of the future will have to write the history as it really was. To do that [at this point, Fackenheim paused every so slightly, his voice rasping low] is a straight descent into hell."

To answer the "why," Fackenheim spoke of the "logic of the devil," which was how he described the ghoulish justifications and rationalizations of the Nazi mind. It was, he pointed out, genocide for purely ideological reasons, an ideology of hatred whose only products were factories of murder. Just before Hitler would take his own life in the bunker, he said, the Fuhrer gave two final orders: to continue with the murder of Jews and to flood the subways of Berlin, where Germans were hiding from the Allied bombs.

Fackenheim concluded his remarks in the following way: "A dark cloud still hangs over us and we don't know how to confront it. This eerie nothingness, which is something, this culmination of an explosion of hatred, which can be compared only to idolatry…

"We must learn to live with this cloud and try to understand it.

"Those who attempt that task [of trying to understand it] are helped by two rays of light.

"The first is the righteous gentile. Once you permitted yourself to go into the abyss of the Holocaust Kingdom, in which everything was perverted, so that evil was ordinary and [the] law, and that ordinary decency was miraculous, you find there is nothing less than a miracle - that there were people who were not perverted.

"The other ray of light… expressed itself in a public phenomenon. It's there for all of us to see. But we look around us and we find that few comprehend it.

"The surviving victims themselves, instead of lying down and dying in despair, exclaimed: 'We shall not die but live.' And the result of this unprecedented act of faith is something that, if the world understood, it would love: The State of Israel."

There was thunderous applause; the ovation lasted many minutes.

Since Fackenheim's death, many people have observed that he was one of the most important Jewish philosophers and thinkers of the 20th century.

As Kenneth Green elegantly wrote in *The CJN* obituary Sept. 25, "not only was he a great Jewish thinker, he was also a great Jew…

"What made Fackenheim unique and what impressed all those who knew and learned from him, was how he combined profundity of thought with personal integrity…

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May his memory be for a blessing.

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Children pray for rain at the tomb of Honi Ha Me'agel in Hatzar.

[Israel Sun photo]

Jews' honeymoon from anti-Semitism over: Amiel

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff reporter

The venue was elegant and the keynote speaker chic and charming, delivering her address in a delicate British accent that belied its pointed message.

Several groups came in for a twist of the rhetorical knife as commentator Barbara Amiel skewered the government of Canada, the Liberal Party, Jewish leaders, Jewish voters, the United Nations and Israel's Arab opponents.

Barbara Amiel

The Jewish people's post-Holocaust "honeymoon" is over, Amiel told about 675 guests last week at a Maccabi Canada dinner at the Sheraton Centre honouring filmmaker Robert Lantos.

The West's guilt at the destruction of European Jewry has dissipated and anti-Semitism is again rearing its ugly head, she said. "The problem of the Jews is that we are expendable."

Amiel, a syndicated columnist who is married to newspaper publisher Conrad Black, traced the onset of the current wave of anti-Semitism to Nov. 10, 1975, the day the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution equating Zionism with racism.

Ironically, she noted, that date was the anniversary of Kristallnacht, the day in 1938 when Nazi mobs went on a rampage against Germany's Jews, smashing Jewish-owned stores and ushering in the Holocaust.

The UN resolution, though later rescinded, was "the official coming out in the postwar world of the vibrant anti-Semitism we're experiencing today," Amiel said.

"It has been reinstated in all but name by many resolutions passed by that odious body [the United Nations], and at [the 2001 UN World Conference Against racism in Durban, South Africa], it was taken up by NGOs," she said.

In the Arab world, the government-controlled press regularly describes Jews as pigs and apes and claims Jews use blood to bake Passover matzot, Amiel said, and Arab papers carrying those views can be found in London and Toronto.

As for the Canadian government, she said, it barely thinks about the Jews and when it does, it is not inclined to devote much energy to Jewish concerns.

"The world," Amiel said, "has reverted to its mild, comfortable anti-Semitism."

Today's variety of anti-Semitism can be seen in the boycott of Israel and its scientists, the attempts by the student union at York University to prevent academic Daniel Pipes from speaking, the unwillingness in anti-racism circles to see anti-Semitism as a form of racism and the teaching of Middle Eastern history from the perspective of far-left Israeli historians, she said.

A form of "pragmatic anti-Semitism" can be found in Canada's foreign policy, which sees Canada vote for or abstain on UN votes critical of Israel while hoping to mitigate its actions "by saying things would have been much, much worse if Canada was not around," Amiel said.

The UN, she continued, is a collection of failed states and opportunists, but "Ottawa mandarins love it and can strut around the world stage."

Canada's policy is camouflaged by claims of even-handedness, and while Israel is not immune from criticism, the government condemns Palestinian terrorism only when it also condemns Israeli soldiers for fighting it, Amiel said.

"Being even-handed between the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade and the Israel Defense Force is a foul joke. It is like being even-handed between heaven and hell."

She said the saddest part of the story is "the shame felt by some Jews about Israel," as if the intifadah was Israel's fault.

But, she said, no matter what policy Israel would adopt, nothing would change, because peace does not depend on Israeli politicians. "In Israel, even the hawks want peace. In the Arab world, even the doves want Israel destroyed."

To a smattering of applause, Amiel said the Liberal Party is no friend of Israel or of Jews, but Jews are slow to recognize this. She suggested that while Jews historically have had a mildly "small-l" liberal political tilt, today it is the Canadian Alliance that is most supportive of Israel.

Canadian Jews should consider supporting a new conservative party, Amiel said.

Jews must not remain silent in support of Israel's fight, she said. "Israel's survival is linked to us. If Israel disappears, Jews can't survive without being assimilated."

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Anti-racism education should be mandatory: ex-neo-Nazi

By **FRANCES KRAFT**
Staff Reporter

What can one person do to help stop hate?

According to Karen Mock, executive director of the Canadian Race Relations Foundation, there are three main areas in which to take action: the law, by lobbying and participating in letter-writing campaigns; public education; and coalition building with other faith and racial groups.

Mock was speaking to about 400 people at a recent Help Halt Hate panel discussion at Adath Israel Congregation, along with Elizabeth Moore, a former spokesperson for the white supremacist group Heritage Front, and Sister Mary Boys, professor of practical theology at Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

Mock, who served as the national director of B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights for 12 years until 2001, has been involved for many years in women's interfaith dialogue. She said she works with Muslim organizations when she can, although it is difficult today given the increase in anti-Israel sentiment.

She said she is commended for doing her job when she speaks in solidarity with Muslim or Canadian Arab organizations, "but when I speak out against anti-Semitism, I'm accused of being biased because I'm Jewish. There's a name for that, and it's anti-Semitism."

Moore said she realizes now that no one should be a bystander when it comes to hate.

"Anti-Semitism is a human problem. It affects all of us, and we all need to be working together to solve it."

Although her parents were liberal-minded, Moore said she felt "displaced" as a white minority high school student and suffered racially related harassment. But becoming an "active agent of hate" was a gradual process, beginning with her introduction to the neo-Nazi faction as "a group of ordinary men and women concerned about the future of Canada."

Moore's turnaround began when she was asked probing questions as part of the filming of the television documentary *Hearts of Hate: The Battle for Young Minds*.

"Suddenly I'm accountable to Canada for what I'm doing," she said.

She credited Bernie Farber, executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, with being a key player in helping her break away.

"How could I have avoided this pit?" she asked. "I strongly believe anti-racism education should be mandatory in our schools. It shocked me to learn that after all this time, it's still not mandatory and that teachers aren't learning how to deal with prejudice in the classroom. That's a problem that must be rectified to prevent people [from] falling into the trap I did. You've got to get them before the hate does."

Anti-bullying programs are very important, she added.

People should set an example for their children and notify police if they see hate propaganda, she said, but advised against trying to talk young neo-Nazis out of their beliefs.

"All you're going to do is antagonize them, because they're so brainwashed. What you have to do is be there for them, listen to what they have to say. If you think you can say something they'll listen to, say it. Be there for them, because you never know when they might want to do what I did, which is get out. If you've given up hope, where are they going to go?"

Boys, who includes among her students "rabbis-to-be" from the Conservative movement's Jewish Theological Seminary across the street from her own institution, said she hopes Christians "may have real relationships with deeply committed, knowledgeable Jews. I believe there is nothing more authentic that can counter hate than this, and contribute to revitalizing both our communities."

The event, which was moderated by Julia Koschitzky, chair of the Israel NOW Consortium, was a program of UJA Federation Women's Campaign and Advocacy.

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KIDS RUN FOR KIDS: Grade 6 and 7 students at Leo Baeck Day School's Holy Blossom and Atkinson campuses ran 5 km of the Toronto Marathon Oct. 19, in support of the Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario. Fifteen students, along with their parents and teachers, trained for six weeks as part of their physical education program. All participants completed the course and raised funds to support treatment for children's cancer. Leo Baeck's participation was initiated by teacher Ruth Biddell.

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Heroic rescue of Denmark's Jews recalled

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

Jon Haas has no actual memory of being spirited across Denmark's narrow Oresund Strait in a small fishing boat to safety in southern Sweden. But every day, he derives its benefits.

Holocaust Education Week

He was just 10 months old in the autumn of 1943 when his parents bundled him up, along with his two brothers, and joined more than 7,000 Danish Jews who travelled the short distance to safety, right under the nose of the Gestapo.

The family spent almost two years in Sweden, where Haas's father, a German national who had been interned at Buchenwald, found work as a gardener.

They were the beneficiaries of the courage and heroism of the Danish people, who were propelled by their Christian faith and belief that Jews were their fellow Danes and neighbours, to rescue virtually the entire community.

The rescue of Danish Jewry, a haphazard but highly effective effort, has entered Holocaust history as a prime example of collective altruism and bravery in the face of extreme danger.

The rescue and its 60th anniversary formed the theme for the opening last Thursday of the annual Holocaust Education Week.

Haas, who came to Canada in 1979, told a packed hall at Temple Sinai that he's been "waiting 58 years to express sincere thanks" to Denmark. "My family's survival could not have been possible without it."

Even though 17 Jews drowned in the escape attempts and 52 ended up dying at the Theresienstadt concentration camp, everyone who fled to Sweden lived, thanks to the now-famous operation, dubbed "Little Dunkirk."

His family's time in Sweden "was a major issue when I was a kid," Haas told *The CJN*. "My parents always spoke about it. It was a hard time, but also a good time."

The opening program of Holocaust Education Week, however, belonged to keynote speaker and noted U.S. Holocaust scholar Michael Berenbaum, who said Danes, to this day, do not see themselves as righteous, but as decent.

"They treated their neighbours as they should be treated. They did not see in Jews 'the other,' but as neighbours, fellow Danes and fellow humans," said Berenbaum, a former director of the U.S. Holocaust Research Institute and onetime head of Stephen Spielberg's Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation.

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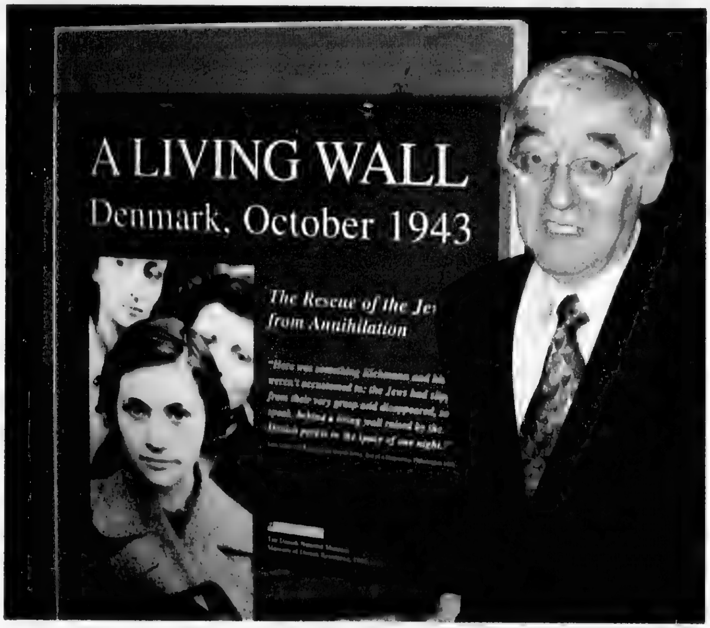
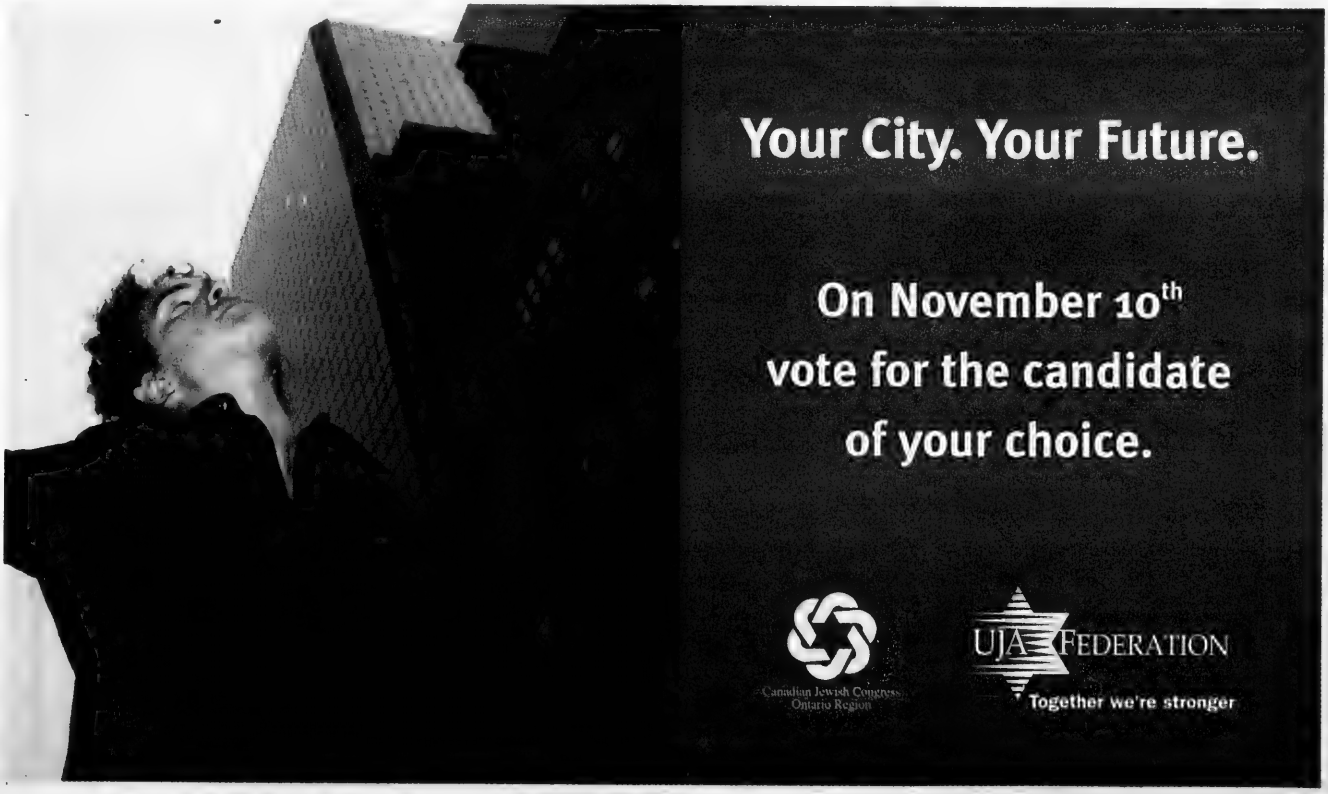


Jon Haas stands before a display that depicts the story of Denmark's heroic rescue of its Jewish community during the Holocaust. **[Ron Csillag photo]**



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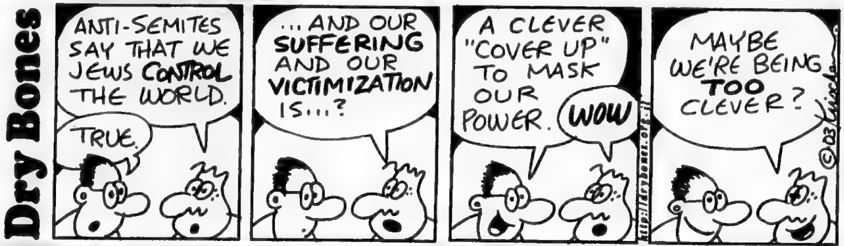
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Syria deals in a deadly card game

The same day that a mission of emissaries from Syrian President Bashar Assad visited the government of Lebanon early last week, Hezbollah shelled an Israeli position in the Har Dov area of the Golan Heights. Four Israeli soldiers were injured.

The visitors from Damascus were in Lebanon allegedly "laying down the law" to their "sovereign" Beiruti counterparts about possible future Syrian military movements.

The timing of the artillery barrage was no coincidence. The Syrian-Iranian-Hezbollah trinity is testing Israel.

Over the weekend, Syrian Information Minister Ahmad Al-Hassan made what can only be described as a bizarre statement in an interview with the pan-Arab newspaper *Asharq Al-Awsat*.

"The Syrian people, after being provoked by the Israeli attack on its territory [the IDF strike against the Islamic Jihad training camp on Oct. 5] are asking the government to retaliate," Al-Hassan told his interviewer. "It is difficult to restrain the people's reactions, especially as there are Israeli settlements in the Golan within a short distance of Syrian territory. A group of people might shell these settlements."

Though lacking all credibility, the statement was still ominous. There are no spontaneous "people's reactions" in Syria. It is one of the most tightly controlled societies in the Middle East. Any "reaction" against Israel would be directed by the government.

Apparently, Al-Hassan was merely elaborating upon an earlier statement delivered by his cabinet superior, Foreign Minister Farouk Al-Shara, regarding the Oct. 5 air strike. Al-Shara said: "Our people will not stand for another attack and we will have to carry out the will of the people. We have many cards that we have not played. Don't forget the many Israeli settlements in the Golan. I am not exaggerating but *describing things as they might happen*."

Farouk al-Shara is no ghost of Marley trying to change Scrooge's ways. He is, rather, a crafty, thuggish minion of his young but malevolent Ba'athist boss. He speaks about Syria's many cards. But it is not at the table of diplomacy he intends to play them. It is, as we know, on the dealer's green velvet of terror.

The West must pay heed and rein in the Syrians.

Canadian Alliance foreign affairs critic Stockwell Day offered good advice last week when he urged the government to act. "Canada should go to the United Nations and call on Hezbollah and its political leadership in Iran and Syria to halt their aggression against our Israeli allies."

With our own soldiers in the Golan Heights, Canada has an additional interest in doing so beyond merely doing the right thing and should, therefore, lead the way.

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Malaysian prime minister confused

In connection with Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's false assertion that "Jews get others to fight and die for them," it is worth reviewing recent Malaysian history.

When the Japanese invaded Malaya (now Malaysia) in World War II, there was no effective Malayan army, and the country was (unsuccessfully) defended by a large British, Australian and Indian force. It was thanks to the U.S. victory in Asia that the Japanese surrendered in Malaya.

World War II was followed by a prolonged guerilla war by Chinese communists against the British army. The army, which defeated the communists, was largely a conscript force. The percentage of its Jewish soldiers reflected the population in the United Kingdom (about two per cent).

I wonder if Mahatir is confused about who fights and dies for whom.

Geoff Isaac
Toronto

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More on Mahatir

I do not know why anyone should be surprised by the recent comments of the Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad that the Jews "invented socialism, communism, human rights and democracy so that persecuting them would appear to be wrong, so that they can enjoy equal rights with others."

The clear implication of this statement is that there is nothing inherently wrong with persecuting Jews and that they do not deserve to be treated as equals. This view is entirely consistent with the centuries-old Islamic view of the Jews as "dhimmis," a vulnerable minority wholly dependent on the goodwill of the Muslim majority. The Jews were forced to pay an exorbitant tribute (the *jizya*) to protect themselves against the Muslims. They were forced to wear distinctive clothes that made them easily recognized and humiliated in public. It was forbidden for them to construct new synagogues, to restore old ones and to use religious objects. When a country needed the Jews to help improve the economy, the ruler would treat his dhimmis well; when events dictated the need for a scapegoat, the dhimmis were powerless to mount an opposition.

This is why Mahathir said, "The only problem with the Jews is when the State of Israel was created." At the dawn of the 21st century, the prime minister of Malaysia is still holding on to the medieval concept of the Jew as a dhimmi, a second-class person without a state of his own. And Mahathir is supposed to be the model of an "enlightened," "moderate" Muslim leader.

Most Muslims have given up on the idea of defeating Israel militarily. That is why they have shifted their war to the diplomatic front, trying to delegitimize Israel and turn it into the only state in the world whose existence is conditional. Whether Israel is destroyed by a jihad, or by the influx of millions of people hostile to its very existence under an absurdly broad "right of return," the goal is the same. The Arab and Muslim dream is to once again make the Jews a vulnerable minority, to teach the dhimmis their rightful place in the world.

Yes, I know that not all Muslims feel this way, but where are they? I have heard nothing but vitriolic slander from their clergy and leaders. Just listen to Mahathir. Have you heard any Muslim leader denounce him?

Michael Zigman
Montreal

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Terrorists are cowards

Every time I see pictures of Palestinian terrorists, they are wearing face coverings (Front page photo, *CJN*, Oct. 30).

If they are as brave and proud as they want the world to believe, why don't they show their faces?

They are nothing more than cowards.

Beverley Colman Lokash
Toronto

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Drabinsky's *Gospel of John*

The rationalization expressed by Garth Drabinsky and his associates/advisors for producing the film *The Gospel of John* are disingenuous and self-serving at best.

Taken at face value, whether completely verbatim or in part, the Gospels remain the cause of anti-Semitism. There is ample literature proving this, by both Jewish and Christian historians and theologians. For example, in the book *Who Killed Jesus*, author John Crossan, a Christian professor of biblical studies, writes, "The units, sequences and frames of the passion narrative were derived not from history remembered but from prophecy historicized." A verbatim reading or film rendering of the Gospels is neither educational or historically accurate. It only propagates and perpetuates a polemical reconstruction of events that became the matrix for Christian anti-Judaism and eventually for European anti-Semitism.

Marvin Besunder
Toronto

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Media's big lie

Regarding the late Israel Asper's October 2002 speech in Montreal (" Dishonest reporting: Media bias against Israel," *CJN*, Oct.16), what was not emphasized was that Jews have been an essential and vital part of Palestine since biblical times. It was only in the year 637 when the Arabs invaded Palestine that they established a presence in that land.

Since 637, under a succession of ruling powers, there has been a significant Jewish presence in the Holy Land. Here are some population counts at various times in history:

- 1520 to 1884 in Jerusalem – 7,120 Jews, 5,000 Arabs, 3,390 Christians.
- 1887 in Jerusalem – 28,000 Jews, 7,560 Arabs, 3,390 Christians.
- 1905 – 45,000 Jews in Jerusalem, 12,000 Jews in Safad, 5,5000 Jews in Tiberias.

These numbers prove there has been a big lie perpetrated by the media, which have claimed the League of Nations, and later the United Nations, gave European Jews land that belonged to the Arabs. In fact, it is the Jews who own that land, and who lived consistently for generations in what was Palestine far longer and in vastly greater numbers than the Arabs.

Today, Arab claims on Israel are based on nothing but generations of false claims sustained by consistent media bias that is bolstered by militant Arab nationalism.

Harold Bell
Montreal

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Rabin's legacy for the future peace

By MAYA GOLDENBERG

As we mark the eighth anniversary of the assassination of Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was killed by a Jewish religious extremist at the end of a massive peace rally in Tel Aviv on Nov. 4, 1995, there is a natural tendency to wonder whether things would have been different had Rabin lived. While such profound questions are best left to philosophers and prophets, we can, nevertheless, safely say that eight years after his murder, Rabin's legacy continues to influence events in Israel, as well as throughout the Middle East and beyond.

The immediate impact of Rabin's assassination on Israeli society was tremendous. The killing was the first political murder since the establishment of the State of Israel, and its affect on religious-secular relations was dramatic and negative. The delicate political and social balance between religious and secular Jews in Israel that had held since 1948 was brutally violated for the first time. There has been no subsequent reconciliation, and it may take a long time before the questions and issues raised by Rabin's killing are fully addressed. But whatever the explanations for it that may emerge in the future, a political murder is unacceptable under any circumstances in a free and democratic society.

Meanwhile, 10 years after the signing of the Oslo peace accords, Israel faces a complicated and cruel reality in its relations with the Palestinians. The latest intifadah is now into its fourth year. Hundreds of innocent Israeli civilians, including children, are being indiscriminately cut down in terrorist attacks on both sides of the "Green Line," as are soldiers in the course of their military service. The Palestinians, of course, are also paying a terrible price, due to the irresponsible, reckless political stewardship of Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, who is leading his people toward disaster.

But none of this diminishes the historic significance of the changes in Israel's relationship with the Palestinians that were initiated under Rabin's watch. The exchange of recognition between Israel and the PLO (on behalf of the Palestinian people) and Oslo's Declaration of Principles set the two peoples on an irreversible process of historic reconciliation. Arafat's hateful machinations can only delay the process set in motion by Rabin, as Oslo has become a landmark by its very establishment and existence. This, in my opinion, is the most important legacy Rabin has left us. If great leadership is measured by the ability to sense profound change and exploit it, surely Rabin must be considered a great leader.

Conflicts tend to evolve on various levels or dimensions, and one of their prominent characteristics is that they tend not to unfold in a linear way. There are times when circumstances allow for moving forward toward a resolution due to the emergence of charismatic leadership or creative initiatives. However, there are also times when things move backward due to the strengthening of extreme social forces or the absence of strong, innovative leaders prepared to direct their populations toward new agendas. A case in point is the complex, though ultimately successful, process toward conflict resolution in Northern Ireland. What sets the Irish case apart from ours is the absence of a Palestinian leadership truly committed to matching the courageous barrier-breaking decisions taken by Rabin (as well as his disciple, former Israeli prime minister Ehud Barak).

A related, second legacy of Rabin's leadership – one that is often ignored, given Israel's current economic difficulties – is the significant strides his government took in the early 1990s to revolutionize the Israeli economy.

Under Rabin, Israel began the difficult task of revitalizing a national infrastructure that had been allowed to fall into serious disrepair. He initiated much of the vast network of transportation, industrial and social projects that have made Israel's quality of life comparable to, or better than, those of many Western democracies. It is largely a consequence of the vital reforms introduced by the Rabin government in the early 1990s that the Israeli economy remains fundamentally stable and strong, despite its current problems.

Rabin's efforts to change the national economic agenda coincided with his understanding that the collapse of communism and the end of the Gulf War provided unprecedented economic opportunities for Israel.

One important legacy of the Rabin era was the enormous steps his government took to integrate Israel into the regional Middle Eastern economy.

On Oct. 1, 1994, the six Arab countries of the Gulf Co-operation Council announced the suspension of their boycott of firms that do business with Israel. Weeks later, the first Middle East Economic Summit opened in Casablanca, Morocco. A total of 540 Israeli businessmen and political leaders were for the first time able to interact with their counterparts from throughout the Arab world. In short order, three more regional economic summits were convened – in Jordan in November 1995, in Egypt in November 1996 and in Doha, Qatar, in November 1997. These four summits had a tremendous impact in establishing mutually profitable, normal economic relations between Israeli firms and their Arab counterparts.

Yitzhak Rabin and King Hussein of Jordan overlook the Gulf of Aqaba. The two men signed a peace treaty which they envisioned would enhance economic opportunites for their countries and for the region. [Photo courtesy of Keren Hayesod]

Giant multinational corporations that had historically shied away from Israel due to the longstanding Arab boycott – including Holiday Inn, Pepsi, McDonald's, Volkswagen and Daimler-Benz – became major players in the Israeli economy. (It should also be noted that major companies such as IBM, Intel, General Electric, Microsoft, Motorola and General Dynamics had already been operating in Israel despite the boycott.)

Research conducted at the time by Dun and Bradstreet and Israel's Ministry of Industry and Trade found that some 400 foreign corporations were operating in Israel and Arab countries at the same time – even in Arab states that were still technically at war with Israel and abiding by the boycott. Many of these corporations continue to do business in Israel despite the diplomatic stalemate with the Palestinians and the economic slowdown globally and in Israel, yet another testament to the stable economic infrastructure constructed under Rabin.

As Rabin put it at the Jerusalem economic summit attended by 1,540 Arab and Israeli businessmen and political leaders in November 1994: "I believe that any progress in the political channel gives its results within the economy. The coming peace enables Israel to [do things it could not] in the past, such as enlarging foreign investments, opening Israel's exports to new markets as well as bringing more tourists to Israel."

The true test of leadership is the ability to not only recognize opportunities for change, but also to strategically exploit those opportunities. Rabin entered into the Oslo peace process with few illusions. As a career soldier, he had seen too much bloodshed to be a starry-eyed idealist. He also had a deep skepticism about dealing with Arafat (a skepticism that events of the past three years have justified).

But as a military man, Rabin also probably understood better than anyone else the tremendous cost of continued warfare to the State of Israel and Israeli society. Unfortunately, peacemaking does not depend solely on the will and dreams of Israelis. It also takes leadership, vision and courage on the part of Palestinians. Tragically for both Israel and the Palestinians, Arafat lacks such qualities. However, the events of the past 10 years must not detract from the legitimacy of Rabin's historic contribution to the building of Mideast peace.

The Israeli-Palestinian and Arab-Israeli conflicts, in all of their complex manifestations, will ultimately be resolved by future generations of leaders on all sides with the wisdom, courage and charisma to enable them to follow in Rabin's historic footsteps.

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Ways of knowing

We are the most learned generation of Jews. That is an amazing fact. With all the tumult over trends in North American Jewish population figures, with their predictions of doom due to increased intermarriage, this detail escapes the demographic delineation. Nonetheless, while affirming Jewish continuity, that factor is not unambiguous.

Norma Baumel Joseph in Montreal

First to the historical reality. With the advent of modernity, Jewish educational standards shifted to the principle of democratic opportunity. Western regulations required public education and Jews either sent their children to the local public school or created institutions expressly for Jewish studies. The day school movement proliferated and even included female children.

No other previous Jewish community sustained and/or embraced Jewish education for all. As the "people of the Book," we certainly believed in education. Study was even considered a way of worship. Yet, it was systematically reserved for a small male elite. Particular men were deemed worthy of the expense and effort. Exceptional women were taught "Torah." But given limited resources, the majority of Jews were too busy working to entertain yeshiva learning. So our contemporary standard is revolutionary and consequential. More people of all ages are in formal learning environments studying Jewish texts today than ever before. That is surely cause for confidence and celebration.

Yet, it is also cause for concern. For while we are the most educated, we might also be the most ignorant – unaware, unfamiliar, unacquainted – basically unknowing. How can I say that? Just think about what is being taught and what our ancestors knew from their lived experience. In September, day schools teach about the holidays. Did my grandmother go to school? No. Did she know about Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Shabbat? Yes! She knew more than just which foods were appropriate: she knew the rituals and rhythms of the day. She could not pray in Hebrew, but she knew how to pray to God. She could not cite biblical references, but she knew the stories and accounts of our past.

Our children are deprived. They do not grow up seeing and experiencing Jewish life. The tastes and smells, the touch and feel of a Jewish life is lost for most Jews. They learn about it, but they do not practise it. We have shifted the locus of learning from house to the school. I am proud of our day schools and especially appreciative of the number of adult learning locations. But I wonder at how ignorant we remain, and at how much of the "abc's" of Jewish living remain out of reach.

Despite the prevailing fear for our continued survival, I remain confident. We are well-educated and we can do more. Individuals, families and communal leaders can pledge to create a complementary focus on a living Judaism.

A family matter

Usually the Yom Kippur sermon is about the akedah. It dwells on where we failed to do the right thing, or did the wrong one, so that we can change how we behave in the coming year.

Jean M. Gerber in Vancouver

If people were dozing off in my shul at the start of our rabbi's sermon, they snapped to attention once he got going. His remarks were not on the drama of Abraham and Isaac's confrontation, but on the text of the Torah that is read during *Minchah* on Yom Kippur, which few hear, since most troop in just in time for the reading of Jonah. I include myself in that troop.

The *Minchah* parshah is drawn from Leviticus and concerns forbidden sexual unions. We are admonished not to follow the ways of the Canaanites and Egyptians – not to practise incest, child sacrifice or bestiality. Included in that litany appears the sentence: "Do not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abhorrence."

This text was the basis of the rabbi's sermon. He opened up one of the hottest topics of our time, one of the greatest challenges to our community. How should we respond to the changing attitudes, both legal and popular, toward gay and lesbian relationships? He asked us to consider how gay and lesbian Jews can be included in klal Israel. Can they become lay leaders, rabbis, cantors, youth directors? How should rabbis respond when asked to perform commitment ceremonies of gay and lesbian couples?

"Yom Kippur is about the importance of family," he said. "One thing we must never forget is that when we are talking about gays and lesbians, we are talking about our family. We are talking about cousins, aunts or uncles, parents and children. Whatever we do as a community has a direct effect on our families. Gays and lesbians are not alien creatures living on the outside of families. They are part and parcel of our families."

The rabbi's questions were direct. Does Judaism command us to marginalize people already at risk? Will we cut off family members because of their sexual orientation? Are we offering a pallid "Don't ask, don't tell" formula? Will we say, "Sure you can join the synagogue but you can't teach a class, read Torah, or become a board member"? And, the most explosive issue, where two are in a committed relationship, can we create ceremonies that mirror heterosexual marriage rites?

We know that human sexual orientation is a fraught condition. Gays and lesbians may not choose their orientation, just as heterosexuals may not choose theirs. The rabbis were not aware of any of the scientific theories about sexual orientation, and equated homosexuality (at least male homosexuality) with pagan cultic practices. Today that equation is meaningless. Should we reject them because their unions are barren? I know of two gay couples who are raising five children between them. There are plenty of barren heterosexual Jewish couples, and we no longer require them to divorce.

"I believe strongly that a synagogue should be a place where important moral issues can be discussed without fear of retribution," the rabbi concluded. "If we feel we have to evade the issue, then we will have failed to be a kehillah kedoshah, a holy community. We become a kehillah kedoshah through prayer, ritual, study, and devotion to the performance of good deeds. But we also become a holy community by facing up to the challenges of the day and not by evading them."

It may seem simple to come to a conclusion about these matters if we don't know any gay people. But when they become flesh and blood, when they are people you care deeply about, the discussion cannot remain at an abstract, theoretical level, couched in legal terms and removed from any emotional attachments. The outcome of our considerations will deeply affect those we know and love.

We cannot leave them to struggle alone. We owe it to them, to ourselves and to the Jewish people to probe our traditions and test our compassion. The words of the sermon put before us some heavy choices. We can't evade them any longer.

This fall, our congregation will be holding study sessions on the issue. I'll write more after the sessions.

Having a ball with community service

Autumn in Winnipeg is marked by the brilliance of the changing elms, a crisp night-time chill in the air and an overwhelming sense of relief – for me anyway – that the B'nai Brith slo-pitch baseball season is finally over. In fact, the famed prairie autumnal wind, some say, is actually a collective sigh from my teammates on the "Diamonds."

Stuart Slayen in Winnipeg

As in the last couple of years, we did not play well. We enjoyed each other's company and were competitive in some games, but as a ball team, we made the Bad News Bears look good, and the Chicago Cubs look lucky.

History will show that we won our first game. We spent the rest of the season fondly recalling what turned out to be our only victory, while successive opponents scored bushels of runs.

But, as I've written before, playing Jewish league baseball is about more than the game. It's about camaraderie and community. And now, in Winnipeg, it's starting to become even more.

A few players have decided that as members of the B'nai Brith "Sports Lodge," we should somehow be contributing to the quality of Jewish life in the city.

The effort began modestly last fall when a handful of players visited the Kanee Centre – the north-end Winnipeg location of the Sharon Home nursing home – to help residents attend and participate in the in-house Kol Nidre service. On a couple of occasions during the year, players were called upon to help Jewish newcomers to the city move into their homes.

Once again this fall, players helped out at High Holy Day and other services. I participated in the Simchat Torah service at the Simkin Centre, the south-end location of the Sharon Home. One teammate and I joined four high school students from Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate and the leader of the program in giving about 20 residents a holiday experience. My teammate, Jeff, wheeled residents around in their wheelchairs for the hakafot, while I carried a Torah from senior to senior and invited them hold it.

Most wanted to hold the Torah in their laps for a minute or two. I stayed close by, in case it became too difficult for people to hold on. One resident, probably in her mid-80s, told me in a soft voice as I handed her the Torah that she had never held one before. The enormity if the moment didn't strike me until later.

Another woman stroked the Torah gently as if it were a small infant. Some of the residents waved flags. Others clapped while the high schoolers sang. One resident stood up at the beginning of the program and, aided by a walker, moved slowly to the centre of the circle to wave her arms to the melodies.

The feeling I had was a powerful one. I know that all community service work is a mitzvah, but I have never had the sense that I had performed a mitzvah after taking part in an organizational board meeting or a fundraising drive. Handing a Torah to an elderly person who had never held one before felt like a mitzvah. And it was my connection with my baseball league and team that brought me to the home that day.

Now, even more than before, having had such a positive experience, I believe that when Jewish organizations bring Jewish people together, they must strive to do Jewish things. This counts for community centres, clubs, camps and others. And whether it's community service, learning or some other active connection to Jewish values, I believe such action adds depth and meaning to the communal experience.

So, as one baseball season ends and another awaits, we will continue to find ways to do more in the community and we will also continue to motivate as many of our fellow players as possible to participate. That way, no matter who loses at baseball, everybody wins.

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Tulchinsky's grandfather inspired her novel

It all began with strong, riveting stories she heard as a child. Karen Tulchinsky's latest novel, *The Five Books of Moses Lapinsky* (Raincoast Books), a rich historical saga about a Jewish family set in Toronto before and after World War II, was inspired by her grandfather, Ben Tully (Berel Tulchinsky), a natural storyteller.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

Tully, who immigrated to Canada in 1928, enjoyed reminiscing about his life, and his inquisitive granddaughter lapped up his stories.

"The most memorable story was of his escape from Russia when he was 17," she said. "If he had stayed in Russia until his 18th birthday, he would have been drafted into the army for a 25-year term. As the youngest child, his family didn't want him to succumb to that fate, so they hired smugglers to take him across the Dneister River into Romania, where they hoped he would make his way to Germany and get on a boat to Canada to join his older brother, Harry Tulchinsky, who was already living in Toronto."

The story of his adventure, which Tulchinsky incorporated into her novel, did not end there. "He tried to leave Russia seven times, and seven times he was arrested and put in jail. Eventually, he was helped by a sympathetic Russian family, who hid him in the bottom of a dry well. All day, he sat on the cold concrete of the well, fending off spiders and rats. A few times he heard the Russian authorities above searching for him. At night, he slept in the barn.

"Finally, he was led to a rowboat, and along with several others, set off across the Dneister River toward Romania. About half way across, shots rang out. They were being fired upon by the Russians, who did not want them to leave, and the Romanians, who did not want them to enter."

In desperation, Tully jumped into the water and swam away, losing a ruby necklace his mother had given him to help him get started in Canada. "So instead of arriving in Canada with a sum of money, he arrived penniless." Nevertheless, Tully prospered in Toronto as a businessman.

As Tulchinsky blossomed as a writer, with such novels as *Love Ruins Everything* and *Love and Other Ruins*, she never forgot Tully's tales. In her heart of hearts, she knew they would form the nucleus of a future novel.

"Originally, I set out to write a story about a Jewish Russian immigrant family living in the Kensington Market area during the Depression and the war years," she explained.

But as she mined the memories of her parents, Jack and Marion, and of relatives like Sybil and Shelly Jackson and Judy and Norman Silver, she decided to expand the scope of *The Five Books of Moses Lapinsky*, excerpts of which she will read at Toronto's Jewish Book Fair on Nov. 12 at 8 p.m.

Her father, a retired businessman who owned and operated a snack food distribution company, added to her trove of information by recalling Toronto's Christie Pits riot, which erupted on Aug. 16, 1933. She describes the riot, the subject of an out-of-print historical work by historians Cyril Levitt and William Shaffir, as "a defining moment in the history of Toronto Jews."

It started when members of an anti-Semitic "swastika" club unfurled a large sheet emblazoned with a swastika – an ancient Hindu symbol expropriated by the Nazis – toward the close of a baseball game.

The brazen display of "white power" enraged Jewish fans and sparked a six-hour riot, causing many injuries, but no fatalities. The disturbance was symptomatic of the lamentable state of race relations in Canada in the 1930s. "Once I discovered the riot, I knew I had to use it as a backdrop in the book," Tulchinsky explained. "This is a piece of Canadian history that has barely been told."

More to the point, she was amazed that a race riot could have convulsed a city that, 70 years later, has evolved into one of the world's most multicultural and cosmopolitan cities.

Tulchinsky, who wrote the novel on and off over a four-year period and completed 15 drafts before submitting a manuscript for publication, also consulted her cousin, Gerald Tulchinsky, a historian of Canadian Jewry, and Harry Tepperman, who was present at Christie Pits when the riot occurred.

"[Gerald's] expertise as a historian and his knowledge of the times and the community were tremendous resources to me."

As for Tepperman, he gave Tulchinsky invaluable insights into the anti-Semitic provocations that preceded the riot and a first-person account of the actual event.

"He remembered the moment when the Swastika Club unfurled the swastika and how shocked everyone was. He said, 'You could feel the tension in the air.' He gave me a wonderful description of the sensory details going on at that moment – the shouting, the heat, the fear, the sudden appearance of hidden weapons, the bricks, stones, lead pipes, brass knuckles, baseball bats. I read anything I could get my hands on about the riot, but Tepperman's recollections were instrumental in allowing me to get a feel for it."

Tulchinsky modelled her main character, Sonny Lapinsky, a middleweight boxer of the 1940s and 1950s, after the late, legendary Canadian prize-winning pugilist Sammy Luftspring.

"I didn't actually decide to make Sonny a boxer so much as it was decided for me. It sounds a bit weird, but when you are writing fiction, sometimes the characters just take over and tell you what they want to do. In my early draft, I had no intention of making Sonny a boxer. I fought the idea because, frankly, I knew nothing whatsoever about boxing. But after a bit of time, I realized it was the only thing Sonny could do."

Having settled that matter, Tulchinsky immersed herself in the literature of the sport, reading biographies of famous champions and watching "fight" movies.

"One of the books I read several times was Sammy Luftspring's biography. Chronologically, he would have been a few years older than Sonny. But, obviously, his story was important for me to get a sense of a Jewish boxer from Toronto. I wouldn't say that Sonny Lapinsky is based on Sammy Luftspring, because my research also included many other boxers from that era. But certainly Sammy was a great inspiration, and I did want to honour Sammy's memory and achievements through Sonny."

Karen Tulchinsky

Similarly, the rest of the characters in *The Five Books of Moses Lapinsky* are purely fictional. "All fiction begins with real people, but then the imagination takes over and characters are invented. I had a lot of material to draw on."

Tulchinsky, who comes from an observant Jewish family active in the Conservative Judaic movement, has been writing for as long as she can remember.

"I was born writing," she said. "When I was a kid, if I was bored in school, I would write stories about my teacher. I began to take myself seriously as a writer in the early '90s, when I got my first short story published in a literary anthology."

Love and Other Ruins and its sequel, *Love Ruins Everything*, published in 1998 and 2002, are partially autobiographical. As she put it, "It's all true and all made up. That is to say, the characters and the emotional energy are based on my life."

Like some of the characters in her novels, Tulchinsky is a lesbian. Asked how her parents reacted to her sexual orientation, she replied, "At first, it was hard on them. It was not what they expected for me. But over the years, they have grown used to the reality of my life. As gays and lesbians gain civil rights, it becomes easier for our families to not only accept our lives, but embrace us."

Tulchinsky's short stories, published under the title of *In Her Nature*, dwell on such themes as family dynamics, ethnic and sexual identity, anti-Semitism and cross-cultural relationships.

Of late, she has concentrated on the novel rather than the short story.

"I think novels allow a writer to tell a longer story with more depth and scope. I have the fortune of being prolific. Once I sit down to write, the pages come tumbling out."

Tulchinsky, who moved to Vancouver in the late 1980s after falling in love with the ocean, the mountains and the slower pace of life, segued into film after *Love Ruins Everything* was released.

"I kept hearing it would make a great film, and wanted to explore that possibility."

A recent graduate of the Canadian Film Centre's writer's lab and professional screenwriting program, she has written scripts based on *Love Ruins Everything* and *The Five Books of Moses Lapinsky*, and hopes they will be optioned for movies.

Tulchinsky, who has also written scripts for television, is currently working on a new novel, *The Shoemaker's Daughter,* which is about Russian relatives who were murdered during the Holocaust. In it, she will try to imagine what might have happened to her missing relatives when the Nazis occupied their town.

If *The Shoemanker's Daughter* is as evocative as *The Five Books of Moses Lapinsky*, Tulchinsky will have taken a great leap forward as a writer.

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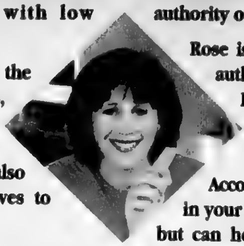

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Police chief witnesses Israeli counter-terrorism training

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

When Owen Sound police chief Tom Kaye visited Israel last summer, he was expecting to improve his knowledge of the country's vaunted anti-terrorism program and its efforts to interdict the drug trade.

Like other Canadians who rely on the media, he knew about the bomb attacks and the tough Israeli reaction. But he was surprised to experience first-hand the rapid Israeli response to incidents, such as a bomb-disposal crew blowing up an unattended package near his Jerusalem hotel and then opening the street within 30 minutes, or the quick repair and reopening of a café within a few days of a bloody suicide bombing.

Tom Kaye

He was also taken aback by a knife-wielding terrorist's brazen assault on a uniformed officer in broad daylight outside the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem. The attack took only seconds, but it was caught on tape, which led to the perpetrator's quick apprehension.

He was impressed at the training in religious sensitivity that police recruits receive, witnessing first hand the upbraiding of a young recruit for taking a position on the Temple Mount's walls that might have been considered provocative by Arabs.

And he was particularly shocked at the difference between media reports about Israel's counter-terrorism program and the reality he learned about from Israeli officers – that 80 per cent of terrorist attempts are stopped before they turn bloody.

"The media doesn't report what's really going on there," he said.

Kaye was in Israel along with 14 police officers from Georgia and one from Detroit on a two-week tour sponsored by GILEE, the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange.

Founded in 1992 by Robert Friedmann, a professor of criminal justice at Georgia State University, GILEE aims to enhance co-operation between law enforcement agencies in Georgia and Israel. It also offers educational programs in community policing to visiting Israeli officers and it brings U.S., Hungarian and now Canadian officers to Israel to learn the latest counter-terrorism and drug interdiction techniques.

Kaye, immediate past president of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, is the first Canadian to participate in the program, one he enthusiastically supports.

Travelling in their own chartered bus, the officers toured the length and breadth of the country, from the Golan Heights to Eilat. At each stop, they were hosted by mayors and local police commanders, who briefed them on the policing issues they face.

They also visited a border guard training camp, toured an Israeli army base and visited the offices of Israel's internal security agency.

The educational component was valuable, Kaye said, and it included discussions on how Israel attempts to stem the flow of drugs, which are used to finance terrorist attacks. Part of Israel's drug problem is related to its liberal immigration policy, which has allowed organized crime to become established, he said.

Israel, he learned, has 300,000 immigrants who are unaccounted for.

On the anti-terrorism front, Kaye was struck by the importance of intelligence in preventing attacks and by the number of people who are able to respond to an incident within seconds.

"[The Israelis] believe their entire response to terrorism is based on their intelligence-gathering network," he said.

Kaye cited an example that took place during the group's visit, when Israeli law enforcement intercepted a car loaded with explosives. The car, bound for Haifa, carried as much explosive as the van that blew up the Alfred P. Murrah building in Oklahoma City in 1995, killing 168 people.

"I was told that a lot of what [police] do does not make it to the six o'clock news because it doesn't happen," he said.

Kaye said he was impressed by the absence of "turf bulls--t," unlike the situation in Canadian policing. In Israel, he found, police and intelligence agencies share information readily, since lives hang in the balance.

Kaye said he was struck by the defiant attitude of Israelis, who refuse to be intimidated by terror attacks.

"Israelis are very patriotic people. Outside of Americans, they're the most patriotic people I've seen. They're not prepared to show fear in the face of terrorism. The civilian response is not to be cowed until it goes away."

Still, Kaye admitted to some nervousness when he was out socializing with other officers. At Mike's Place in Tel Aviv, a bar that had been hit by a suicide bomber, he found that "every time the door opens, you look at who comes in."

That sort of vigilance has become normal in Israel, but he was critical of Israel's "half-assed" response to terror. The approach frustrated him and his American colleagues, he said.

"We saw Israel's response as measured and as surgical a response as could be."

If Canadians experienced the kind of attacks aimed at Israelis, he said, "I believe there is nothing we wouldn't empower police with to put an end to it."

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Alumna comes full circle in Toronto BBYO

\By **FRANCES KRAFT**
Staff Reporter

Annie Ross, the new city director of B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO), is only 25 and she has already come full circle in the international organization she first joined as a young teen.

Although her predecessor, Dena Libman – who left in February for UJA Federation of Greater Toronto (which allocates funds to BBYO) – served as a director of BBYO's Lake Ontario region, encompassing Toronto and Buffalo, the region has two city executives instead of one regional one, Ross explained recently in her sunny Bathurst Street office.

With the exception of twice-a-year conventions and Toronto's annual Beauheart Ball, to which Buffalo is invited, the two cities function independently. (Hamilton and London, which used to belong to the region, no longer have BBYO chapters, and Ottawa is now affiliated with the Eastern Canadian region.)

Ross served as interim regional director from February until July, when she became Toronto city director, serving teens aged 14 to 18 in seven chapters (three B'nai B'rith girls' chapters, three Aleph Zadik Aleph boys' chapters, and one co-ed group), and their younger counterparts in grades 7 and 8 in an introductory program called Teen Connection.

Most of the members attend public schools, but there are day school students as well, said Ross.

The co-ed chapter, based at Beth Radom Congregation, is new to Toronto as of a year ago, although there are co-ed chapters in other cities.

In addition, as part of a soon-to-begin pilot project, bar and bat mitzvah celebrants at Beth Radom will receive a free one-year membership to Teen Connection. After the initiative gets under way, organizers hope to expand it to other unaffiliated synagogues.

The aim is to enhance membership in BBYO and keep Jewish teens involved in the Jewish community, said Ken Bernknopf, chair of BBYO's board of directors.

When Ross was a young teen in 1991, she joined the now-defunct Dor Chadash chapter and "took to [BBYO] right away… I really wanted to get involved." Over her years as a member, she held positions ranging from chapter secretary to regional Jewish heritage chairwoman, organizing programs such as Onegei Shabbat at conventions.

Annie Ross

"That was one of my favourite positions," she recalled. "I was responsible for making sure heritage programming was being done in the chapters."

A graduate of York University, where she majored in religious studies, Ross was involved with Koach (the Conservative movement's university arm) while she was on campus. In third year, she became a volunteer adviser with BBYO, and the following year she joined the staff as assistant director.

What impresses her most about the organization is a certain "magic… you take out what you put in."

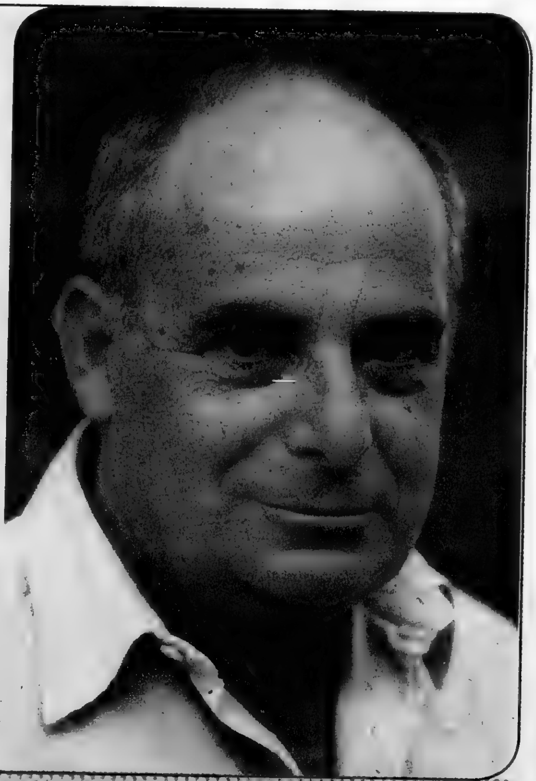
The majority of volunteer advisers and adult board members are alumni, she noted. "I always knew I wanted to come back in some way, to give back to the organization."

Although there are fewer members than when Ross was a teen, the programming and the excitement are the same, she said. She attributes the drop in membership to an increasing number of extra-curricular activities, including part-time jobs, that teens are involved in, as well as to the pressure to earn good marks to get into university.

"One of the things we teach is time management," she said. "My priorities are to continue to help the program grow, and to have BBYO as a driving force in the Jewish community, while teaching our teens leadership."

BBYO is a youth-led but staff-facilitated leadership development program for Jewish teens, she said. Significant components include Israel, community service, Jewish heritage, leadership and interpersonal skills, as well as the social aspect.

Programs are planned according to the interests of the participants, said Ross. They range from a recent murder mystery-themed "spirit convention" (focusing on how much spirit is displayed by each chapter) to volunteer projects to athletic programs.



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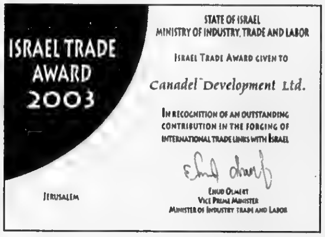

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Woman firefighter stumbled on career

By ELYSSE ZAREK
Special to The CJN

Sara Rosen remembers smelling smoke in the air long before her fire truck got to Woodbine Racetrack, the site of the August 2002 fire that killed 32 horses and caused more than $3 million in damages.

Sara Rosen

When her truck got there, the wood and concrete stables were ablaze and the horses, freed by their panicked trainers, were stampeding across the grounds. Some of them were on fire. Their skinny legs burned first. Then, in shock, they collapsed to the ground.

"I never imagined seeing horses on fire," whispers Rosen.

Rosen's job was to start the water from the fire hydrant, but every time she neared the hydrant, the horses charged and the chief yelled at her to get back to the truck. At one point, she and her colleagues almost put the fire out, but then the barn collapsed and sent flames rushing through the complex. When dawn broke, the fire was still raging.

That night stayed with her. Not long after, Rosen's neighbours were barbequing meat at a street party when a familiar odour reached her nostrils.

"I smelled something, I didn't know what it was, but the smell reminded me of Woodbine," she recalls.

On the grill was horse meat.

Rosen, 25, has been fighting fires in Toronto for more than two years, but that wasn't her original plan. She wanted to be a veterinarian, but changed her mind when she discovered she was allergic to cats. She stumbled into it while working as a ski instructor in Banff, where she became a volunteer firefighter to stave off the nightly boredom of the dorm rooms. After deciding university wasn't for her, the Bialik graduate enrolled in a six-month firefighting program at Humber College, where she was the only woman in the class.

Now Rosen is the only woman and the only Jewish firefighter at her new station at Keele Street and Weston Road, where she rides on a rescue truck. She has her own dressing room and shower there, something she insisted on after sharing a locker room with an all-male crew at her first fire station.

At the station, the men try to make her feel like part of the gang.

"Sometimes they're really cute," she says. "It's assumed they're all in the hockey pool, but once they came up to me and said, 'We don't want to embarrass you, but do you want to be in the hockey pool?' I was like, 'Sure, why not?' They try to make me feel welcome without intimidating me. I think it's really nice."

In her spare time, Rosen works as a hypnotherapist from her Bolton home. She is also writing a book about her brother, who suffers from a kidney disease, their family, and her upcoming wedding.

CORRECTION

The article headlined "Habonim Dror shaliach brings Israel to Ontario", (*CJN* Oct. 23) should have stated that a memorial to the late Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin will be held on Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Lodzer Centre Congregation. *The CJN* regrets the error.

Subsribe to *The CJN*

Pizzas cheer up soldiers in Israel Defence Forces

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Dan Morganstein and his children Lyndsay, 12, and Weston, nine, have taken pizza delivery to a whole new level.

While in Israel for Lyndsay's bat mitzvah this summer, the family spent time delivering pizzas to soldiers stationed in the outskirts of Jerusalem.

Morganstein, a commercial pilot, said they got involved in their "adventure" after contacting Shimon Aharon, project director of www.pizzaidf.org, an online company that delivers kosher pizzas to soldiers in the field, on jeep and foot patrols, at roadblocks, on army bases or on guard duty.

Deliveries, which are made after an online order is placed, are co-ordinated with the security forces, and if the pizzas are dedicated to a friend or family member, pizzaidf will send out a certificate of appreciation.

"When I told Shimon that we were planning to come to Israel, he said we could accompany the drivers on some deliveries," Morganstein said.

"It was a real treat. The soldiers truly appreciated the pizzas, and were touched that people had thought of them. At one busy checkpoint, one of the soldiers said, 'I love you for bringing this pizza, but we would feel bad if a terrorist got through, so let's hurry.'"

Lyndsay, a Grade 7 student at Forest Hill Public School, said it was "so cool to see the soldiers smile. I was glad to see them happy."

Weston, who is in Grade 4 at Cedarvale Public School, was "happy to see the solders at work."

Morganstein said it has always been important to him to help out wherever he can.

"My father's family were Holocaust survivors and my mother's family were Canadians, so growing up, I received two very distinct messages.

"I learned about being victims, and I learned about what Jews are capable of doing. It was a very powerful mix, and it taught me why we must always fend for ourselves."

Ordering pizzas for the soldiers, he said, "gives people the opportunity of reaching out to those who are putting their lives on the line for us. "Messages can even be sent with orders, so the soldiers really know what people are thinking."

Pizzas, which can be ordered from anywhere in the world, are sent out within our hour. "It is the only such program that is sanctioned by the IDF so we know it is safe."

Now the Morganstein family is back home, and they've continued to order pizzas for soldiers every time they order a pizza for themselves. "We make a telephone order, and then we place a Web order to Israel," Morganstein said. "It's a great tradition."

Recently, a friend who he had helped with a move bought pizza and drinks for a platoon of soldiers in the Morganstein name. Morganstein was touched. "That is one of the most thoughtful things anyone has ever done for us," he said.

Dan Morganstein and children Lyndsay and Weston with IDF soldiers.

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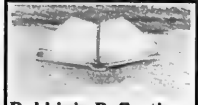
Could we follow the example of Abraham?

By RABBI AARON MITNICK



Rabbinic Reflections

Much has been written in these pages – and rightly so – of the descent of Palestinian society into a netherworld that glorifies the mass murder of Jews. Opinion poll after opinion poll has revealed that it isn't just some diabolical fringe that supports the suicide bombings, but rather that the vast majority of Palestinians do.

And that brings us to a very important question – one that should make you squirm in your seat: what if you were brought up as a Palestinian living in the West Bank or the Gaza Strip? Would you be among the majority who supports the suicide bombings? If we're honest, do we not have to concede that we, too, would be out there supporting the suicide bombers?

I told you this would make you feel uncomfortable.

Of course, each of us would like to believe that we're not simply a product of our environment. Of course, each of us would like to think that we would not be among the 75 per cent who support the suicide bombings. But is that simply wishful thinking?

Enter our forefather Abraham in this week's Torah portion, Lech Lecha. The Torah portrays Abraham as the quintessential critical thinker – a man who spent his entire life challenging the prevailing views of the society in which he lived.

Abraham lived in a world where a very important part of people's lives was the practice of idol worship. But from a young age, Abraham applied his mind to the effort of understanding the true nature of man and his world. He soon came to the realization that there must be a force that created and continues to direct the world. He recognized that idol worship was a misguided attempt to connect with that force, which we call God.

Lest you think that this is a mere academic quibble, Abraham's "heretical" views – and his drive to teach them – often put his life in danger from the masses, who felt threatened by his message. In fact, the Torah calls Abraham the first "Hebrew." The word for "Hebrew" in the original is "Ivri" (from the Hebrew word for on the other side), which connotes that Abraham stood completely apart from the society in which he lived.

This brings us back to our original question: if you grew up as a Palestinian, would you be part of the suicide bombing crowd? The answer: unless we are committed to follow in the path of Abraham, to critically examine the prevailing attitudes of our society as well as our own attitudes, we should not be overly confident.

One final note: although we rightly focus on the large percentage of Palestinians who support the suicide bombings, let us take a moment to consider the very small minority who have the moral clarity and courage to oppose the wanton violence. They, too, should inspire us to be critical thinkers, and to offer hope that, God willing, one day soon they will be joined in that moral clarity by the Palestinian leadership and the rest of their brethren.

Rabbi Mitnick is the spiritual leader of Beth Zion Congregation in Oshawa, Ont.

Two new novels evoke times past

Books
Bernard Baskin

***The Coffee Trader* by David Liss, Random House, $24. 95 (US).**

Three years ago, *A Conspiracy of Paper*, David Liss's first novel, a masterful recreation of many aspects of 18th-century London, with an emphasis on stock market manipulations and multiple murder, was lauded as creative and original.

The Coffee Trader, which once again blends financial intrigue with a compelling mystery, should also find a widespread readership.

Miguel Lienzo, a young Portuguese Jew who has escaped the clutches of the Inquisition, has found a safe haven in mid-17th century Amsterdam, a city surprisingly tolerant of foreigners. Eager to take advantage of the opportunities for financial speculation, he forms a partnership with a gentile Dutch widow to import coffee – a new, exotic and irresistible beverage. She supplies the capital, he the business acumen. In the hectic commodities exchange, he becomes a broker of futures.

But the protagonist's business ventures are viewed with suspicion by the Ma'amad, Amsterdam's powerful, wealthy Jewish governing body, which has the power to excommunicate. In addition, he has to ward off a bevy of enemies. They include a wily moneylender, a vindictive trader who blames Miguel for his losses on the stock market and the father of a young woman he had spurned.

In the end, Miguel cleverly outwits his would-be betrayers and rivals and escapes the wrath of the Ma'amad. He emerges as a vivid and memorable character.

Savouring coffee, delicious and stimulating, alters Miguel's personality. Under its influence, he's sharper, more intense. "The doubt that had been plaguing him, the sluggishness, the murky thinking, were all gone now. He had used coffee to banish them the way a great rabbi uses the Torah to banish demons."

Liss has carefully researched a many-sided Amsterdam and the details and background are authentic and colourful.

This second novel by a talented writer, compelling and suspenseful, assures an entertaining and rewarding read.

***Great Neck* by Jay Cantor, Knopf, $41.95.**

This highly ambitious novel of over 700 pages attempts to summarize the '60s and '70s in the United States and to capture the mood and spirit of the time. It traces the intertwined lives of a half-dozen pampered, intelligent and concerned Jewish teenagers in Great Neck, a wealthy Long Island community over a period of two decades – from their political awakening over the civil rights movement, to a conviction of one of them on a murder-robbery charge.

The people in this small group feel somehow "chosen" to bring justice and restore harmony to their broken society. The range of the book's subject matter is enormous: the Holocaust, the rise of black power, the anti-war movement, Jewish identity, first love, the art scene in New York—and many other themes.

The cast of characters is large and unwieldy with frequent asides and meanderings. It turns on the murder of a young civil rights worker in Mississippi that famously mirrors the slaying of three Jewish civil rights activists in the same state in 1964.

It all ends in frustration and disillusionment as most of the one-time rebels eventually drift into conventional forms of middle class behaviour.

Great Neck is not always reader friendly. It is far too long and includes numerous subplots and rapidly shifting points of view. However, for readers with time and patience, this giant, sprawling panoramic portrayal of one of the most intense eras in recent history is hesitatingly recommended.

A prayer for peace among Jews

By ROCHELLE SCHWARTZ
Special to The CJN

Guest Voice

As I sat in shul this past erev Rosh Hashanah, I listened with interest and enthusiasm to our rabbi's warm and moving speech about the importance of welcoming new members into our community.

I was pleasantly surprised by the example the rabbi gave to inspire us. He encouraged us, as a Reform congregation, to take a page out of the Aish Hatorah handbook and follow its model on how to make new members feel welcome. He complimented Aish Hatorah on its warmth and talent for embracing new members, not only into its congregation, but into members' homes as well.

As I listened to the rabbi's speech with admiration, I was impressed by the way he had reached across the spectrum of Judaism not only to compliment Aish Hatorah, but to embrace a fundamental and beautiful part of Jewish philosophy. How refreshing, I thought, to hear a rabbi speak about closing the gap between different sects of Judaism by acknowledging our similarities instead of emphasizing our differences.

However, as the memory of Yom Tov slowly faded in the days and weeks to follow, the good feelings I had enjoyed that night at shul turned into loss and disappointment. As I spoke about my family's holiday experience to friends and acquaintances, one person who is a member of a Conservative shul, turned to me with disdain and said, "You blew the shofar at shul on Shabbat?" An Aish Hatorah follower who prided himself on walking to shul on Yom Tov, turned to the Conservative congregant and in a chastising tone said, "How could you drive to shul on Rosh Hashanah?" And a haredi acquaintance commented with disbelief to the Aish Hatorah young man, "I hear you allow men and women to sit together during lectures at your synagogue. How can you call yourself an Orthodox shul?"

I wept at the realization that sometimes we Jews are our own worst enemies. Instead of embracing and complimenting the unique aspects of each other's streams of our religion, we have become critical and cynical and unaccepting of one another. Shame on all of us!

I hope and pray that all sects of Judaism open their hearts and their minds to the positive attributes each of us as Jews have to offer. After all, we are all Jewish, whether we are Orthodox, Conservative or Reform. Although we may seem different from one another on the outside, we all share a common and unique bond on the inside… a Jewish soul.

My father, who grew up in an Orthodox home, is the wisest man I know. He gave a beautiful analogy the day of my son's bar mitzvah last year. As we were walking into the synagogue's sanctuary, my brother-in-law turned to my father and said, "Zaida, can you believe that they're going to play musical instruments in shul on Shabbat?"

My father thought long and hard before he answered. He then replied with tolerance and kindness.

"You know, son, I believe King David played music and praised God in song as he prayed in the Beit Hamigdash thousands of years ago, so why not here and now in this House of Prayer? After all, no matter where we go to shul or in what manner we choose to pray, our voices all rise and are heard by the same God in heaven – the God of all Jewish people."

As I look back on my experiences this past Yom Tov, I believe I finally know when the Mashiach will come. The Mashiach will arrive when all sects of Judaism respect and acknowledge each other's wonderful strengths and similarities and admire and embrace each other's vast and beautiful differences.

Rochelle Schwartz is a doctor and mohelet in Toronto.

A tour of the best libraries

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

Shhh! Can't you see you're in a library?

It's Jewish Book Month and you're invited to enter some of the most wonderful Jewish libraries in the world. From Princeton to Jerusalem, many Jewish libraries offer online highlights of their permanent collections, usually free of charge. Today, we'll tour some of the best libraries and find out how to visit dozens more.

The Jewish Highway

The Jewish National & University Library at Jerusalem's Hebrew University has a bilingual site that is home to several special collections. You can examine more than 250 ancient maps of Jerusalem from 1486 to the early 20th century. At the Songs We Love to Hear Web site, you can listen to recordings of Hebrew songs produced before the creation of the State of Israel. And Albert Einstein Online contains more than 900 digitized manuscripts from the Hebrew University's Albert Einstein Archives, including scans of his scientific materials, writings and travel diaries **[http://jnul.huji.ac.il/]**.

In 1896, sisters Agnes Lewis and Margaret Gibson purchased fragments of a Jewish manuscript while on a visit to the Middle East. Upon their return to England, they showed their finds to the University of Cambridge's Solomon Schechter. Schechter travelled to Cairo and secured permission to bring contents of the Cairo Genizah (depository for worn-out copies of sacred Jewish writings) to England. There are now 140,000 fragments of documents from the Genizah found at the Cambridge Library's Taylor-Schechter Genizah Research Unit. Its Web site has a detailed history of the collection along with dozens of scanned images, including the handwriting and signature of Maimonides **[http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/Taylor-Schechter/Collection.html]**.

Yale University has held several impressive exhibits from its Judaica collection. You can enjoy scaled-down versions of five exhibits, including "You Shall Tell Your Children," an examination of the evolution of the Passover Haggadah from the 13th century to the present and highlights of Yale archeological digs in the Holy Land since the 19th century **[http://www.library.yale.edu/judaica/exhibits.html]**.

Since Aaron Lansky founded the National Yiddish Book Center in 1980, it has recovered 1.5 million volumes. Even if you can't visit its home in Amherst, Mass., you can still benefit from its success. You can view the Yiddish Book Catalog online, check out the list "The 100 Greatest Works of Modern Jewish Literature" **[http://www.bikher.org/story.php?n=10026]** and read selections from Pakn Treger, an English language journal about Yiddish culture. There are features about Abraham Asen's 1947 Yiddish translation of King Lear, an essay about Yiddish life in Boro Park, a look at "Jewish" photography and a story by Sholem Aleichem presented in its original Yiddish alongside an English translation by Hillel Halkin **[http://www.yiddishbookcenter.org/]**.

The National Library of Canada houses the Jacob M. Lowy Collection of old and rare Hebraica and Judaica, which dates from the 15th to the 20th century. You can view dozens of images online including excerpts from first editions of the works of Josephus Flavius, 17th century astronomical and mathematical drawings of Joseph Solomon Delmedigo, a pupil of Galileo, and a plate from a 1740 Venetian Haggadah with Judeo-Italian translation **[http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/incunab/index-e.html]**.

Chicago's Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies offers an impressive online resource – at a price. Members of the Institute can access the Feinberg E-Collection that contains the full-text of nearly 800 books and 25,000 articles. Read a translation of Sefer Ha-Aggadah by Hayim Nahman Bialik, the contents of the Bar Ilan Responsa database and the entire 16-volumes of the Encyclopedia Judaica **[http://www.spertus.edu/asher/feinberg/]**.

Unlike most of the libraries mentioned above, the Jewish Virtual Library exists only in cyberspace. The library boasts 8,000 articles and 4,000 photographs and is divided into 13 "wings." Don't miss this site's reference section, where you can find works by Ahad Ha'am and the complete text of Theodore Herzl's The Jewish State. The peace section includes documents such as the Balfour Declaration, United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 and the Israeli-Palestinian Interim Agreement ("Oslo 2") **[http://www.us-israel.org/jsource/]**.

Happy browsing!

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It should be noted that only those synagogues close to Reena homes were asked to accommodate our clients.
We deeply appreciate their support.

Towards a better future … integrating people
with developmental disabilities into the community

Hope for Tomorrow symposium

By DANIEL HOROWITZ

On December 4, community leaders will be joining together for an event that could pay huge dividends to members of our community who are most at risk.

The UJA Federation's *Hope for Tomorrow* symposium will involve at least 65 members of the community in finding innovative answers to better the lives of Toronto's vulnerable.

According to recent statistics, approximately 20,000 Jews in the Greater Toronto Area live at or below the poverty line. An estimated 3,000 are 14 years of age or younger, while almost 6,000 are at least 65.

"I have experienced – first hand – the way in which vulnerable members of our Jewish community are struggling day by day, whether it's paying the rent, putting food on the table, and generally providing for their children," says symposium Chair, Gordie Wolfe, who recently retired after 22 years as executive director of Jewish Family and Child Service.

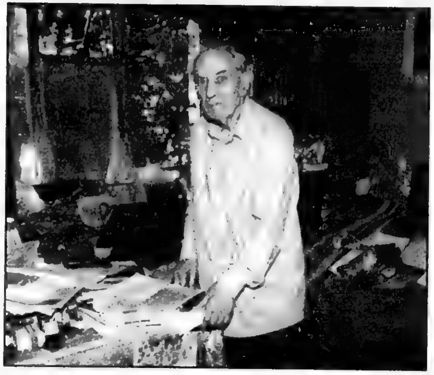
Participants at the symposium, who will not be solicited for funds, will be asked to use their unique skills and experience to help find long-term solutions for Toronto's vulnerable.

"We know that we cannot eradicate poverty within the Jewish community," says Wolfe. "But, we can create new strategies to improve the daily quality of life for Toronto's Jewish vulnerable."

Among the UJA Federation partner agencies that will be participating in the symposium are Jewish Family and Child Service, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Toronto, Jewish Vocational Service, Kehilla Residential Centres and Reena.

A follow-up session is scheduled for December 15.

For more information, please call Shirley Worth at 416.631.5837 or via email at: sworth@ujafed.org.



The Hope for Tomorrow *symposium will look for solutions to better the lives of Jewish Toronto's vulnerable.*

Comfort for Jewish troops during Second World War

By ELLEN SCHEINBERG

UJA Federation's Ontario Jewish Archives has many records documenting the important role played by Jewish troops during The Second World War, but perhaps the most interesting and moving documents are thank-you letters that were sent to the Canadian Jewish Congress War Efforts Committee by individual Jewish soldiers who received their special care packages.

During the Second World War, more than 16,000 Jewish men and women joined the Canadian Armed Forces. Many enlisted early on and were eager to defend Europe against the Nazis. Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) played a pivotal role in helping to enlist Jewish soldiers and provide support for them after they joined the military.

By tapping into a virtual "army" of individual donors and organizations, CJC was able to bring together huge amounts of donated items to send to the troops. In addition to providing the soldiers with food for the holidays, CJC also sent care packages, which contained much sought-after items, such as socks, jams, salamis, magazines and cigarettes. Some of the donors included other items that they felt might come in handy, such as chicken schmaltz. After spending several years overseas, these gifts were an important taste of home.

In a letter written by Sgt. L. Silver on October 2, 1945, he eloquently expressed this sentiment, stating "your parcels at this moment help to bring the lights of home a little nearer, and thoughts which cannot be any dearer."

Louis Wagner (above) wrote a thank-you letter to Canadian Jewish Congress on October 8, 1945.

Another Jewish soldier serving in Belfast, Samuel Walerstein, illustrated the importance of these gestures during the war, stating, "A parcel sent to a soldier, sailor, or airman makes his life feel a million times happier," he said.

Some men who wrote also indicated that these packages made them feel as if they were not forgotten and not completely isolated.

Some soldiers said that they had given their gifts to needy civilians in Holland after the North American armies had liberated them. Another soldier recommended that these packages be sent to those still left in the concentration camps after they too were liberated.

Ellen Scheinberg is Director of UJA Federation's Ontario Jewish Archives.

City Scene

Welcome to City Scene, a new column highlighting the sights, streets, and personalities that make Jewish Toronto so unique.

Jewish history on the beach

By WENDY LAMPERT

One of Jewish Toronto's most distinguishing features is the number of historic synagogues that continue to thrive throughout the city.

When you think of Toronto's Beaches neighbourhood, what normally comes to mind are hot summer days, walking among the shops on Queen Street East or roller-blading along the boardwalk – not Judaism and synagogues.

But tucked away just off the main strip on a tree-lined street, the Beach Hebrew Institute, often called the Beaches Shul, is alive and well and bringing Judaism to the neighbourhood.

In 1920, the First Baptist Church in Toronto's Eastern Beaches community decided to relocate, and the building, which was converted to the Orthodox Beach Hebrew Institute synagogue, moved from Queen Street East to its current location on Kenilworth Avenue. Some 40 families, mainly local merchants, joined the congregation.

The synagogue was actually born in an era that wasn't particularly hospitable to Jews. "When the shul was established, the Canadian German Party was down the road, and you could see swastikas in the neighbourhood," says Arie Nerman, President of the Beach Hebrew Institute and a member of the shul for more than 30 years. In fact, the word "synagogue" was deliberately left out of the shul's name, he notes.

Over the synagogue's 83-year history, the size of the congregation has waxed and waned with the movement of the Jewish community. But in the early 1970s, a dedicated group of members felt it was time to revive the shul. "There was a commitment to bring this shul back and create a new Jewish community in the Beaches," Nerman says.

The group started a restoration fund, and contacted Jews across the city to make their pitch. "That really got things rolling," notes Nerman, as community members once again discovered Jewish life at the beach. Today, the shul's membership counts 150 households from across the city, with some members coming from as far north as Thornhill to attend services. There's even a membership waiting list.

The small synagogue, now considered "liberal Conservative," which can accommodate as many as 250 people on High Holidays, offers regular Shabbat services, a Sunday school and many other programs, including a weekly hot lunch service for the needy in the neighbourhood.

The Beach Hebrew Institute has no rabbi – members lead prayers, and perhaps one of its most distinguishing features is its "open door" policy. "This is a people's shul," says Nerman, who notes that no tickets are needed for High Holidays, although members get first rights to seats. Even more appealing is its openness and warmth.

"The shul has a warm, comfortable feeling," says Sandy Winch, who moved from Thornhill to the Beaches with her husband Melvin about five years ago.

"We came from a big shul up north, where nobody knows anybody else. Down here, most people know each other," Winch says. "The synagogue has made us glad we chose to move to the neighbourhood. It has made it much nicer for us," she notes.

"The thing I'm most proud of is the fact that we've been able to maintain the welcoming, open door policy here," says Nerman. "People feel the shul has a warmth and an aura of hospitality that many people are looking for today. This is a small-town shul in a big city."

Arie Nerman, President of the Beach Hebrew Institute, maintains an open door policy.
(Photo by Eve Marks)

B'Yachad mission readies for take-off

By DANIEL HOROWITZ

UJA Federation's largest solidarity mission to Israel in seven years is ready to roll.

The *B'Yachad* Mission - chaired by Stephen Goldhar, Michael Buckstein and Barry Zagdansky – includes 275 Torontonians who will leave Toronto for an unforgettable week. They will be joined by another 235 Jewish Canadians from coast to coast

B'Yachad was planned to coincide with the General Assembly (GA) which takes place in Jerusalem this year. The GA, which runs from November 16 –19, is the world's largest gathering of Jewish leaders. Of the 3,500 participants at this year's GA, 500, or nearly 15%, will be from Toronto.

After their arrival, participants will attend Canada Salutes Israel, an historic gathering of Canadians and 1500 IDF pilots, in the presence of Israel's Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, at an IDF Air Force Base.

In fact, Toronto's support is so appreciated by Israel – it is the only city out of 50 represented at the GA - that is being granted this unique opportunity.

"Prime Minister Sharon, and the entire government of Israel are looking forward to *B'Yachad*," says UJA Federation's Israel Emissary, Yossi Tanuri. "There is a strong sense of excitement and anticipation from Israelis about what they see as an extremely important show of solidarity."

For Toronto's Ruth Ladovsky, a veteran of many UJA solidarity missions, *B'Yachad* holds the promise of even more.

"I'm always looking forward to going to Israel," says Ladovsky. "But this year, by going on *B'Yachad*, and having different tracks to choose from at the GA, we will undoubtedly get to hear from some of the brightest minds in the world. Any time we go on a UJA mission, doors that normally wouldn't be open for us, suddenly open wide and we have access to so much more. I'm very excited about this trip."

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The upcoming B'Yachad mission will give Torontonians the opportunity to meet Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

As for the special evening planned at Palmachim, Barbara Bank thinks it's an especially important opportunity.

"I think Canada – and Toronto – have always had a strong bond with Israel and her people," says Bank. "To be part of Canada Salutes Israel is not only an honour and what will no doubt be a special memory, it's more than that. This is the chance for Torontonians to express our gratitude and love for these soldiers who battle every day for our freedom, as well as for all Israelis."

"I'm going with my wife Janice, and we can't wait," says B'Yachad participant Abe Glowinsky. "To be part of such massive Toronto support for Israel is an honour. In 1996, I was on UJA's largest mission ever – Jerusalem 3000 – and being on B'Yachad – the largest since then – is sure to give me a whole new set of incredible memories."

Other highlights of B'Yachad include a visit to Jerusalem's Shaarei Tzedec Medical Centre, the GA's closing plenary with former Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu, dinner with Shimon Peres, and opportunities to volunteer around Jerusalem.

Open Letter

This week, Jewish Toronto begins a new column, Open Letter, in which active members of the community offer commentary on issues of urgent Jewish interest. The views expressed are those of the writer. This week's open letter is to Ontario's new premier, Dalton McGuinty.

A healthy society requires equity

By MICHAEL DIAMOND

Congratulations Mr. McGuinty.. You ran an excellent campaign, correctly assessed the mood for change and showed how quickly you and your associates could learn from the lessons of the previous election. But winning elections and governing are two different tasks, requiring different skills. You have won well, but will you govern well?

In my estimation, you won because the Ontario electorate wanted to see a change in the nature of government; they wanted to see a government that would govern in a more socially conscious manner. I think that the "have nots" of the province were tired of losing ground, and the "haves" were tired of seeing the impact of the Common Sense Revolution on their less well-off neighbours. Perhaps the electorate had begun to understand that *tikkun olam*, the Jewish obligation to repair the world, can and should apply in Ontario.

As Jews, we look forward to your promised focus on the weak and the young. A society must be judged by the way it treats its weakest members. Jews have always fared best in healthy societies, and we would encourage you to follow your heart, to turn your focus to those in our society whose weaknesses make us all a little weaker. This is particularly so in the City of Toronto, where almost a decade of neglect and forced implementation of centralization policies has left us with larger bureaucracies and an essentially bankrupt municipal government with no taxing authority and enormous burdens in dealing with a changing, multi-cultural society. Ontario will not thrive unless Toronto thrives, and Toronto's momentum today is decidedly negative.

Michael Diamond

But Premier McGuinty, a healthy society also requires equity towards all of its component parts, particularly its minorities. We have an educational funding system which is so inequitable as to be bizarre. It is a throwback to a time when minorities were few in number, with even less influence than they have today; a time before the word 'multi-culturalism' was used to describe our Canadian society. Two school systems were funded - Protestant and Catholic. Everyone was free to choose between one or the other if they wished a tax paid education. Over time, the Protestant system became less Christian and more secular in nature, but two distinct systems remained. Today, if you are Catholic and feel the need to have your son or daughter educated in a Catholic setting, you can do so. If you are a mainstream Protestant, the so-called public system is available, again without additional charge. But if you are Jewish, Hindu or Muslim, you have only two choices - pay for your education, or accept the educational system of the majority.

Your predecessors reacted to this inequity by creating the EETC (Equity in Education Tax Credit). While the EETC is flawed in some respects - it does address some of the inequity in the system as it was designed to do. You have made it clear you will repeal the EETC and you have indicated you would not replace it quickly, if at all. Mr. Premier - that is fundamentally wrong and inequitable. I don't have to make the case here - it is patently obvious. Replace the EETC if you believe it to be flawed, but do not just eliminate it and return to the status quo. And please do not blame the inadequate levels of public school funding, particularly in the cities, on the EETC. That may be an effective political tool, but it is not the truth. It is a fact that for every student who is at an independent school, the Ontario taxpayer saves at least $7,000, taking into account only the annual operational cost. If I feel compelled by my religious beliefs to send my child to an independent, faith-based institution, I can do so without charge if I am a Catholic, but I must pay the full cost in addition to my full taxes if I belong to another faith.

Premier McGuinty, we are hopeful that your attention to social conscience will lead our province in the right direction, in the direct of *tikkun olam*, of attending to the weakest in our society, of strengthening the public school system and of dealing with perhaps one of the Western world's most inequitable distribution of public education funding. We support you in your quest and look forward to further enlightenment regarding your considered approaches and policies.

Michael Diamond is a Toronto-based entrepreneur and investor who is an active Jewish community volunteer.

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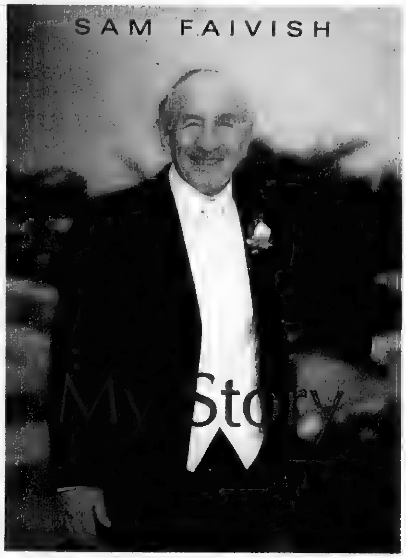
Survivor's autobiography proves labour of love

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter



Sam Faivish says he never appreciated what went into writing a book until he wrote his own 250-page autobiography.

"I'm computer illiterate," says Faivish, whose self-published book, *My Story*, was recently released. "I wrote by hand for four or five hours a day for three years, but it was a labour of love."

Faivish, 86, who was born in Belchatow, Poland, says that although he is a Holocaust survivor, his book, which is dedicated to his family and his wife's family who were killed in the Holocaust and to his daughter Yona who died several years ago, is not a Holocaust book.

"The Holocaust seeps in because I lived through that period, but this is the story of my life, my whole life. I wrote so my children and grandchildren will get to know me – who I am, where I came from, and what I stand for."

Faivish says he has been driven by his values his entire life, from his childhood in Belchatow and hiding out with the Barczak family during the war to his marriage to Lolka Amsel and the raising of their two children in Toronto.

"Work hard, have compassion and be charitable and kind," he says. "I stuck to those values [during the war] despite the anti-Semitism that surrounded us, and I stick to them today.

"To this day, I see a person standing before me. I don't see a Jew, a non-Jew or an Arab. I believe there is [at least] a flicker of humanity in everyone you meet, and I cherish that flicker."

It was the Barczak family, he says, who drove home his conviction that people are generally good.

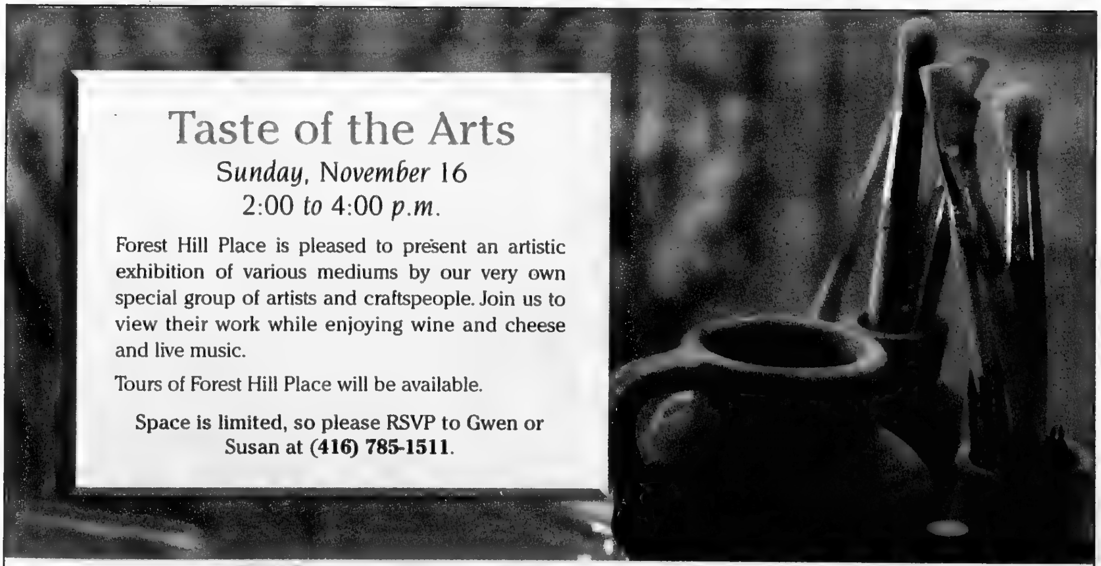
"I lost touch with them for many years, but when my son Jerry was a teenager, he went to Poland and contacted them. We now correspond, and I send them cheques regularly.

"I had told them if I survived the war, I would leave them all I had, and I did transfer my property in Poland to them. If someone does something for me, I never forget."

It is essential, he says, for young people to learn about the Holocaust, so "they will understand how people kept going and never lost hope.

"I want them to see that even today, after 9/11 and with all the anti-Semitism in the world, that one person can make a difference if they take the proper steps," Faivish says.

All proceeds from the sales of *My Story* are going to women and orphan victims of terror in Israel.



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‘An extraordinary test of Danish virtue’

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Nazi Germany invaded Denmark in the spring of 1940, but they had no stated intention of encroaching on the country’s territorial integrity or political independence. However, Germany viewed Danes as fellow Aryans, and demanded they do something about their “Jewish problem.”

“Denmark responded by saying it had no Jewish problem,” Berenbaum said. But contrary to popular belief, the country’s king, Christian X, never donned a yellow Star of David in solidarity with Jews, as Danish Jews were not required to wear the degrading badge.

But Adolf Hitler changed his policy on Denmark and intended to incorporate it into the Nazi Reich. In August 1943, Germany suspended the Danish government and imposed martial law. The deportation of Jews to death camps was set to begin Oct. 1, 1943 – the first night of Rosh Hashanah.

The plan was leaked to the Jewish community by a German shipping attaché. A few days before the deportations were to start, the rabbi and cantor in Copenhagen’s main synagogue announced there would be no services for the next few weeks, as both clergymen needed vacations and were heading to the seacoast.

To the Jews, said Berenbaum, it was a none-too cryptic message to get to the coast. “The Jews instinctively fled to the sea, and the Danes instinctively helped” with transport and lodging.

For the next three weeks, some 7,200 Jews, Jewish refugees from other countries and offspring of mixed marriages were ferried to Sweden, just 14 kilometres away, in fishing boats, rowboats and pleasure craft.

Fishermen charged a fee for the trip to cover their risk, but it was a small price to pay. Most other material costs were borne largely by Danes themselves.

And the national nature of the effort was seen in the fact that not only did the Danish coast guard stand down, but most of the Nazi boats in the country suddenly found themselves in dry-dock for repairs to their hulls.

Yet, not all Jews managed to escape. Berenbaum said 464 Danish Jews were shipped to Theresienstadt, but the concern of the Danish Red Cross was so strong that none were sent to Auschwitz.

The Germans were likely aware of the rescue, Berenbaum said, but ignored it because they feared Danish resolve would stall the war effort.

Jews returning after the war even found that their neighbours had maintained their houses and kept their jobs.

The rescue “was not perfect,” he said. “But that doesn’t mean it wasn’t good. Compared to [the experience of other Jews], we can’t imagine how good it was.”

In the end, Berenbaum sees the heroic effort “as an extraordinary test of Danish virtue, and an indictment of other countries.”

Photo exhibit will be on display at Temple Sinai

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A photo exhibit telling the story of the rescue of Denmark’s Jews, prepared by the country’s Museum of Resistance, will be on display at Temple Sinai (210 Wilson Ave.) for the duration of Holocaust Education Week.

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Eisner brings horrors of past alive for students

By NATALIE RUSKIN
Special to The CJN

You are trapped in a room. All of a sudden, somebody walks in and attacks you with a stick. What do you do? You're three floors up. The windows are closed. Do you break one? Do you hide under the table? They'll find you. Do you go toward the person who has either a knife or stick, and fight?

Sally Eisner is talking to a class of 20 Grade 8 students who have asked how Jews let themselves be led like sheep to the oven.

"Nobody has an answer," she says. "Everybody puts their heads down. That is the end of that."

Eisner is a Holocaust survivor who speaks on behalf of the Holocaust remembrance committee of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto. She visits schools and describes snapshots of her wartime experiences.

"Torture… you can't put it on paper, you can't say it in order," she says.

Each time she speaks to another group of students, it is an exercise in mental exhaustion. Many survivors repress the horrors, but Eisner believes her voice must be heard, now more than ever.

"Are we finished with it?" Eisner says of the recent global increase in anti-Semitic attitudes and incidents. "Where are we? The gravestones are being cracked… a man from a Yeshiva was killed in the middle of the night. Why? He was a Jew."

She shakes her head and sighs.

The walls of Eisner's Downsview bungalow are covered with framed portraits of her children and grandchildren. Dozens of New Year cards stand in perfect rows on her table. Three vases of flowers sit on the coffee table. The daisies are wilted, the water cloudy.

But something special happens as Eisner waltzes around her living room, reciting tales of her children's accomplishments: her face glows and you just know this 80-something bubbie once stole many hearts.

Eisner's first language is Yiddish, but she speaks English smoothly. She was born Sarah Barath in Zaleszky, Poland, which bordered on Romania.

"It was a beautiful city," Eisner says. "Americans used to go there for holidays."

When the Nazis invaded her town, Eisner's family was thrown out of their home and sent to a ghetto in Tluste, located in Poland. She was a slave in a labour camp with her parents and brother, working in the fields from sunrise to sundown with little nourishment.

The saddest day of Eisner's life was in July 1943, on the day she lost her parents. She remembers hearing the heavy pounding from the shelling.

Sally Eisner

"I thought the world was coming to an end," she says.

The Nazis commanded everyone, including her parents, to dig a mass grave. Her parents were ordered to strip and stand in line with others. Then they were shot.

"I went back to the camp the very next day and saw the grave and the blood, in pools, all over."

That day, Eisner became an orphan caught in the middle of a nightmare.

"I nearly died," she says.

Eisner is good at telling this story. She's recited it many times in different venues to many different people. Her voice carries on like a well-oiled engine: systematic, monotone, without a break. But in her eyes is a bitter, stinging pain.

"I spill my guts out… I cry when I come home."

Guilt shakes in her voice when she speaks of her parents' death: "I knew I wouldn't have them to give them even a drop of water," she says.

Eisner copes with her losses by giving back, telling children stories that she believes must be told. Speaking about pain heals her.

When Eisner began visiting schools, she thought, "Am I making sense? Was this me? Did I live through that? Am I a normal person?"

Today, she receives loads of thank-you letters from across the province, and says she is in control and feels good.

One Kitchener student writes, "You are very brave to do all these workshops… I admire you for this."

Another writes, "I promise to listen to my parents, teachers and God."

So Eisner pushes on: hands sweaty, knees shaking, with 20 confused faces staring up at her, unable to conceive of the horrors that she is about to tell.

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Drabinsky's Gospel

By PAUL SHAVIV

Some weeks ago, I had the opportunity to attend a pre-release viewing of Garth Drabinsky's *Gospel of St. John* at the invitation of B'nai B'rith Canada. I believe *The CJN*'s reviewer and commentator ("Bible film renders Gospel of John verbatim," "Gospel of John stands to revive deicide charge," *CJN*, Oct. 23) were extremely restrained in their comments.

Guest Voice

There are a number of issues. Let me say at the outset that I do not believe it is in our community's interests to create a cause célèbre over this film. Such a protest is bound to be misunderstood, because the script is a word-for-word replication of a central book of the Christian Bible. It would be impossible to criticize the film and not be perceived as offending Christian belief. But we may take a more nuanced view, and separate the text of the script from the visual dimension of the film – something entirely at the discretion and judgment of the filmmakers.

At the screening I attended, two Jewish experts from the film's academic advisory committee – Prof. Alan Segal of Barnard College and Prof. Adele Reinharz of Sir Wilfred Laurier University – were present. Both admitted this was the first time they had actually seen the film. Therefore, Drabinsky's claim that it has the endorsement of his board, including its Jewish members, seems to apply only to the script, and not to the visual treatment. That distinction is crucial to the Jewish discomfort (or more) that this film is bound to arouse.

It is true that all the characters are Jewish (with the exception of the portrayal of a small group of Greeks). But I doubt the majority of viewers will ever realize this. The film clearly delineates "good guys" (followers of Jesus) and "bad guys" (Jewish authorities, especially the Pharisees). There is a clear and constant visual distinction between the "Jewish Jews" (bad guys – dark, sinister, evil) and "non-Jewish Jews" (good guys – light, pure, innocent). The visual characterization is stark to the point of being crude.

The depiction of the Pharisees is outrageous. They are portrayed as black-clothed, sinister and brutal. At the screening, the academic advisers were unable to give any textual basis or authority for this depiction. Representatives of the production company promised to send me the costume-designer's proposal for the Pharisees' clothing. (Several weeks later, I received an e-mail with a long bibliography, which did not answer my question at all.) Perhaps the director, Philip Saville, who said on *Michael Coren Live* Sept. 10 that "black uniform was typical of many tyrannical powers, including the SS," let slip a more direct insight into the filmmakers' apparent intention to show the Pharisees as demonic.

Other criticism could be directed at the portrayal of the Temple Guards, and of the Kohanim. By contrast, Pontius Pilate, a ruthless murderer who condemned thousands to cruel death, is shown as a deeply sensitive, anguished moral authority pushed against his will to execute Jesus at the demands of the Jews.

Before defenders of the film rush to say as a Jew I have never read the Gospels and therefore never understood that the Gospels are profoundly anti-Jewish (a response I've already heard), I would like to point out that I have had the privilege of studying at Oxford University with Prof. Geza Vermes, one of the world's leading New Testament scholars, and probably the world's leading expert on Jesus. I have also been personally and professionally involved in interfaith dialogue for almost four decades.

The smooth-talking suggestion that the film will "contribute to community relations" or "education" is absurd and an affront to common sense. It is asinine and misleading of Drabinsky to pretend that it will. It is a powerful, even beautiful, portrayal of the Gospel, but it includes – very emotively – every aspect of the Gospel that has generated anti-Semitism over centuries. The historical context will be lost on the average Christian viewers, who will simply see the "demonic" Jews seeking the death of their Lord. The overwhelming majority of the Jews in the audience at the screening came away stunned that this film was to be distributed theatrically, and even more stunned that Jews were responsible for producing it.

Had it been produced by Christians, we may not have liked it, but at least we could have understood it. After all, it reflects the traditional Christian view of the Jews of Jesus' era, as portrayed in the Gospels. However, I cannot imagine how any responsible Jew can be associated with this film – in an artistic, academic or any other capacity. Jewish initiative in this production is, in my view, a disgrace, and doubly dangerous and irresponsible at a time when anti-Semitism in its crudest and darkest form is resurgent around the globe.

It is impossible, irresponsible and disingenuous to ignore the fact of popular anti-Semitism and its horrific history – and where that anti-Semitism has its roots. Put another way, the crowds who come out of churches or cinemas after seeing this film will not show up in Segal's or Reinharz's seminar rooms for an academic discussion on the text of the Gospel, nor in Drabinsky's offices and board meetings. I would not like to be an identifiable Jew in the vicinity of these audiences.

Paul Shaviv is a Toronto Jewish educator.

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Pro-Palestinian professor visits Toronto universities

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They were also upset that their student levy fees went toward what would have been a "one-sided event," said Denes Rothschild, chair of Hillel's Israel affairs committee at U of T.

In his talk, Finkelstein said "the only obstacle to peace is the obstinacy of the United States and Israel foiling the aspirations of the international community," and he drew comparisons between Zionism and the European conquest of North America.

Olesker, a British-born oleh, pointed out that Israel is the only country in the area that is a democracy. "Snigger if you will," he told Finkelstein's supporters, who made up about two thirds of the audience, "but Israel is the only country where an Arab could run for election on the platform of running against his government… and not face the prospect of being shot for doing so."

An entire generation of Palestinians have had their minds poisoned, Olesker said. Children are "being educated to blow up and not to grow up."

He also recalled a discussion with a Soweto school principal during the period of South African apartheid. The principal, said Olesker, thought the situations in South Africa and the Middle East were "identical… He said peace will only come to South Africa when the whites recognize that blacks are their equals and have equal rights, and peace will only come to the Middle East when the Arab world realizes that Israel is its equal and has equal rights."

Olesker left the audience with a challenge to "do something positive as progressives, to build dialogue between Jews and Arabs on this campus."

Following the U of T event, Finkelstein spoke the next night at U of T's Mississauga campus, then at York University last Wednesday night to an audience of more than 300 people. The York crowd, which cheered him sporadically throughout his talk, gave him a standing ovation at the end.

Finkelstein spoke mainly about the Middle East and said that while the Palestinian leadership is corrupt, they're not the real obstacles to peace. He blamed Israel and the United States for continually standing in the way of a two-state solution.

A group of students representing Hillel and the Young Zionist Partnership (YZP) at York University boycotted the lecture in protest of Finkelstein's views on the Holocaust, which he outlined in his book *The Holocaust Industry: Reflections on the Exploitation of Jewish Suffering*.

"In no way do we accept Finkelstein's views, which are extreme and will serve to promote hatred on campus," said Jordie Saperia, president of Hillel at York.

"In fact, the only people we could find who actually praised and supported Finkelstein were Holocaust deniers like Ernst Zundel, neo-Nazis like the Heritage Front, and their ilk," said YZP president Paul Cooper.

"It is ironic and sad that those same students who claim to be anti-racist are now bringing in a speaker praised and promoted by racists worldwide," Cooper said.

The event, which, organizers said cost $3,727 in security fees, was organized by CUPE 3903 at York University and the group Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights.

Arab student Web site at Queen's shut down

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The rector of Queen's University has temporarily shut down a controversial Web site on one of the school's servers while students debate the appropriateness of one of its pages on the Middle East.

For the past two years, the Queen's Arab Students Association (QASA) has displayed an interactive map of the Middle East with no delineation of borders where Israel should be.

The map, labelled Arabia, prominently displayed countries considered part of the Arab world. However, other non-Arab countries were also shown on the map. Palestine is written over the entire area where Israel should be.

It is important that a map on a Queen's University server have accurate information, said Aaron Szamosi, Queen's University Hillel president.

"Israel is a nation recognized by the United Nations and should be labelled appropriately," Szamosi said.

Ahmed Kayssi, Queen's University's rector, said he has spoken with Szamosi about his concerns.

"We have agreed on the need to maintain an open line of communication during these difficult times," he said.

Kayssi's tasks as rector include helping students with issues of racism and other forms of discrimination. He is also the founder of of the Queen's Arabs Students Association and was listed as its webmaster on its site.

However, he said, "I was out of that position for two years, so I asked for the Web site to be taken down."

"I am no longer part of the QASA executive, but will help Aaron Szamosi if he needs anything," Kayssi said.

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‘Stuntman Stu’ a star on Ottawa rock radio

By ADAM GRACHNIK
Special to The CJN

Stuart Adam Schwartz

OTTAWA — “I’m Stuntman Stu and you’re listening to 106.9 The Bear.”

In these parts, Stuart Adam Schwartz, 29, is known as “Stuntman Stu,” and since 1998, he has been a co-host of *The Bear’s Breakfast*, the 5:30-9:30 a.m. drive-time show on the popular rock station 106.9 The Bear.

Originally from Montreal, Schwartz moved to Ottawa for school in 1993 and started volunteering at The Bear in 1996. Since then, the funny, smiling Schwartz has carved out a niche as a popular jock known for his wild stunts and witty humour.

“Radio is so personal. You’re going next to someone in their car. You’re going into their kitchen. You’re going into their bathroom, into their bedroom, you’re going everywhere,” he says. “You are following someone through their day.”

Schwartz grew up as an only child in a middle-class family in Dollard des Ormeaux and went to Congregation Beth Tikvah every Shabbat with his parents when he was young.

He describes himself as a normal kid, though “just a little bit off the wall,” because he was the typical class clown who liked to laugh a lot.

As a result, Schwartz can rhyme off a list of Jewish schools he was booted out of while growing up.

He attended, among others, United Talmud Torah, Herzliah High School and Lindsay Place High School and never received top grades.

“My parents didn’t know what to do with me,” he says.

After graduation, he enrolled in Montreal’s Dawson College and started climbing the media ladder. Shmoozing with the press people for the famed Montreal Canadiens the last year they won the Stanley Cup, Schwartz managed to secure a press pass to cover the Canadiens for his television class.

“I remember telling the Canadiens that I worked for Dawson College and saying that 10,000 people watched the newscast, when really it was only 20 people for my television class,” he says, adding that he got to try on goalie Patrick Roy’s pads.

Despite this early success, Schwartz says he didn’t have the passion to continue in the sports media world.

It took him three years, a few threats of expulsion, some summer classes and a couple of night classes before he finally graduated from Dawson.

Heading west, Schwartz enrolled in Ottawa’s Algonquin College in 1993. But failing grades threatened to see him expelled from yet another school. Unwilling to face his parents – again – he smartened up and started Algonquin’s radio program.

In January 1996, more than a year before graduating, he began volunteering at The Bear.

“I chopped up an interview [with then Bear morning co-host Dan “Doc” Halen]. One cassette I handed in for [an] assignment, the other I dropped off for Doc. I said, ‘If ever you need anybody to put away the CDs, I’ll do it.’”

Halen heard the tape and left Schwartz a voice mail message saying he’d love to have him.

Schwartz has been with The Bear ever since, and he started working on its overnight show two months after graduation in 1997.

But how did he become Stuntman Stu?

When the Tragically Hip gave a surprise show at Barrymore’s, a popular Ottawa music hall, in May 1996, he heard that rival station CHEZ 106 was broadcasting from the venue with seven vehicles and its entire staff.

“I said [to Bear management], ‘Send me out.’” he says, his voice rising with excitement, his eyes widening.

“I show up in my crappy Cavalier. I had a BEAR shirt.”

Every time CHEZ 106 would broadcast live from the event, Schwartz had the crowd chant: “The BEAR rocks, CHEZ sucks.”

Returning to The Bear after hijacking the event, he received a standing ovation, and “Stuntman Stu” was born.

He’s since done dozens of stunts, including prank phone calls live on the air, where listeners get “Stu-ed” into believing the calls are true.

At the start of his career, people would often ask him if he changed his name because he was embarrassed to be Jewish.

“Not at all. Let’s be honest, this business is about name-brand recognition,” he said. “[Stuntman Stu] is faster and catchy.”

Schwartz, who gets up at 4 a.m. to be on the air for 5:30, says radio pays terribly until you start to make your mark.

“At the end of the day, to get out of bed at 4 a.m. to do what I do, I love it. I don’t have a job, I don’t work for a living. I play.”

The music blares and somewhere in heaven two bubbies are beaming. Their little Stu is an Ottawa radio star.

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Monday, Nov. 10: Suzan Hagstrom talks about *Sara's Children: the Destruction of Chmielnik,* her non-fiction book that describes the extraordinary survival of one brother and four sisters – Polish Jews – in Nazi Germany's death camps. 7:30 p.m. at Chapters, Guelph. Repeated on Tuesday, Nov. 11, 1 p.m. at the Bathurst JCC and 7:30 p.m.at Chapters Ancaster, and Thursday, Nov. 13 at the Miles Nadal JCC at 2 p.m.

"Answering Anti-Semitism: Then & Now" with **Ed Morgan**, law professor at the University of Toronto. 7:30 p.m. at Kolel, 151 Eglinton Ave.

Tuesday, Nov. 11: Kristallnacht and Remembrance Day Memorial featuring **Mount Royal MP Irwin Cotler** and **Maj.-Gen. Edward Fitch**. Adath Israel Congregation, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 16: The Gesher Project is a collection of 17 mixed-media paintings and 10 smaller pieces created in Vancouver by 19 survivors, child survivors and members of the second generation that aims to bridge the topic of the Shoah between generations. Koffler Centre of the Arts Loggia, 2-4 p.m. at the Bathurst JCC.

The Women in the Holocaust: Faces of Resistance Exhibit runs until Nov. 11, at the Koffler Centre of the Arts Loggia, at the Bathurst JCC.

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All events take place at The Koffler Centre of the Arts.

Sunday, Nov. 9: Netivot HaTorah Day School launches its new kosher cookbook created by the parents of Netivot. Includes food tasting and demonstrations. 7 p.m.

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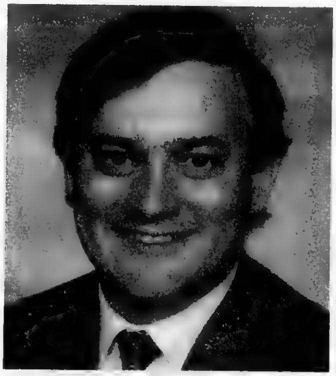

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Friends of Yiddish present a literary-musical afternoon called "A Tribute to Simcha Simchovitch," with **Gerry Kane** and **Lenka Lichtenberg**. 1:30 p.m.

Debra Joy Eklove sings songs from her new CD *A Process to Heart*, from 1:30 to 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 11: She'arim Hebrew Day School presents a theatrical production of *Rachel Captures the Moon* at 10:30 a.m. Children $1, adults $3. Repeated Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 10:30 a.m. 416-636-1880, ext. 368.

Thursday, Nov. 6

CULTURE AND ANARCHY

Prof. Harvey Kerpneck from the University of Toronto continues his course "Anthony Trollope and the Victorians," which looks at *Culture and Anarchy* by **Matthew Arnold**. Holy Blossom Temple, 7:30 p.m. 416-789-3291, ext. 235.

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Bereaved Jewish Families of Toronto presents **Michaele-Sue Goldblatt** on "Shivah: Does It Help or Hurt?" 8 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue. 416-638-7800, ext. 202.

Saturday, Nov. 8

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Sunday, Nov. 9

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Oraynu Congregation presents an "Introduction to Humanistic Judaism." 10 a.m. at 131 Fenn Ave. Free. RSVP 416-385-3910.

VEGETARIAN GROUP

This is the last event for the L'Chaim Vegetarian Group. **Sara Harrel** speaks on "Quick & Easy Tips for Vegetarian Eating." Noon. Call **Howard Koch** 416-663-4076.

Monday, Nov. 10

GIANT RUMMAGE SALE

The Pride of Israel Sisterhood is selling good used clothing and household items at their rummage sale, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 59 Lissom Cres.

REFORM JUDAISM COURSE

Temple Kol Ami is featuring a three-part course with **Rabbi Daniel Komito-Gottlieb** titled "A Look at Reform Judaism: Our Beginnings, What We Believe, What We Practice." Nov. 10, Nov. 17 and Dec. 1, 7:30 to 9 p.m. 36 Atkinson Ave. To register, call 905-731-4316 or call the temple office at 905-709-2620.

WATERLOO LECTURE

Dr. Stephen Berk discusses "Our People Are Your People: American Jews & the Struggle for Civil Rights 1954-1965," 7:30 p.m. St. Jerome's Siegfried Hall, 200 University Ave. W., Waterloo. Free. 519-888-4567, ext. 2967.

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The Jewish Diabetes Chapter meeting hosts **Dr. Vera Bril** of Toronto General Hospital, discussing "Research in Diabetic Neuropathy." 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. 416-782-2176 or visit www.diabetes.ca.

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The Lodger Centre presents **Martin Himel** discussing "Jew Hatred & Canada Today." Program begins with a screening of *Conflict at Concordia* at 7 p.m. Discussion at 8 p.m. Free tickets. 416-636-6665.

Tuesday, Nov. 11

BETH DAVID SISTERHOOD

Beth David Sisterhood hosts an evening with **Rebbetzin Sarah Kelman** discussing genealogy and **Susan Yalowsky** explaining simple scrap booking. 7:30 p.m.

CHUG TANACH

Dr. Aaron Nussbaum leads a discussion of chapters 5 and 6 of Kohelet. 8 p.m. at Beth David Synagogue. All welcome.

DOES JUDAISM BELIEVE IN...

Rabbi Avraham Plotkin begins a series of classes on Jewish belief from a kabbalistic persepective. Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. Through Dec. 9 at Chabad Lubavitch of Markham. 905-886-0420.

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Congregation Darchei Noam is sponsoring a panel discussion on the situation in Israel with **Emanuel Adler** of Hebrew University, **Simon Rosenblum** of Canadian Jewish Congress and **Moshe Ronen**. 8 p.m. at 15 Hove St. 416-638-4783.

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B'NAI BRITH LA FRATERNITE

B'nai Brith's French Lodge, La Fraternite holds its monthly meeting and discusses "The History of the Jews in Canada till 1900." 15 Hove St. 8 p.m. 416-255-6086.

Wednesday, Nov. 12

YIDDISH AT BETEL

The Bernard Betel Centre celebrates Yiddish with a day of Yiddish music, comedy and movies. 10 a.m. -3 p.m. Free. 416-225-2112, ext. 123.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic textiles monthly meeting presents "Oh You Beautiful Doll" featuring **Lucy Garvin**, a stitcher and former puppet collection curator. Call **Anna** 416-638-3342.

Other News

MINCHAH MINYAN AT MSH

A *Minchah* service takes place at 1 p.m. Monday-Thursday at Mount Sinai Hospital in the chapel.

SHABBAT DINNER

Winchevsky Centre is hosting a Shabbat dinner on Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m. Adults $15, children under 12, $10. Call to reserve by Friday, Nov, 7. 416-789-5502.

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

Rabbi Joel Roth, recognized authority on Jewish law in the Conservative movement, will be scholar-in-residence Friday, Nov. 21 and Saturday, Nov. 22 at Beth David Synagogue. To make a prepaid reservation for dinner or lunch, call 416-633-5500 by Nov. 13.

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FOR SENIORS

Beth Tzedec Senior Haverim presents **Gladys Rothman** discussing "The Jews of Moises Ville, Argentina: the First Jewish Agricultural Settlement of America." Monday, Nov. 10. 1:30 p.m.

Lunch & Learn In Retirement meets noon, Wednesday, Nov. 12, at Holy Blossom Temple. **Doug Haddow** discusses "It Hasn't Happened Yet... What's In The News." $1. Bring a dairy lunch. Drinks served.

Young at Heart Seniors winter trip at Glatt Kosher Saxony Hotel, from 2 weeks and up to 3 months. Breakfast, dancing, coffee and cake in evening included. Call **Helen**, 416-635-6343.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Call 416-630-9444.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Casino Niagara, Nov. 20. Saturday dances, Nov. 8. Sunday dance, Nov. 16. Membership open. Call 416-395-7881.

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Dinner-Dance with live band, Thursday, Nov. 13, 7-10:30 p.m. Call ext. 123 for tickets.

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Israeli Club Etrog for Hebrew speakers meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Nov. 11 sing-a-long with **Yitzchak Argaman**; Nov 18, lunch out; Nov. 25, **Thornhill Community Band**. Call **Anna**, ext.110.

MILES S. NADAL JCC

Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211 or www.milesnadaljcc.ca.

Lunch 'N Learn with **Rabbi Moishe Stern**. Friday, Nov. 7, 12 - 1 p.m. Bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee served. Free.

Books & Bagels, Sunday, Nov. 9, 11 a.m. with **Elana Dykewomon**, author of *Beyond the Pale*. Members, free. Non-members $5. Coffee and bagels served.

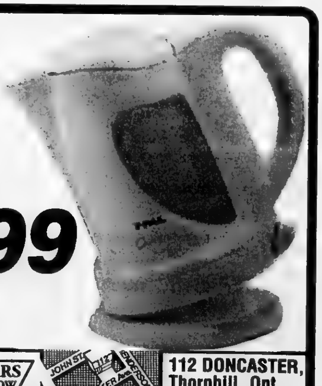
Jewish Storytelling on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Begins Wednesday, Nov. 12. PWYC.

BATHURST JCC

Bathurst Jewish Community Centre and Koffler Centre of the Arts, 4588 Bathurst St. 416-636-1880 or www.bjcc.ca.

Sunday, Nov. 9, 2 p.m. Koffler Salon Concert Series presents **Jacques Israelievitch**, violin, and **Michael Israelievitch**, percussion. $65. Ext 228.

November pre-natal class meets for 2 intensive Sunday sessions, Nov. 16 and 23; from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call ext. 390.



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Coast to Coast

Retired surgeon chronicles life in book

By JOSEPH SERGE
Arts Editor

Many people looking back on their lives feel compelled to write their memoirs. Unfortunately for reviewers, few have led interesting enough lives for an outsider to want to read about them.

Review

Fortunately, *Mindful of the Miracle*, a new memoir by Mannie Stein (Malcolm Lester & Associates), is not one of those books.

Stein, a retired surgeon, was born in Lithuania in 1920 and has lived in South Africa, Britain and Israel. He now resides in Toronto.

His life began without fanfare in a shtetl northeast of Kaunas.

"Our home was a modest one, but, as was typical of shtetl life, it was also warm and sustaining," he writes. "Festive meals were feasts – soup, borscht, *gehackteh lebber*, *lokshen* and potato puddings, chicken and, always served last, *gribones* (fried chicken fat)."

Economic hardship forced many eastern European Jews to emigrate. In 1926, Stein's family left for South Africa – in hindsight, a shrewd move, considering the fate of so many eastern European Jews in the 20 years that followed.

The Steins settled in Durban, and in a short time, Mannie learned English and began to display his academic brilliance.

He was 16 when he went to medical school in Johannesburg, where he studied for six years.

After a two-year internship, he writes, "I could take out an appendix, fix a hernia, tap a chest, open an abdomen, even open a skull by myself."

Mannie Stein with his wife Lola in Scotland in 1946.

By the time he was 32, he was a surgical specialist in Durban, South Africa, with his own practice, and brimming with ambition.

There are interesting anecdotes throughout the book about early – almost primitive – surgical procedures. During the post-war era, surgical methods were developing rapidly and Stein was fortunate to be in the thick of things as he learned and adapted to new procedures.

After his marriage to Lola Jankelson, Stein continued postgraduate studies in London, Edinburgh and Dublin. He obtained a fellowship in surgery and diplomas in gynecology and obstetrics and anesthesia.

He never stopped studying and improving himself. Even after setting up his own practice and establishing a solid reputation, he frequently travelled abroad to attend lectures on new surgical techniques.

He is credited with introducing vascular surgery to Durban in 1958.

"The fact that I was able to innovate, to pioneer, to be bold rather than reticient, gives me a great deal of satisfaction," he writes.

The book's chapters are separated by testimonials from people thanking him for saving their lives.

Stein also describes the political situation in South Africa during the apartheid era. It is ironic to read about an eastern European Jew talking about racism from the outside.

"Jewish people, on balance, treated their servants [blacks and coloureds] better than the majority of the white population of South Africans did… [We] tried to ensure that our servants had proper personal and household amenities that protected their fundamental inherent dignity."

In 1985, Stein retired and moved to Israel before coming to Toronto a few years later. He is an honorary life member of the College of Medicine of South Africa, a life member of the Medical Association of South Africa and a member of the Vascular Society of North America.

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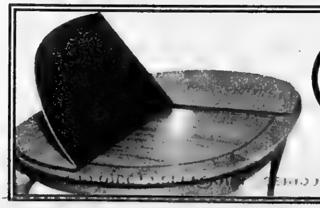

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Aboriginal Elders Roger Armitt and Linda Bloome (on the right) offer blessings at the museum site as Babs and Gail Asper look on (centre, left and right) along with representatives from the municipal, provincial and federal levels of government, The Asper Foundation and the Forks North Portage Partnership.

Asper-insired museum calls for architectural submissions

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The late Israel Asper's last and possibly most ambitious philanthropic endeavour is a step closer to fruition.

Representatives of the Asper family, the Asper Foundation and the three levels of government ceremonially turned the sod on Oct. 24 for the new $270-million Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

A few minutes earlier at a packed press conference, the Friends of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights Inc. announced the official launch of a worldwide architectural competition to design the museum.

Moe Levy, executive director of the Asper Foundation and MC for the morning, noted that Asper was scheduled to make the announcement himself on Oct. 7 at a meeting of the Assembly of First Nations in Vancouver. That was the morning he died of a heart attack.

"We are devastated by his passing," Levy said.

The press conference began with a clip of an interview Asper did for CBC on July 29. In the interview, he envisioned Queen Elizabeth, Nelson Mandela and the descendants of Martin Luther King and Mahatma Gandhi coming to Winnipeg in 2007 or 2008 for the official opening of the museum.

"There is a tendency among Canadians to aim for the middle," Asper told the interviewer. "We should be reaching for the stars."

He saw the museum as an international icon the equivalent of Big Ben in London and the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

At the groundbreaking, Winnipeg Mayor Glen Murray said it was a great privilege for him to have known Israel Asper and heard him express his passion for his community and country. Murray spoke of the importance of human rights in holding Canada together. He recalled some of the stains of the past, such as the residential schools for native children, the university quotas for Jewish and other eastern European students and the Chinese Exclusion Act.

"We are travelling on a Canadian journey of social rights and inclusiveness," Murray said. "This museum will serve to inspire the imagination. It is our duty to take up the torch from Israel Asper and make his passion and his dream our own."

Following comments from representatives of the provincial and federal governments – Levy noted that Ottawa has pledged $30 million for the project – Asper's daughter Gail Asper, managing director of the Asper Foundation, announced major gifts of $500,000 each from the Manitoba-based Wawanesa Insurance Company and Morley and Marjorie Blankstein, as well as pledges from others.

Marjorie Blankstein said she and her husband contributed because of their desire to support Izzy Asper, because the museum will provide a major boost to the city and because it is a positive, proactive project.

"Thirteen years ago, I had the opportunity to visit Auschwitz and Buchenwald," she said. "I saw what prejudice and hatred can do."

Gail Lord, a consultant to the project, introduced the members of the international jury that will evaluate the architectural submissions. They include Gail Asper; Levy; historian Michael Bliss; leading Canadian journalist Robert Fulford; Victor Rabinovitch, president and CEO of the Canadian Museum of Civilization; architects David Covo and Raymond Moriyama, heads of the schools of architecture at McGill and Brock universities respectively; Gustavo Da Roza, former head of architecture at the University of Manitoba; and Roisin Heneghan, winning architect for the Grand Egyptian Museum Competition.

The time line for choosing the winning design was announced: architects from around the world will have until mid-December to enter their submissions. Thirty of the submissions will be selected and then narrowed to eight semi-finalists. Three finalists will be selected around the end of March 2004, with the winner to be announced on July 1, 2004. The three finalists will be awarded $100,000 each.

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Coast to Coast

Circumpolar tours open doors, says John Ralston Saul

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL – John Ralston Saul defended Gov. Gen. Adrienne Clarkson's recent state visits to Russia, Finland and Iceland as necessary if Canada, a medium-sized country, is to attract international attention.

Saul, who accompanied his wife on the circumpolar tour Sept. 23 to Oct. 15, along with some 50 Canadians prominent in a variety of fields, said the visits were "necessary" and "happen all the time" and have been "for hundreds of years."

Earlier governors general have also travelled abroad, and Rideau Hall receives three or four official visits a year, he said at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim.

Saul, an author and philosopher, delivered the annual Helen and Sam Steinberg Lecture.

The visits have been widely criticized for their reported cost of $1 million. Clarkson and another delegation will make similar visits to Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Greenland in the spring.

Small and medium-sized countries have to use intelligent and imaginative ways to get noticed. Trips like this one actually produce "more bang for the buck," he said.

"We can't afford to be ignored. We have to find a way to enter the consciousness of other people."

Taking Canadians "at the height of their careers" in the arts, science, economics and other fields on a visit with the country's head of state "created a new image of Canada and captured the attention of people… They think about Canada as an interesting place… The whole press was talking about Canada," he said.

Saul said this type of tour "opens doors… people think about doing business with Canada, or signing treaties."

Saul added that the itinerary was not just endless state dinners, but an attempt to "engage [their hosts] intellectually." There were roundtable discussions on culture, economics, immigration and citizenship, among other topics.

He also noted the sacrifice made by the delegates in going on the trip. "These are people at the top of their careers, mostly self-employed, yet they put aside their own interests, not out of cheap patriotism… but in order to act as citizens."

The visits will also strengthen Canadians' sense of themselves as a "northern nation."

With most living along the southern border of the country, Canadians tend to forget that they have six neighbouring countries around the Arctic Ocean.

"Canada is the leading northern country. Although smaller than Russia, it is healthier economically and socially. We must demonstrate that we can be leaders in the north," Saul said.

The trip also made anglophones and francophones more conscious of the aboriginal presence in Canada. At most official events, he said, anglophones and francophones are used to dividing the time between themselves.

"On this trip, the dominant group was the aboriginals. It was fascinating to watch the anglophones and francophones as they realized it was not going to be 50-50 for them. By the end of the trip, they were proud to see the Inuit, Dene and others speaking on behalf of the group."

The title of Saul's lecture was "Citizen Engagement in the New Nation State," but he ranged over a wide territory reflecting on the future of western civilization, globalization and the nature of nationality.

Saul warned young people against turning away from politics and engaging in public affairs only through "single-interest" organizations. While these groups are influential, their power will always be limited unless they follow the "boring" democratic process of getting elected and passing legislation.

He blamed the "political elites" themselves for having turned the young off this process by handing over more and more control to the forces of international economics.

Saul argued that globalization is not inevitable, nor is the nation state in decline. By nation state, he said, he means not one based on a single ethnicity or culture, but "a new kind of society" where it is "bizarre" not to have "multiple personalities."

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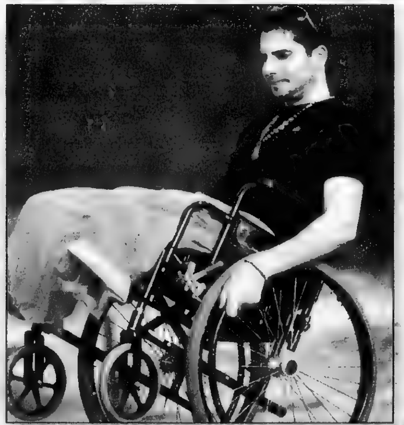

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I did not know who was against whom, whether or not the terrorists were nearby, or what would happen next.

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Winnipeg BB to honour garment industry leader

By **MYRON LOVE**
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — On Nov. 12, B'nai Brith Canada will recognize community leader Robert (Bob) Silver with its Award of Merit.

"I don't think I really deserve this award," says Silver, the co-owner of the *Winnipeg Free Press* and the president of Western Glove Works, one of the world's largest jean manufacturers. "I do some charity work and some community work, but a lot of other people do the same things with the same drive, energy and commitment. I am accepting this award on behalf of all those other volunteers."

The honour is awarded every second year here based on an individual's contributions to the larger community. Previous Award of Merit recipients include the late Israel Asper, former Manitoba premier Gary Filmon, former Canadian foreign minister and Winnipeg-area MP Lloyd Axworthy and, most recently, Winnipeg businessman Sanford Riley.

Silver's initial foray into community work came about through his business interests. "Most of my community work has been outside the Jewish community," he says. "I think it is important to have leaders in the wider community who are Jewish."

Alan Yusim, B'nai Brith's executive director in Winnipeg, agrees, saying Silver has earned the award through a "distinguished pattern of leadership that has contributed to the business and social fibre of his community."

"Bob is special in that he has stayed and dedicated himself to Winnipeg and Manitoba where others have picked up and left long ago," Yusim adds.

Silver actually did leave once, but he came back. After graduating from the University of Manitoba in 1970, he went west to British Columbia to try communal living. He returned in 1973 to take over the family business, Western Glove Works (WGW – the company used to make gloves but now makes jeans and casual wear.)

In 1973, WGW had annual revenues of $3 million. In 1981, when Silver and some partners bought the company outright, WGW was earning $9 million a year.Today, through natural growth as well as acquisition, the company has revenues in the $200-million range and a workforce of 1,300.

Two years ago, Silver and partner Ron Stern (who is based in Vancouver) expanded into the news business when they bought the *Winnipeg Free Press* and the *Brandon Sun*. Last year, they added Warehouse One, a chain of jeans stores, to their growing business empire.

Silver's community service has him serving on the boards of the Manitoba Fashion Institute, Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation, the Manitoba Business Council, Destination Winnipeg, the Winnipeg Library Foundation and the Smart Winnipeg advisory board. He is also chairman of the University of Manitoba Smart Park and the City of Winnipeg's Library Millenium Campaign, as well as co-chair of the Premier's Economic Advisory Council.

"Once I became involved in community work in general; I thought it appropriate that I also work on behalf of my own community, particularly after the opening of the Asper Jewish Community Campus in 1997," Silver says.

In the Jewish community, he is a member of the board of the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba and heads the Winnipeg Jewish Federation/Combined Jewish Appeal's Grow Winnipeg initiative. The year-old program aims to increase the city's Jewish population by encouraging immigration and persuading younger members of the community to stay or return after university elsewhere.

"On the immigration front, we are doing well, and we are beginning to make some inroads in encouraging our children to stay," Silver says.

"We are doing some surveys and fact-finding so that we have more concrete information rather than having to rely on anecdotal material."

STAND UP FOR KIDS AWARD: Ron Levin, executive director of Jewish Family and Child Service, presents one of two Stand Up For Kids Awards to Emese Kis (far right), manager of Birkdale Residence and Phillip Brown (centre), general manager of Shelter, Housing and Support for the City of Toronto.

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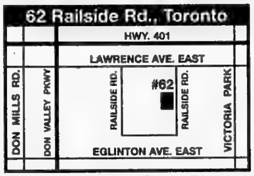

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Halifax boasts first-ever Jewish film festival

By SHAYLA HOWELL
Special to The CJN

HALIFAX — Halifax played host to the first ever Atlantic Jewish Film Festival (AJFF) Oct. 25 to Oct. 30, joining the ranks of cities that celebrate Judaism through cinema.

Fourteen films were screened over the six days, and though final numbers aren't yet available, festival organizers seemed pleased with the attendance.

Opening night saw close to 200 people attend the screening of *Gloomy Sunday*, a 2001 German-language love story set in 1930s Budapest, and near that amount for the next night's showing of the documentary about Orthodox gays and lesbians *Trembling Before G-d*. Other highlights were the *Sing-a-long Sound of Music* and the American "Jews-ploitation" spoof *The Hebrew Hammer*.

Organizers said the response to the festival suggests there's a demand for Jewish cinema that's not being met in Halifax.

"There's certainly a market for this," said Jon Goldberg, executive director of the Atlantic Jewish Council, the festival's founding sponsor. "But I was impressed that a lot of the general public showed up."

Jewish film festivals are nothing new in cities such as Toronto and Montreal, but the small Jewish population in Halifax – an estimated 1,500 to 1,800 people – has virtually no history of experiencing Jewish cinema in a large setting.

"We've had showings of Jewish films, singly, in the community," Goldberg said, "but nothing to the community at large."

That's what founding committee member Elizabeth Pink set out to change. "We love film and we love Jewish film, and I'm tired of having to go find these films when I travel to bigger cities because they don't come to Halifax."

Moreover, she said, most of the films programmed for the festival are not available at local video stores.

The committee hopes the festival will bring Jewish cinema to the entire Halifax community, Jews and non-Jews alike.

"The festival caters to a whole new audience– to people who are interested in the topic but who wouldn't attend lectures," said committee member and Dalhousie University student Naomi Goloff.

Linda Law, a marketing consultant and committee member, said "the AJFF has an ambassador's role to play as well.

"For people outside the Jewish community, this is what it means to be Jewish – these are the issues we deal with. This is how Jewish life and culture have had an impact on the general population beyond the Yiddish expressions we use."

The AJFF did experience problems, however. Some of the screenings had turnouts of just 75 people, and Goldberg said he's heard complaints that the program offered too many documentaries – nine out of the 14 films were documentaries.

Nevertheless, according to Law, the festival is "on track to break even" and organizers are planning to make it an annual event.

"Even if it's only 75 people, that's 75 people who are watching films and discussing the topics after," Law said.

"We had people gathering in the lobby and out on the sidewalk talking about the movie they just saw. I will definitely participate next year."

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Hamilton film fest raises funds for the community

By PHYLLIS SHRAGGE
Hamilton Correspondent

HAMILTON — The fourth annual Hamilton Jewish Film Festival is virtually a one-man project for organizer Joel Starkman, who admits that his interest in film is minimal.

Though not especially keen on film, Starkman does want to develop cultural projects in Hamilton that encourage involvement in the Jewish community, and he feels the festival is a great way to raise money to that end.

And since films have a wide appeal, the festival, which runs from Nov. 11 to Nov. 18, is a relatively easy fundraising project to promote, he said.

"The film festival is an easy project because most people like films. The hard work, creating the films, has already been done."

Profits from this year's festival will go to the recently established Hamilton Jewish Cultural Fund, which will sponsor future cultural events in the city, including a jazz concert and art auction scheduled for February.

Starkman said he anticipates the cultural fund will have about $18,000 by the end of this year. About one-third will be available during the year for upcoming projects.

The Jewish Community Centre of Hamilton is the festival's umbrella organization for the second year. Films will be screened at various locations, including all three local synagogues, and ticket sales involve the help of local Hebrew schools. The Art Gallery of Hamilton is sponsoring two of the films.

One of the highlights of the festival is *Capturing the Freidmans*, a documentary directed by New York filmmaker Andrew Jarecki that revisits one of the most infamous child-abuse cases of the 1980s. It won the Grand Jury Documentary Prize at the Sundance Film Festival.

Another featured film at is *Relentless: The Struggle for Peace in Israel*, a one-hour documentary that uses primary source video clips to examine the history of the Mideast conflict and examine how the peace process unravelled in a surge of violence. Neil Beube, the Canadian representative of the film, will conduct a question-and-answer session after the screening.

Also featured will be *Nowhere in Africa*, a love story focusing on a Jewish family that flees the Nazi regime in 1938 for a remote farm in Kenya. The film won the 2002 Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film.

Hamilton's Adele Reinhartz, the dean of graduate studies at Wilfred Laurier University, will present an illustrated lecture in conjunction with the launching of her new book, *Scripture on the Silver Screen*. She will discuss how the Bible has been used in many mainstream Hollywood films.

Tickets for individual days of the film festival are $8, while a festival pass is $36. Tickets and passes are available at Hamilton-area Hebrew schools and the Jewish Community Centre of Hamilton. Popcorn, lemonade, and bottled water are included in the admission charge. The complete festival schedule can be found on the Jewish Hamilton Web site at www.jewishhamilton.org.

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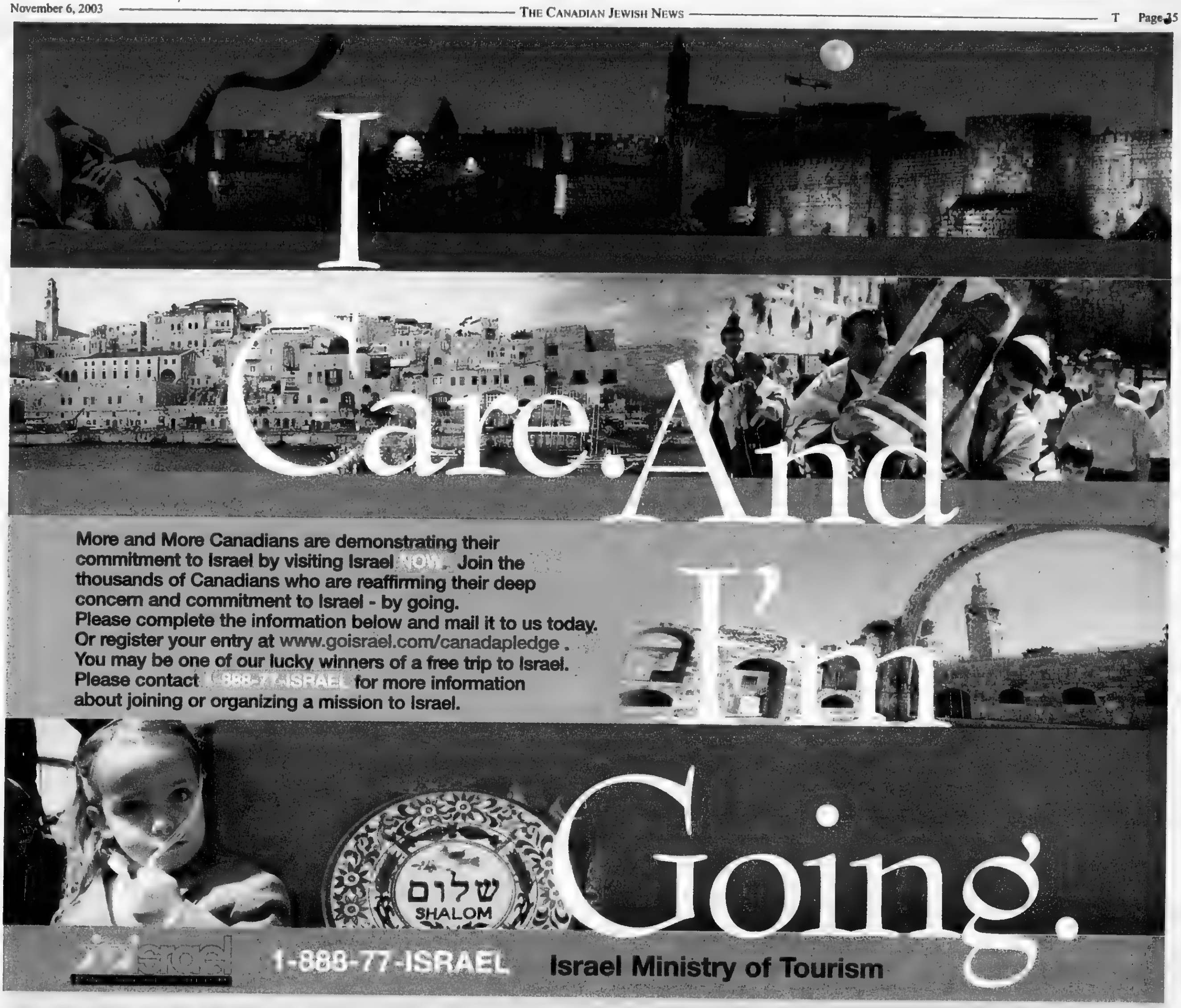

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'Best of Hebrew U' returns to Toronto

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

The third annual "Best of Hebrew U" event, scheduled for the end of November, will offer Ontario teachers a continuing education credit in Jewish studies through the UJA Federation Board of Jewish Education for the first time this year.

Derek Penslar

The program, at the Inn on the Park, kicks off Nov. 22 with a Saturday evening keynote address by political scientist Reuven Hazan on "Terrorism and Democracy: Lessons from Israel." Lecture topics the following day range from politics to art, medicine and literature.

A concluding panel discussion moderated by Derek Penslar, director of the Jewish studies program at the University of Toronto, will address "Internal or External Problems: Which Pose Greater Challenges for Israel?"

With the exception of Penslar and Martin Lockshin, director of York University's Centre for Jewish Studies, who will speak briefly at the beginning of the Sunday program, the academics to be featured at the event are all affiliated with Hebrew University.

Dan Gazit, an associate professor in Hebrew U's faculty of dental medicine, will discuss his research on gene therapy for osteoporosis as well as his space shuttle experiments with Israel's first astronaut, Ilan Ramon, who died when the space shuttle Columbia exploded on re-entry at the end of its mission earlier this year.

Topics addressed by other Hebrew U faculty include "Your Child and Theology;" "The Importance of Place in Jewish Literature: Jerusalem and New York;" "Saving our Heritage: The Rescue Operation by the Center for Jewish Art;" and "Israeli Attitudes Toward the Peace Process: What the Media Does Not Tell Us."

Martin Lockshin

The event has a dual purpose, says Stanley Kugelmass, who is co-chairing it with his wife Margery Hecht-Kugelmass. One is to raise awareness of the importance of Hebrew University as an active place of learning in Israel. The other is to create an opportunity for Jewish learning on various topics by "taking advantage of world-class expertise in a quiet, reflective atmosphere."

Kugelmass hopes Hebrew U alumni will be well-represented at the event. An alumnus himself, he met his wife as a student in the university's one-year program for overseas students.

For further information or to register, go to www.cfhu.org, or call 416-485-8000. The deadline for early registration is Nov. 10.

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עס איז וויכטיק און כּדאי צו דערמאָנען, אַז אין נאָוועמבער 1938, צען חדשים פאַר דעם אויסברוך פון דער צווייטער וועלט־מלחמה, איז אויף דער פּוילישער ערד אָנגעהויבן געוואָרן דאָס ערשטע קאַפּיטל פון דעם חורבן פון מיליאָנען ייִדן אין מזרח־אייראָפּע. עס איז געווען ווי אַ פאָרשפּיל צו דער גרויסער טראַגעדיע, וואָס האָט זיך אָנגעפאַנגען מיט צען חדשים שפּעטער.

אין די ערשטע טעג פון נאָוועמבער 1938 האָט דער היטלעריסטישער רעזשים פאַרטראַכט דעם געדאַנק וועגן אַרויסוואַרפן פון דער דייטשער טעריטאָריע אַלע פּוילישע ייִדן. פאַר די דייטשן זיינען זיי געווען „שטאַטלאָזע יודען". פאַר די פּאָליאַקן זיינען זיי געווען פּאַספּאָרטלאָזע בירגער און נאָך „זשידעס" דערצו. ווען די נאַצישע פּאָליציי האָט דעפּאָרטירט פּוילישע ייִדן און זיי קאָנצענטרירט אויף „קיינעמס" ערד, לעבן זבאָנשין, אויף דער פּוילישער זייט פון דער גרענעץ, האָט זיך אָנגעהויבן אַ ביטער קאַפּיטל פון ייִדישע ליידן און פּיין. הונדערטער ייִדישע פּליטים זיינען איבער נאַכט פאַריאָגט געוואָרן איבער דער גרענעץ־ליניע, בעירום וחוסר כּל, אין אַ קאַלטן ערב־ווינטערדיקן קלימאַט, געיאָגטע און געפּלאָגטע פון צוויי זייטן. די דייטשן האָבן געטריבן אָן רחמנות און די פּוילישע רעגירונג האָט זיך אָפּגעזאָגט זיי אַריינצולאָזן.

דאָס יונגע בחור'ל הערשל גרינשפּאַן אין פּאַריז, וועמענס עלטערן זיינען געווען צווישן די פאַריאָגטע, האָט באַשלאָסן צו נעמען נקמה און געשאָסן דעם דריטן סעקרעטאַר פאָן־ראָט פון דער דייטשער אַמבאַסאַדע. די נאַציס האָבן אויסגענוצט דעם אַטענטאַט ווי אַ מאָטיוו צו אָרגאַניזירן דעם ערשטן רעגירונגס מאַסן־פּאָגראָם קעגן דייטש־ייִדישע קהילות.

צענדליקער ייִדן זיינען פּשוט געטויט געוואָרן. הונדערטער זיינען ערנסט פאַרוווּנדעט געוואָרן. זייער אַ סך זיינען פאַרשלעפּט געוואָרן אין די טרויעריק־באַרימטע נאַצישע קאָנצענטראַציע־לאַגערן. די דייטשע ווילדע כוליגאַנעס האָבן געבראָכן שויבן פון ייִדישע קראָמען און אונטערנעמונגען, אונטערגעצונדן שילן און דעמאָלירט ייִדישע אינסטיטוציעס. דאָס איז באַקאַנט געוואָרן אין אונדזער געשיכטע ווי די טרויעריק־באַרימטע „קרישטאַל־נאַכט" פון דעם 9טן אויפן 10טן נאָוועמבער, אין וועלכער די גערמאַנישע בעסטיע האָט זיך געלאָזט ווילגין אויפן חשבון פון די דייטשע שוצלאָזע ייִדן. עס ווערט איצט 65 יאָר פון דער נאַכט.

אַוודאי קוקט דאָס אַלץ אויס היינט צו טאָג, אין ליכט פון דעם, וואָס ס'איז געשען שפּעטער אויף דער אייראָפּעישער ערד, אונטער דעם נאַצישן שטיוול, ווי ממש אַ קינדער־שפּיל. אָבער דער דאָזיקער „קליינער" פּאָגראָם האָט שוין דאַן געדאַרפט דינען ווי אַן ערנסטע וואָרענונג און אַ לעקציע פאַר די ייִדן איבער דער וועלט. ליידער איז אַזוי נישט געשען. די דייטשע ייִדן זיינען שוין געווען אין די נעגל פון די נאַצישע מערדערס. די אַנדערע אייראָפּעישע ייִדן האָבן זיך נאָך דאַן כּלומרשט געפונען אין „פרייע" מדינות און זיך געשפּייזט מיט אילוזיעס. טייל האָבן געוואָלט עמיגרירן אָבער נישט געהאַט ווו. אַ טייל איז געווען צו אָרעם צו טראַכטן וועגן דעם. און די געשיכטע האָט אונטערגעצייגן דעם סך־הכּל. אין נאָוועמבער 1938 האָבן זיך באַוויזן די ערשטע סיגנאַלן פון גרויסן בלוטיקן חורבן, וואָס עס איז געשען צום ייִדנטום און צום ייִדישן לעבן פון מזרח־אייראָפּע. די דאָזיקע דאַטע וועט אויף אייביק בלייבן אין אונדזער זכּרון.

Muslim anti-Semitism needs a good airing

According to Reports

By
PAUL MICHAELS

Canada's influential electronic media continue to pay insufficient attention to Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's Oct.16 speech to the 57-nation Organization of Islamic Countries (OIC), in which he slandered the Jews, with comments including "Jews rule the world by proxy" and "get others to fight and die for them."

Still, a couple of programs did address the subject, to one degree or another. On Oct. 24, TVOntario's *Diplomatic Immunity* devoted most of its time to Mahathir. Special guest Ronald Steel, of the New York-based Council on Foreign Relations, downplayed the significance of the Malaysian prime minister's anti-Semitic rant. Instead, Steel tried to emphasize other elements of the speech in which Mahathir called on Muslims to take charge of their own affairs. Panelist Patrick Martin of the *Globe and Mail*, while denouncing Mahathir's anti-Semitism, made essentially the same point.

But it is clear from Mahathir's text that he is urging Muslims to advance by fighting back (non-violently) against the "humiliation" and domination by the Europeans and the Jews. He does not advise doing so by turning to independent reasoning, but rather by uniting, especially over Palestine, to form a united *ummah*, the worldwide community of believers. Further reading shows that it is the Jews alone who are Mahathir's true target, singled out for their "proxy war" against 1.3 billion Muslims. Rather than being merely a passing reference, Mahathir's obsession with the Jewish "conspiracy" is central to his argument and can in no way be minimized.

The *Economist* magazine (Oct. 23) argued that Mahathir's remarks "are more likely to encourage violence, not reduce it."

The two other *Diplomatic Immunity* panelists, Michael Bell, former Canadian ambassador to Israel, and Jonathan Kay of the *National Post* espoused this second position. Bell was particularly forceful on this matter.

Mahathir's claim that Muslims must solve their problems by using the intellect, not violence, according to the *Economist* "is utterly subverted by reinforcing the notion that Israel, or rather the conflict between Arabs and Jews, epitomizes the Moslems' problems. It doesn't. Bad government, and dysfunctional social and religious institutions, are what does."

As It Happens, *The Current*, *Foreign Assignment* – indeed all of CBC Radio's numerous current affairs programs – did not confront the Mahathir canard at all. Only Michael Enright, in his own finely crafted introduction to CBC Radio's *Sunday Edition* (Oct. 26), devoted time to the issue of anti-Semitism. He quoted Mahathir, but did not deal with the issue of how anti-Semitism was endorsed by the OIC's leaders, nor its frightening increase throughout the Islamic world.

> ***'The psychological grounds for the final solution are being prepared'***

Enright also spoke about the scandal at the *New Republic*, where Greg Easterbrook, one of the editors, blamed Jewish Hollywood executives for promoting violence in a recently released film. Unlike Mahathir, who said the storm of international protest over his diatribe only confirmed his thesis about Jewish power, Easterbrook apologized immediately for his slight.

In the Oct. 24 *Washington Post*, columnist Charles Krauthammer wrote about the Easterbrook affair. He emphasized the far more frightening development of Muslim-led anti-Semitic conspiracy theories, and concluded: "The world is experiencing the worst resurgence of anti-Semitism in 50 years. Its main objective is the demonization and delegitimization of Israel, to the point that the idea of eradicating, indeed obliterating, the world's only Jewish state becomes respectable, indeed laudable. The psychological grounds for the final solution are being prepared."

In his Oct. 27 *National Post* column, headlined "Pragmatic anti-Semites," George Jonas sounded a similar alarm. He noted that the "big problem" is not Mahathir's crude anti-Semitism, but rather "that 57 world leaders applauded him… It presages a catastrophe."

CBC and other Canadian electronic media must devote serious attention to these frightening warnings.

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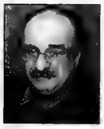

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Canada's new envoy to Israel sets goals

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In an interview with *The CJN*, Sinclair described Canada-Israel relations as excellent.

"Canada is a firm supporter of Israel and its quest for security," he said. "We have links that stretch across trade, cultural, judicial, sport and indeed every conceivable aspect of a state-to-state relationship. We have our differences, but these should not and do not obscure the fundamental values we share as democracies. "

Asked if Canada should be less neutral in the ongoing conflict, he said, "I don't believe it is a matter of choosing sides. Canada has always been both pro-Israel and pro-Palestinian. Peace is a win-win situation for both."

Sinclair said Canada's "deep and durable" ties with Israel have grown and developed over the years.

But he suggested the relationship can be upgraded.

"There is a real bilateral partnership to be developed. It is a broad-based relationship which needs to encompass political issues as well as culture and trade."

Citing trade promotion as "a key aspect" of the budding relationship, Sinclair said, "Trade has grown rapidly since the 1997 free trade agreement, but more can be done."

Israel has a vibrant, diversified, hi-tech economy, and Canadians should better understand Israel's accomplishments and opportunities, he said.

"There are great complimentarities between our two economies and scope for much more," he said.

Sinclair said he will also try to improve cultural exchanges.

"Canadian artists and performers in the areas of dance, music, film and literature have been showcasing their talents and sharing their creativity with Israelis, even during periods of heightened tension and violence."

Sinclair said Canada will work for a peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that ensures the security of Israel and fulfils the vision of a two-state solution.

"This is not a dream. This is achievable."

Sinclair is gratified that Israel and the Palestinian Authority accepted the road map peace plan as a basis for moving the peace process forward.

But he is a realist.

"It is admittedly difficult," he said, referring to the recent spate of violence that has beset the road map. "It is clear that terrorism must end."

In his view, Israel's peace treaties with Egypt and Jordan, though hardly warm, constitute "an important start" to Middle East peacemaking and bring a measure of stability to the region.

Canada can play a role in facilitating peace, he said.

"We are well-placed through our policies and relationships to press for practical and achievable steps to promote peace. We have our our own areas of expertise and can call on the talents of many Canadians who want to contribute to peace."

Sinclair said he requested the posting to Tel Aviv.

"I had the privilege of serving in Israel and always wanted to return.

"I was struck, in the 1980s, as now, by the complexity of life in Israel – the challenges, the enormous achievements in such a short period of time, the dynamism of political and social debate, the beauty of the land and Israel's vibrancy – which is very contagious."

Sinclair admires Israelis and their accomplishments, which, he said, were achieved under the most difficult circumstances.

Since leaving Israel after his first posting, he has returned many times for bilateral discussions on arms control issues.

And when he was director of the Department of Foreign Affairs' Middle East division, he travelled to Israel regularly for political consultations.

In July, Sinclair was notified that he would replace Michael Bell as ambassador. It's Sinclair's first ambassadorship.

"I had extensive conversations with him before coming to Israel. Michael and I are old colleagues. We have worked together on the Middle East for more than 20 years. He provided me with well-informed advice as to how to do the job effectively and on the situation on the ground. Michael is an invaluable source to me in explaining the diversity and range of views in Israel."

Before his departure, Sinclair and his partner, Jill, who was appointed Canada's special co-ordinator for the peace process this past summer and was previously posted to Prague and Havana, met with Jewish community members, entrepreneurs conducting business in Israel, and Haim Divon, Israel's ambassador to Canada.

Sinclair will be in charge of a staff of 53 employees, 17 Canadians and 36 Israelis.

His grasp of Hebrew is limited.

"It was much better 20 years ago, when I had the chance to take some lessons," he said, adding he hopes to take lessons in the near future.

Asked whether he is apprehensive about the security situation in Israel, he said, "Certainly, the security factor is a concern for all Israelis and all who live here. Terrorism is both non-discriminatory and random. All staff take precautions."

Holocaust exhibit focuses on role of women

By SHIRA HONIG
CJN Staff

Ruzhka Korczak felt as if she had the weight of womankind on her shoulders when she was chosen for her first assignment as a member of the United Organization of Partisans (UPO) in the Rudniki forests of Poland during World War II.

"If we succeed in our mission, we pave the way for all other women," she said. "After we stood the test, there was almost no operation without the participation of women."

Korczak's and other women's wartime experiences are the subject of a new exhibit at the Koffler Centre for the Arts that runs until Nov. 11 as part of Holocaust Education Week.

Conceived by Yonat Rotbein, Korczak's daughter, "Women in the Holocaust: Faces of Resistance" builds on the premise that the role of women during the Nazi period has rarely before been acknowledged. The exhibit weaves together the biographies of women, both known and unknown, into a comprehensive and poignant Holocaust narrative.

Though Korczak's story may be familiar to people well-versed in Holocaust history – she was profiled in *The Avengers* by Rich Cohen, [illegible]ewish Resistance fighters – she is not a known figure to most.

When Hitler entered Poland in 1939, Korczak was 18. A member of Hashomer Hatzair, a Zionist youth movement, she had learned to use a gun and left home to join the Resistance, planning to come back. Instead, Korczak became a central figure in the UPO, which was known for its acts of sabotage against German targets. She died in Israel in 1988.

Rotbein, the educational director of Moreshet Holocaust Research and Study Centre at Givat Haviva in Israel, grew up listening to her mother's stories and began planning "Women in the Holocaust: Faces of Resistance" two years ago. Since then, the project has grown to include educational materials for schools and a videocassette of testimonies. A print anthology is also planned.

The exhibit, which is being shown for the first time, will be touring other cities in Canada and the United States following its run in Toronto. It is co-sponsored by Canadian Friends of Givat Haviva (CFGH) and the National Council of Jewish Women. For more information or to organize group tours, call Miriam at the CFGH office at 416-736-9655. In Israel, call Moreshet director Amira Hagani at 011-972-4-630-9204 or e-mail her at ahagani@gan.org.il.

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Montreal writer joins unique mission to Auschwitz

By **ELIAS LEVY**
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — A devout Muslim kneeling with his face on the floor, praying in the shadow of one of the towers overlooking the wall of Auschwitz-Birkenau; a young Arab Israeli scout and a survivor of Auschwitz, crying together and sharing their pain; the names of victims of the Shoah read out alternately by Jewish and Arab voices – these are scenes that should appear idealistic and unreal to the ordinary human being.

But Montreal Jewish writer Naim Kattan witnessed these unusual, moving scenes during a recent visit to Auschwitz, together with 500 Jews and Arabs of different backgrounds – a first in the annals of difficult Judeo-Arab relations.

One hundred and fifty Israeli Arabs, primarily Muslims; 150 Israeli Jews; and 200 religious and secular Arabs and Jews from France and Belgium, participated in this unusual, multi-denominational gathering organized by a tireless militant for peace, Father Emile Shoufani, Priest of Nazareth.

Several rabbis and imams from Israel's Jewish and Arab communities, including rabbis Yehoshua Engleman and Avi Gisser, spiritual leader of the West Bank city of Ofra, as well as Jewish, Muslim, Catholic and Protestant spiritual leaders from several European countries, responded eagerly to the call sent out several months ago by the association Mémoire pour la Paix, created by Father Shoufani and his close friend, French theologian and editor Jean Mouttapa.

"To see Jews and Arabs gather together on a scorched land where humanity and barbarism reached their zenith was an existential, unique and upsetting experience.

"To speak Arabic one day with Arabs is something I never expected to do in my lifetime," says an emotional Naim Kattan, the only Canadian participant in this trip to Poland.

This was the first time the writer and literary critic who was born in Baghdad and has lived in Canada for 40 years, visited Auschwitz.

Father Shoufani asked everyone in the group to set aside political and ideological disagreements for a short time and try to work together to renew a truly human relationship.

"This trip was harmonious and fruitful because it was based on two clear principles: there would be no religious or national symbols and no reciprocity sought.

"This intercommunity gathering had no political purpose. Its aim was not to restart Arab-Israeli dialogue. We were there only to share emotion and memory," Kattan explains.

"Arabs, who are often exposed to dishonest anti-Israel and anti-Jewish propaganda, discovered for the first time that innocent Jews had been assassinated in cold blood, gassed alive and burned in crematoria ovens, merely because they were Jewish. They understood that the Shoah calls out to and concerns all the peoples of the world, including those who were not involved in any way."

A survivor of Auschwitz, Ida Grinspan, deported to the death camp on Feb. 13, 1944, when she was only 14, and Shlomo Venezia, one of the last Sonderkommandos still alive (deported, charged with transporting to the crematoria oven the bodies of Jews who had been gassed), described to the Judeo-Arab delegation the different steps of the genocidal process developed by the Nazis.

"The testimony of these survivors was staggering. They told us every detail of the bestiality of the conditions of internment, the different steps of a meticulously planned extermination, the humiliation of being undressed, the shaving of the hair, the tattooing," Kattan says.

Father Shoufani is absolutely convinced that a shared memory of the Shoah can contribute to peace between Jews and Arabs.

The Saint-Joseph of Nazareth school, of which he has been director for about 30 years, has become a centre for Judeo-Arab dialogue in Israel. He regularly organizes meetings between the students in his school and students from a Jewish school in Jerusalem. Every year, he has his students visit Yad Vashem, the memorial centre dedicated to the six million victims of the Holocaust.

He was approached a few years ago to become the Bishop of Galilee, but the prelates close to the Palestinian nationalists were firmly opposed to his nomination. Clearly, Father Shoufani's attempts to bring together Jews and Arabs were never unanimously accepted in the Palestinian Arab camp. Some Arab Israeli politicians even asked him to cancel his trip to Auschwitz.

"I was harshly attacked by the Arab politicians who criticized me for organizing this trip to Auschwitz at a time when the Palestinians are being harshly repressed by the government of Ariel Sharon. They strongly suggested that I cancel this gathering, because they felt there was no return from the Jewish side and no political gain for the Palestinians.

"During the war in Iraq, many people, both Arabs and Jews, also asked me to delay the trip. They felt that it was not an appropriate time to carry out this project. However, I continued to think that the tense situation we are living in and the numerous difficulties facing us today were good reasons to encourage us to make this trip," Father Shoufani says.

Participating in a trip to Auschwitz is not "betraying the cause of one's own people, nor does it mean forgetting everything that still separates the Jews and the Arabs," says the Israeli citizen who speaks fluent Hebrew.

"This only goal of this trip was to finally enlighten the horizon, to put aside our disputes, no matter how serious they may be, to prevent the emergencies of the moments from blinding us, to stop the infernal cycle of vengeance.

"I believe that only an experience of this kind can give confidence the chance to be reborn. My position is this: I want to understand the Jewish world and its reaction, in order to re-establish a dialogue with that world, but I do not want to propose any equivalence with my suffering, and I do not ask, 'Who is the victim?'

"Now, I have taken the initiative and gone to join the Jewish world in the indescribable suffering that marked the Shoah, but I do not ask anything in return, because that is not the goal of the step I took. If the Jewish world also believes it must take this step, it is their business," says Father Shoufani.

This article appeared in French in the Montreal edition of CJN *July 17. Translation by Carolan Halpern.*

Wasserman among inductees to Quebec

MONTREAL — Dora Wasserman, founding artistic director of the Yiddish Theatre of the Saidye Bronfman Centre (SBC), was inducted as a Chevalier of the Ordre national du Quebec in a ceremony at the National Assembly last week.

"She transmitted her love for this theatre to new generations of actors and audiences of all ages," read her commendation from the Quebec government. "Over nearly 40 years, [she] chose and staged more than 70 plays. Some were classic Yiddish works and others were drawn from the international and Quebec repertoire; many are original creations."

The commendation noted Wasserman made a major contribution to theatre in Quebec, reaching out beyond the traditonal Jewish audience to anglophones and francophones as well.

Wasserman worked for nearly 50 years in the Yiddish theatre after her arrival in Montreal in 1950, as a director and actor. The Yiddish Theatre was established as a resident company of the SBC when it opened in 1967. Today, it is the only resident Yiddish theatre company in North America.

She was appointed to the Order of Canada 10 years ago and more recently received the Prix Hommage for lifetime achievement from the Quebec theatrical community.

Also inducted last week as a Grand Officier, the Ordre's highest rank, was violinist and conductor Ethel Stark.

Stark founded the internationally recognized Montreal Women's Symphony and is also founder and director of the New York Women's Chamber Orchestra and the Symphonietta Ethel Stark. She has worked with many Montreal and Toronto orchestras and has been a guest conductor here and abroad.

Architect and sculptor Melvin Charney, who was named an Officier of the Ordre, is known for his contemporrary works, as well as his influential art criticism and theory.

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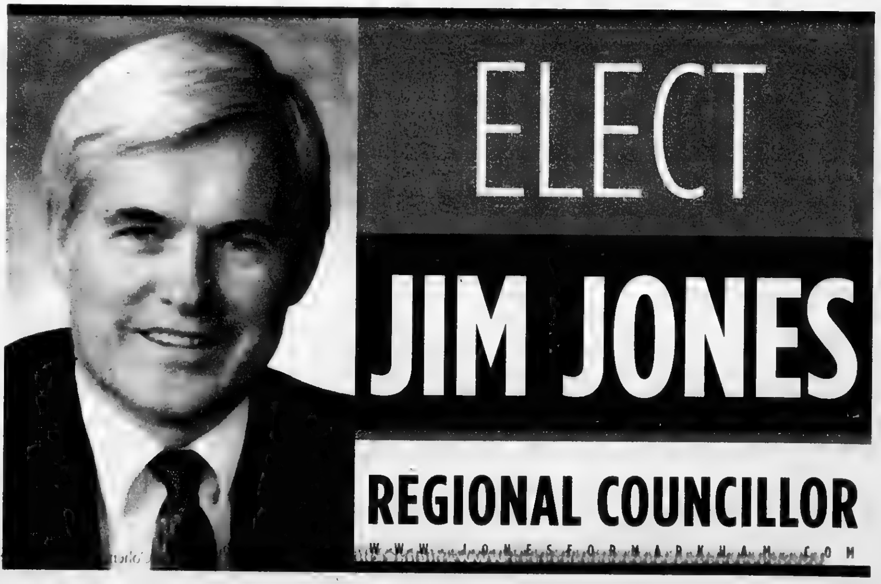

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Healthy ways to satisfy the after-school snack attack

By SUE EPSTEIN
Special to The CJN

When children come home from school, they usually want one thing and they want it fast: food.

It doesn't matter whether your children are in kindergarten or high school. When they walk into the house after school they generally head right to the kitchen to refill. Many schools serve lunch very early in the day, and by the time the children get home in the afternoon, they are ravenous. In Israel, students bring a snack to school to eat at 10 a.m., and they eat lunch later in the day. Nevertheless, they still come home from school wanting food as quickly as possible.

Try to keep a supply of good-tasting, good-for-you treats to satisfy the after-school snack attack. My neighbour keeps a platter of cut up fresh vegetables out on the kitchen table so that when her six school-age children arrive home, this is the first thing they see in the kitchen, and while they're deciding what they want to eat, they all munch on the healthy vegetables.

As the weather gets colder, a good idea is to have your crock pot going with a healthy vegetable soup or stew that can be immediately available. It's unlikely to ruin their appetite for dinner, and even if it does, they will have eaten something that's healthy rather than snacking on junk food.

Young children like to make snacks fun. Let them play with their food – within reason. Building a fort with carrot sticks can be much more enticing than simply munching on them.

Steer your children away from colas and other caffeine and sugar-laden drinks and toward fruit juices and milk.

Here are some ideas for quick after school snacks:

- Frozen fruit slushies or smoothies. Use your children's favourite combination of fresh or frozen fruits, crushed ice, milk and low-fat yogurt or frozen orange juice concentrate or other fruit juices. It's delicious and power-packed with nutrients and vitamins.
- Layer fresh fruit with yogurt and sprinkle it with granola to make a healthy "ice cream" sundae.
- Spread graham crackers, rice cakes or popcorn cakes with peanut butter or honey, and let the children arrange whatever fruit or toppings they'd like.
- Try spreading cream cheese or peanut butter in a tortilla, add grated carrot, lettuce or other vegetables, and roll it up. Children love these wraps.
- Make a quickie pizza out of bagel halves, English muffins or pita bread. Spread it with pizza or spaghetti sauce and top with grated cheese. Broil or microwave until the cheese melts.
- Use low-fat yogurts and puddings. Mix canned fruit cocktail into vanilla pudding or freeze the yogurt in the container for a cool treat.

QUICK CHOCOLATE FONDUE

For the times when you want to really treat the children with something sweet.
Use fresh strawberries or slices of orange, apple and banana or other fruit as dippers.

12-oz. package semisweet chocolate chips
2 tbsp. butter
¼ cup orange juice

Combine the chips, butter and orange juice in a large microwave-safe bowl. Cover with wax paper and heat in the microwave on high for 1 minute. Stir until the mixture is smooth. Heat for another minute if necessary or until any chunks are melted. Set in the centre of a table and use skewers or forks for dipping the fruit into the chocolate.

CHEESE AND OLIVE PIZZA

For each pizza:
1 slice bread
4 green or black olives, halved
1-2 slices cheese

Place olive halves on bread and cover with cheese. Broil or cook in microwave just until cheese is melted.

VEGGIE-WICH

2 cups frozen mixed vegetables
1 tbsp. mayonnaise
3 slivers dill pickle
½ cup shredded lettuce
2 slices avocado, optional
dash of seasoned salt
1 pita

Cook vegetables for about 5 minutes in the microwave. Heat pita to soften and cut a sliver from the top so that the pocket opens easily. Combine all ingredients, mix well and stuff into pocket.

APPLE BAKE

1 apple
2 tbsp. raisins
½ tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. sugar
½ cup apple juice

Cut apples in small slices. Place in a bowl. Put raisins, cinnamon, sugar and apple juice on top of sliced apple. Microwave for 1-2 minutes.

Kashruth Council launches Web site

The Kashruth Council of Canada (COR) has a new Web site.

For more than 50 years, the non-profit Kashruth Council of Canada – now at www.cor.ca – has provided supervision and certification on kosher products, worked to ensure the availability and identification of kosher products and services and provided information on kashrut. It is the largest organization of its kind in Canada and is recognized by its trademark COR.

"In our large cities of today, news about the availability of new kosher products and services or the withdrawal of supervision travels slowly," says the council's chair Marvin Sigler.

"Through the publication of our Web site, we now have the ability to deliver to the community, in real time, the information needed to stay informed and keep kosher."

Sigler says the site will provide people with "up-to-the-minute information on, for example, what brands of the same products are kosher or what kosher restaurants are available in your part of the city and how to get there."

It also has a retail consumers' product guide, commercial product listings, kashrut alerts, frequently asked questions, information on kosher fish and the preparation of vegetables, holiday information and recipes.

Along with COR's mission statement, the site includes information on board members, staff and links to other kashrut organizations, establishments and services in Toronto.

Sigler says food companies will have the ability to search for substitute ingredients if the usual ingredient is out of stock or if they are processing new products.

"We are very proud of our large team of rabbis and supervisors who work closely with more than 800 companies and numerous local establishments – caterers, restaurants, institutions, camps and others – to ensure that the products found on store shelves and the many services we supervise meet the highest standards of kashrut and the kashrut needs of the consumer," says Rabbi Mordechai Levin, the council's executive director.

Rabbi Yitzchok Kerzner, chair of the Vaad Hakashruth of Toronto, which is part of the council, says, "As food items and raw materials are being imported and exported to the four corners of the globe, there is an urgent need to have up-to-date information."

For those who do not have access to the Web site, the council will continue to distribute mailings throughout the year. Thousands of homes in Canada and internationally receive these mailings which include the Kashruth Directory, frequent updates, holiday information, recipes and other information.

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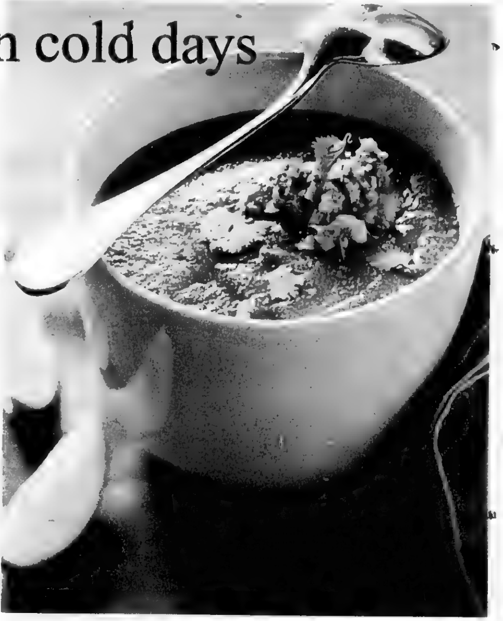
Beef-based soup:a comfort food on cold days



By EILEEN GOLTZ
Special to The CJN

My quick fix comfort food when I'm cold is a huge, hearty bowl of a beef-based soup. The following recipes are designed to use the minimum amount of meat to give you the maximum amount of flavour. These soups make a nice change from chicken soup, and all can be prepared on Friday and be ready for lunch on Shabbat.

CROCK POT VEGETABLE SOUP

2 medium potatoes, peeled and diced
2 medium carrots, peeled and diced
1½ to 2 lbs. beef shank bones with meat
1 medium onion, peeled and chopped
1 can whole tomatoes (16 oz.), quartered and chopped
1 can whole corn (17 oz.), undrained
1 bay leaf
1 tbsp. dried parsley flakes
1 tsp. soy sauce
½ tsp. dried thyme leaves
¼ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
¼ tsp. ground savory
2 tsp. instant beef bouillon
3 cups boiling water

Place the first 7 ingredients in a crock pot in the order listed. Sprinkle parsley and the next 5 ingredients over the vegetables. Dissolve bouillon in boiling water and pour over spices. Cover and cook on low setting for 8 to 10 hours.

Remove beef shank and bay leaf and cover again. Remove meat from bones and cut into bite-size pieces. Return meat to soup and stir. Heat and serve.

This can be made in a regular stock pot and cooked on a stove top at low boil for 2 to 3 hours. Makes 3 quarts. Serves 8 to 10.

WILD MUSHROOM BEEF BARLEY SOUP

½ cup dried wild mushrooms (you can use portobellos instead. You just dice about a cup and delete the 1 cup of boiling water)
1 cup boiling water for dried mushrooms
2 to 3 lbs. short ribs
1 medium leek or 1 medium onion
2 stalks celery, diced finely
1½ cups pearl barley
1 large carrot, peeled and diced finely
salt and pepper, to taste
oil to sauté the veggies
fresh chopped parsley (optional)
8 cups water

In a bowl, soften the mushrooms by pouring 1 cup of boiling water over them and letting them soak for about 10 minutes. Drain the mushrooms but save the liquid. Strain if necessary. Set aside.

In a skillet, brown the soup bone on both sides in a tiny bit of oil. Drain on a paper towel and set aside.

Cut off the dark green parts of the leek and use only white and light green parts. Slice the leek in half lengthwise and wash very carefully in between the leaves. Dry with paper towel. Chop the leek finely. (You can substitute onion for the leek.) Put a bit of oil in a skillet (use the one in which you browned the short ribs), add the diced veggies and sauté on medium heat until the vegetables are fragrant and the leeks are translucent, about 10 minutes.

Put everything in the slow cooker. Add the pearl barley and the seasonings. Pour 8 cups of water (including the saved mushroom soaking liquid) over everything, cover, set on high, and cook until the meat is just falling off the bone, about 4 hours. Discard the bone. Dice the meat and put it back in the soup. Adjust seasoning if needed. You can make this on the stovetop. Serves 8.

BEEF NOODLE SOUP

1 pound cubed beef stew meat
1 cup chopped carrots
1 cup chopped onion
1 cup chopped celery
¼ cup beef bouillon granules
¼ tsp. dried parsley
5¾ cups water
pinch ground black pepper
2½ cups frozen egg noodles

In a large saucepan over medium-high heat, sauté the stew meat, onion and celery for 5 minutes, or until meat is browned on all sides. Stir in the bouillon, parsley, ground black pepper, carrots, water and egg noodles. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low and simmer for 30 minutes. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

BEEFY TOMATO SOUP

2 pounds ground beef
1 onion, chopped
2 stalks celery, chopped
1 tsp. minced garlic
1 can (14½ oz.) diced tomatoes with Italian seasonings
½ tsp. dried oregano
2 cups water
4 cups tomato juice
salt and pepper to taste

Place beef, onion, garlic, celery and diced tomatoes in a stock pot. Add water, bring to a boil and then simmer for 1 hour. Add tomato-vegetable juice, tomato juice, oregano and garlic powder, and season with salt and pepper. Bring to boil, simmer for 1½ hours and serve. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

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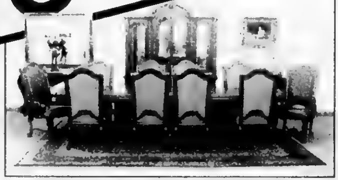

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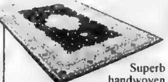

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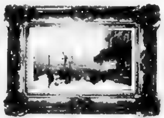

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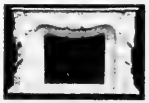

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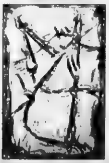

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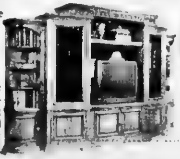

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Putin expresses concern over Mideast violence, pledges help

By **ALUF BENN**
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin told Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon that Moscow is concerned about the level of violence in the Middle East, and pledged that he would do all he could to end the bloodshed.

The two met at the Kremlin on Monday for their third round of talks in Moscow since Sharon took office almost three years ago. Among the topics for discussion were the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and Iran's nuclear arms program.

"We follow closely how our former countrymen settle down and go about their lives in Israel, and the worsening of the situation in the Middle East gives us certain concern about their future," Putin said, referring to Israelis from the former Soviet Union, who make up about one-sixth of the population.

"This, among other things, is the reason why we are ready to go on taking an active part, as far as this is possible, in finding a settlement to the situation in the Middle East."

Before the talks, Sharon said captured Lebanese militants Mustafa Dirani and Abdul Karim Obeid will not be used as bargaining chips in any deal involving missing Israel Air Force navigator Ron Arad, Army Radio reported.

"Israel is making every effort to free Ron Arad, but the Lebanese detainees Dirani and Obeid cannot be used as bargaining chips for his exchange," he said.

Sharon said that at the centre of any prisoner exchange deal is the question of whether to leave abducted Israeli Elhanan Tannenbaum in the hands of Lebanese militant group Hezbollah, in the knowledge that his life is in danger.

The family of Ron Arad, who has not been seen since he bailed out his plane over Lebanon in 1986, have argued against the inclusion of Dirani in any deal for Tannenbaum, claiming that Dirani was captured for use as a bargaining chip for the missing navigator.

Sources close to the Sharon delegation on the trip described the expected talks as routine.

Sharon was to raise with Putin the necessity of halting Iran's nuclear program and of ensuring that Tehran's last declaration agreeing to allow international inspectors to visit its nuclear installations will be followed through.

The head of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, Hassan Rohani, cancelled his trip to Moscow, the Iranian embassy in Russia said Monday. Rohani was due to arrive in Moscow that day.

Russian companies are involved in the installation of nuclear power stations in Iran near the city of Bushar. The stations were originally to be up and running by the end of this year, but Moscow recently announced that the project had been delayed.

At their meeting, Sharon planned to tell Putin that he intends to renew negotiations with the Palestinians, and he wanted to convince the Russian president not to submit a resolution to the UN Security Council to have it adopt the road map peace plan.

Sources close to the prime minister said if the UN adopted the road map, it would be much harder to progress with the peace talks.

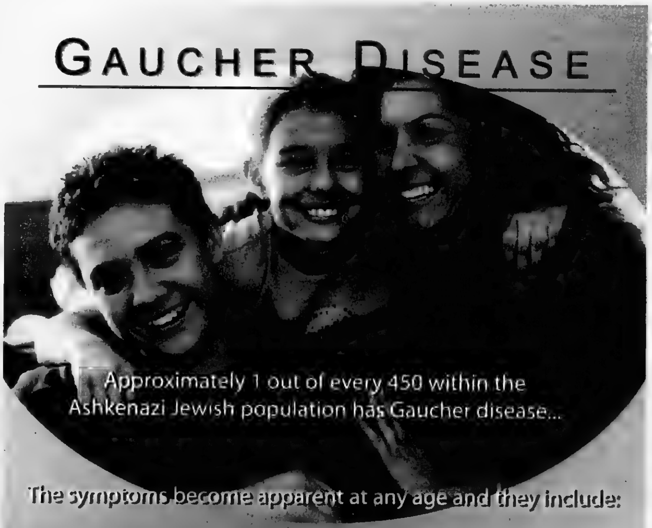
The sources expressed concern over Putin's comments a few weeks ago when he implied criticism of Israel's reactions to Palestinian terror attacks. Sharon was expected to tell Putin that there is no differentiating terror.

Sharon started his visit to Russia Sunday with a visit to a dairy farm just outside the capital. He watched a calf being born and visited a Russian milking centre.

He met Sunday night with parents of Jewish youths who have immigrated to Israel as part of organized programs such as Na'aleh for high school students, and Selah for university students, as well as parents of soldiers serving in the Israel Defence Forces.

Sharon told the parents about his meeting with their children during the recent Sukkot holiday. "They had no grumbles," he said, "no complaints. They just wanted to contribute more."

Sharon, who is accompanied by Immigration Minister Tzipi Livni and Russian-born Transportation Minister Avigdor Lieberman, was also scheduled to meet with leaders of the Russian Jewish community.



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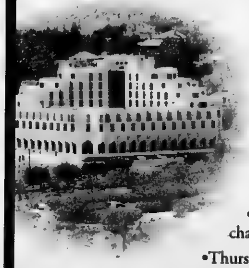

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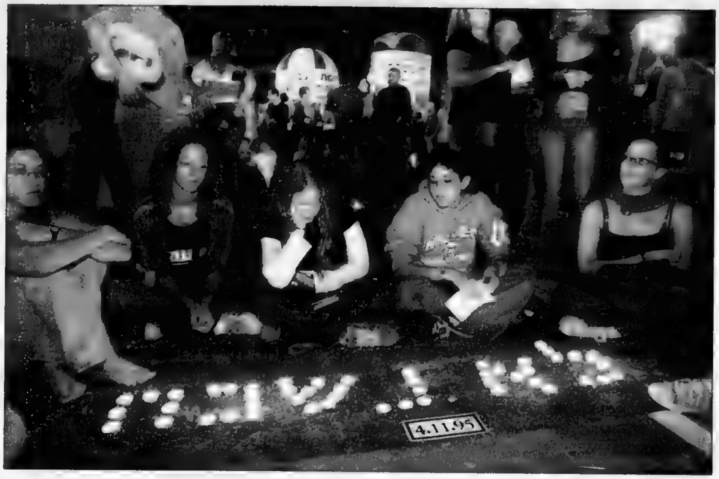

REMEMBERING RABIN: More than 100,000 Israelis attended a rally last Saturday night to mark the 8th anniversary of the murder of Yitzhak Rabin. The layout of the memorial candles spells "Lo nishcach" (we shall not forget).

[Israel Sun photo]

Professors concerned by Israel study restrictions

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — Universities are discouraging North Americans from studying in Israel, the presidents of three major American Jewish studies groups say.

"Over the past three years, the sharp decline in the number of North American undergraduate students in 'study abroad' programs at Israeli universities has had a severe and deleterious impact on academic Jewish studies programs in the United States and Canada," the presidents of the American Academy for Jewish Research, Association for Jewish Studies and National Association of Professors of Hebrew said in a statement.

"We wish to express our alarm at the policies of North American universities that serve to dissuade, discourage, prevent or even prohibit students who decide to study in Israel from doing so," they wrote. They called on universities to remove obstacles and penalties that obstruct Israel study.

Some universities halted their study-in-Israel programs after the U.S. State Department issued a travel advisory for the Jewish state in 2000 because of the Palestinian intifadah.

In Toronto, there are "no roadblocks" for York University students who wish to study in Israel, said Martin Lockshin, director of the university's Centre for Jewish Studies. Currently, he said, there are about a dozen York students in programs at Tel Aviv University and Hebrew University.

The University of Toronto takes its cue from travel warnings issued by Canada's foreign affairs department, said David Farrar, vice-provost for students. "We follow their recommendations with respect to travel abroad."

The most recent Canadian consular affairs travel report, valid as of last week, advised Canadians to "carefully consider a decision to travel to Israel, paying particular attention to current safety and security conditions." It recommended avoiding crowds and possible targets including malls, markets, restaurants, discotheques, public buses and bus stations. It also advised against travelling to the West Bank or Gaza because of ongoing violence.

If undergraduate students want to go to Israel even if they are specifically advised not to, there's nothing to stop them from taking a year off, studying in Israel, and applying for a transfer credit on their return, Farrar said. "If we say we'll give you a transfer credit [in advance], we accept liability… We have a responsibility to ensure that our students are as safe as possible."

Graduate students, he noted, "accept risk at a different level."

A U of T endowment fund established in 1999 by Canadian Friends of Hebrew University, with matching funds from the Ontario government, has been used for both graduate and undergraduate exchanges, Farrar said.

"If there was a warning, we wouldn't send students right now. Funding would be held back until the advisory was lifted, or it would be diverted to graduate students," he said.

A U of T half-credit mini-course in management and resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict, for graduate students, is scheduled for the winter break at Hebrew U. As of last week, there were 19 interested students said Merle Goldman, the director of national programs and academic affairs for Canadian Friends of Hebrew U.

There are no U of T undergraduates studying at Hebrew U now, but that has nothing to do with U of T policy, said Goldman. "Nobody has been denied anything that I'm aware of."

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Zimbabwe Jews rebound from fire

By MOIRA SCHNEIDER
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

CAPE TOWN — Anti-Semitism doesn't appear to have played a factor in the burning of a Zimbabwean synagogue the day before Yom Kippur, but the same can't be said for a letter that followed the blaze.

Barely a week after the Oct. 4 fire, which completely destroyed the 90-year-old landmark in the city of Bulawayo except for its foyer and facade, a controversial letter written under the pseudonym "Busybody" appeared in the *Bulawayo Chronicle*.

In it, the writer asked "what really was in the Jewish church" that day, opining that it was not "just a beautiful carpet that went up in smoke. A normal church building would have nothing except the alter [sic], a few effigies of Jesus and perhaps the church library and furniture, but not this one, it seems."

One theory, the author wrote, was that "church members" were keeping foreign currency and millions of dollars in local currency there to "cushion themselves against the cash shortages" that Zimbabwe is experiencing.

The writer also said synagogue members were keeping their passports there, as well as "Jewish mementoes" that they intended on "repatriating" to Jerusalem and archives that were "guarded by the Israeli army day and night."

And then the writer delivered his coup de grace.

"Several, and so 'Busybody' understands, had found a 'safe' place to keep their hoarded fuel," at a time when Zimbabwe is suffering from food and fuel shortages, with people lining up for days at gas stations. "Sources say it was that fuel that might have triggered the fire."

Former Bulawayo resident Abe Abrahamson said Jews who congregated at the site of the destroyed synagogue on the day of the fire wept and recited *Kaddish*.

In the letter, the writer latched onto this fact in support of his theory, saying that whatever was being kept there must have been "very big, judging by the amount of emotion, dejection and desperation on the faces of the victims that fateful Saturday."

Alan Feigenbaum, president of the 110-year-old Bulawayo Hebrew Congregation – the country's oldest synagogue and, in its heyday, the largest in Zimbabwe – said that despite the publication of the letter and the anti-white sentiment rampant in the country, the community does not feel threatened as Jews.

"We are not having any real major problems in that way," he said.

He said the community had been devastated by the fire, "but we'll carry on and see how to reorganize our lives, and we will have services on a regular basis."

Despite the dwindling number of Jews in the country – down to 600 from a peak of 8,500 in the 1960s – the community had engaged a rabbi from Israel in time for the High Holy Days.

The Jewish exodus has come amid a time of turbulence and upheaval in Zimbabwe, which is ruled by the mercurial Robert Mugabe.

Over the past several years, black "war veterans" have invaded white-owned farms across the country and turned out their owners. Hundreds of thousands of black farm workers and their families have also been thrown out of their homes.

The country's economy has deteriorated into massive unemployment and runaway inflation, and more than 80 per cent of the black population now lives below the poverty line. A longstanding drought has exacerbated the risk of hunger.

For now, the 159-strong Bulawayo congregation is holding services in the Sinai Jewish Community Center, using prayer books and prayer shawls sent from communities in Cape Town and Johannesburg – some of which arrived in time for Yom Kippur services the day after the fire.

"They are coping very well and are quite satisfied with using the Sinai for their immediate needs. From there, I don't know," Feigenbaum said.

Ignoring the warnings of firefighters, congregants Rodney Lepar and Raymond Roth braved the flames and managed to save all the Torah scrolls, as well as a 350-year-old curtain that covers the Aron Kodesh.

Lepar, 51, who has lived in Bulawayo all his life, said he too had been devastated by the fire.

"Part of our lives and our history has just gone. The wonderful memories are there, though," he said. "I was heart-sore to see the shul go up in smoke."

In a poignant twist, Leizer Abrahamson, 104, recited from the Torah – as he does at most services – at what proved to be the last service held at the shul.

EU poll: Israel a threat

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When Shalom was asked about the Simon Wiesenthal Center's call to throw the EU out of the Quartet of Middle East peace brokers – the other three members of the Quartet are the United States, Russia and the United Nations – he said, "I don't want to clash with this or that institute, but I don't see things the extreme way they do.

"One need not dramatize every poll and there's no need for bile."

He said the survey could also be viewed as the result of decades of Israeli neglect of the European arena, whereas the Palestinians have invested much effort in Europe.

But Shalom emphasized that Europe is "not a lost cause," citing a number of recent Israeli accomplishments: the inclusion of the political wing of the Hamas on the EU terrorist list; the signing with the EU of research and development and agricultural agreements that were delayed for more than two years; and the EU foiling of a Palestinian initiative to send the separation fence to the international court at the Hague.

Shalom said he is not deluding himself. "Of course, there are disputes that cannot be ignored."

Nevertheless, he is convinced that Israel's investment in the continent is worthwhile – and that its position will improve on May 1, 2004, when the EU is set to be joined by 10 central and eastern European countries, who have more balanced positions on the Middle East conflict.

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Wolfowitz supports 'People's Voice' plan

By ALUF BENN and SHARON SADEH
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defence Paul Wolfowitz expressed his support last Thursday for the "People's Voice" initiative drawn up by former Shin Bet chief Ami Ayalon and Al-Quds University president Sari Nusseibeh.

The two presented Wolfowitz with the main principles of the plan during a meeting in Washington two weeks ago.

Wolfowitz said the proposal was very similar in nature to the internationally brokered road map peace plan, which envisioned a two-state solution by 2005.

According to the People's Voice Web site, some 94,000 Israelis and 60,000 Palestinians have signed up for the plan, which also calls for a two-state solution, as well as an end to the Palestinian right of return to lands within the State of Israel.

During a lecture at Georgetown University in Washington, Wolfowitz said that achieving peace between Israel and the Palestinians was important in order to encourage moderate elements in the Middle East. He praised Ayalon and Nusseibeh's initiative, calling it a significant public movement.

Change could come from the bottom up, Wolfowitz said, adding there would be significant progress in Middle East peace talks if Israelis and Palestinians showed wide support for compromise and resistance to terror, which he said was the main obstacle to regional peace.

In his lecture, Wolfowitz lauded the leaders who brought peace between Israel and Egypt, mentioning Egypt's Anwar Sadat, Jordan's King Hussein and Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres.

Wolfowitz, the most senior Jewish official in the Bush administration's diplomatic-security staff, is considered to be the most prominent speaker of the neo-conservative group in the Republican Party, and the ideologue behind the Iraq war.

Meanwhile, British Prime Minister Tony Blair last Thursday lauded the "Geneva Agreement," saying an unofficial plan for Middle East peace that has been dismissed by the Israeli government was a welcome contribution to the debate over the region's future.

The plan, which has been widely criticized in Israel for going against government policies, has been penned by academics, opposition left-wing Israeli politicians and senior Palestinian political figures, and is due to be signed in Switzerland in coming weeks.

It is separate from the U.S.-backed road map peace plan, which has been derailed by persistent violence. The Palestinians and Israel's Prime Minister Ariel Sharon back the road map, albeit with reservations on the Israeli side.

Blair, who was asked about the initiative at a news conference two weeks ago, said last Thursday such a contribution to the stalled peace process was not counterproductive.

"At this time, both people need hope. This initiative gives them a chance to look beyond current difficulties to what might be achievable with goodwill on both sides," Blair said.

"I hope that the initiative will stimulate debate, remind people of why peace is worth working for, show that Israelis and Palestinians remain capable of finding partners for peace and working together, and encourage them back to the negotiating table."

But, he added, "Tackling security remains the essential first step towards this or any other settlement."

The Israeli cabinet has called it a "virtual agreement" and accused the opposition group behind it of harming Israeli national interests.

The Week in Israel

Oct. 27

- The Israel Defence Forces is probing the shooting earlier this year of Tom Hurndall, a member of the pro-Palestinian International Solidarity Movement. Hurndall was shot in Gaza in April. His family announced they are taking him off life support in a London hospital.

Oct. 28

- An Israeli start-up company has developed a super-fast processor. The Enlight processor, by Lenslet, uses optics instead of silicon and computes at the speed of light. The processor has many applications, including in computers, telephones and satellites.

Oct. 29

- The number of Israeli families living below the poverty line tripled from 1998 to 2001, but the number in extreme poverty remained the same, the National Insurance Institute reported.

Oct. 30

- Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Israel is prepared to negotiate with Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia, and he said Israel is on the brink of a new opportunity for peace.
- Police questioned Prime Minister Ariel Sharon over two funding scandals allegedly involving his sons.

Oct. 31

- Vandals painted swastikas on the monument to the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin. President Moshe Katsav called for those responsible to be brought to justice and urged the public to attend the Nov. 1 memorial service marking eight years since Rabin's assassination.

- Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat's top adviser, Nabil Abu Rudeineh, confirmed that contacts were being held between Israel and the PA to ease restrictions on Palestinians.

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Pakistan debates the idea of recognizing Israel

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Mideast Analysis

"Pakistan is not our enemy," Shimon Peres, Israel's opposition leader, declared recently, urging the Pakistani government to hold an open discussion on forming diplomatic relations with Israel.

Peres made these comments after Pakistan's president, Pervez Musharraf, asked his fellow Pakistanis to consider the notion of recognizing Israel. Yet in courageously calling for this move, Musharraf cautioned, "We have to develop a national consensus before action on this can be taken."

Shortly afterward, the secretary of Pakistan's National Security Council and Musharraf's right-hand aide, Tariq Aziz, observed that Pakistan is prepared to accept "the reality of Israel."

Always ready to forge ties with Muslim states, Israel welcomed Pakistan's overture. As Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom put it, "Israel regards favourably the possibility of setting up relations with an important Muslim state."

Pakistan is certainly a pivotal state. It is the only Muslim country with a nuclear arsenal, and the United States considers Pakistan – the country where American Jewish journalist Daniel Pearl was brutally murdered – an ally in the war against international terrorism.

If Israel succeeds in forging official links with Pakistan, would populous Muslim nations such as Indonesia, and Bangladesh be far behind?

Judging by Musharraf's recent remarks, Pakistani decision-makers have entered into a fairly serious debate over the advisability of a rapprochement with Israel. There is a growing perception in Pakistan, particularly in the armed forces, that its hostility to the Jewish state has pushed India, its arch enemy, even closer to Israel.

Two months ago, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon paid a state visit to India, the first by a sitting Israeli leader. "This is a historic visit," said Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, voicing confidence it would boost India's military and commercial ties with Israel.

Having upgraded relations with India across the board in the past few years, Israel is now India's second largest arms supplier after Russia.

In a $1-billion (US) deal announced last month, India agreed to buy Phalcon radar-warning aircraft from Israel.

Stung by the transaction, Pakistan's information minister warned it could upset the conventional military balance in the region.

And in a commentary reflecting Pakistani jitters over Sharon's presence in India, the *Pakistan Daily Times* noted, "The Foreign Office in Islamabad is greatly upset… because it might be aimed at creating an axis against the Muslim world, and Pakistan."

The fear that India may grow still stronger, due to its strategic relationship with Israel, is not the only factor at work here.

Some members of the Pakistani elite believe that Pakistan would increase its influence in the West, especially in the United States, through diplomatic relations with Israel.

Compelling though these arguments may be, the prospect that Pakistan will soon establish ties with Israel is highly unlikely.

Pakistan, whose foreign policy is based on Islamic solidarity, close friendship with the Arab world and unconditional support for the Palestinian cause, will probably not cozy up to Israel until the Arab-Israeli conflict is resolved.

The idea of Pakistani relations with Israel is an extremely sensitive subject in Pakistan, especially in conservative Muslim religious circles. As Mohmmed Ashraf Chaudhry put it in *Pakistan Link*, a Web site, "One cannot talk about sex and Israel, even academically, in Pakistan, though both are an undeniable reality… If the Palestinians have no problems in negotiating with Israel, why should Pakistan have any?"

Pakistan's former foreign minister, Tanvir Ahmed Khan, is of the view that Pakistan should maintain covert contacts with Israel.

In fact, Israel and Pakistan have maintained a quiet dialogue for many years.

Pakistani leaders, from Ayub Khan and Zia al-Haq to Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Nawaz Sharif, have consistently supported such contacts, as scholar P.R. Kumaraswamy has written.

But one one should not assume that Pakistan is on the cusp of establishing relations with Israel.

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BEAUTY SHOP

By CAROL WISE

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Makeup – Classic red lips are timeless and making quite a statement this holiday season, says Jody Daye, makeup artist/designer for **L'Oreal Paris**. I interviewed Daye behind the runways of Toronto's Fashion Week.

Daye is acclaimed for doing the makeup for *Canadian Idol* and frequents the sets of international shows that we often see on Fashion Television. He filled my ears with the juiciest tidbits so that I could bring you gals the hottest tips for the season. He said the winter months will see a return to glamour – like old Hollywood.

"The most defining features will be red lips and long, luscious lashes. Use **L'Oreal's** double-extend mascara and be sure to apply the primer first for the best volume. Keep combing the product through for an extended effect that resembles false lashes." Daye advised.

I mentioned to him that in some of our precious, young years, intense red-coloured lips might be too harsh. He suggested that a full colouring of red lip pencil topped up with *Glam Shine* from **L'Oreal Paris** will plump up the lips (in appearance only) and the technique will tone down the colour and keep it flattering.

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Vichy launches *Myokine* a fabulous new cream that promises to make lines less visible in just a few weeks. Also from **Vichy** is a unique, redensifying, nourishing milk that helps smooth your whole body.

Benefit's *Ooh La Lift*, de-puffs while giving your eyes a younger appearance – magic wand included – available at the Bay.

Kiehl's *Multi-Purpose Facial Formula for Men* is a moisturizer as well as a post-shave healer – a must-have for your special guy.

Maximum Radiance Cream from **Chanel** is sheer sensual pleasure that contains an iridescent, sun-kissed colour that gives the skin a glowing radiance. Another treat from **Chanel** is *Radiance Flash Fluid*, which is an emergency treatment for any age, to refresh and illuminate the most fatigued skin. It promises to tone, revitalize and vitaminize your face immediately.

Clinique's High Impact Mascara.

Shiseido *Benefiance Wrinkle Lifting Concentrate* promises to last, tuck, peel and resurface the skin and reverse the signs of aging – say goodbye to wrinkles. Also from **Shiseido** is *White Lucent Concentrated Brightening Serum*, which inspires skin with extraordinary sparkle, even coloration and a velvety softness.

FOUNDATION: Give your face a translucent shimmer with **Estée Lauder's** limited edition from their *Starbright* collection. The unique container holds a star-shaped pot of gold, while a larger moon-shaped circle shines in pure silver – what a gift!

Lancôme's *Renergie Lift Makeup* is the perfect link between makeup and skincare. This lifting and silky foundation also contains SPF 20.

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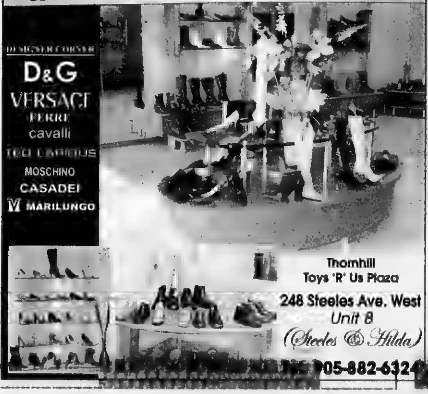

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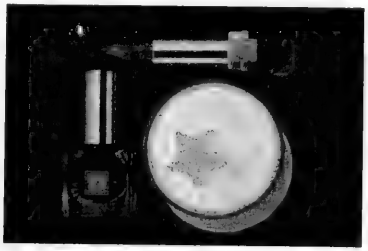
BEAUTY SHOP

BY CAROL WISE

Marcelle's *Shimmering* face and body gel is really attractive for the festive season – subtle yet distinctive.

EYES: Clinique's new multi-benefit *High Impact Mascara* delivers dramatic volume and length in just seconds.

Rimmel's *Extreme Definition Comb Mascara* is definitely a unique way to paint your lashes. It is a fine-tooth comb that separates and defines – Kate Moss's favourite!



Estée Lauder's Pure Color Lipstick in new limited edition Star Red and Red Lacquer.

Add brightness to your eyes with **Estée Lauder's** white writer from their *Starbright* collection.

Coat your lashes with a subtle scatter of mini-silver particles with **Chanel's** *Cils Reflecteurs.* Perfect for the festive mood.

L'Oreal's double-extend mascara provides you with a thickening base coat and mascara, together in one wand.

Lancôme's *Christmas Collection* treats us with *Color Focus* – the eye colour *Candid* is a spun gold that glistens and brightens the eyes. It's a must have!

CHEEKS: NARS introduces a new cream blush. Its fail-proof colour will see you through the late-hour holiday parties. **NARS** also introduces a new mini-lip palette, which is just so much fun.

For a natural flushed cheek apply **L'Oreal's** *Pinches of Pink* blush to the apples of your cheek.

LIPS: Estée Lauder's *Pure Color Lipstick* in new limited edition *Star Red* and *Red Lacquer* are both very sexy and slide on like velvet.

Marcelle introduces a trio of classic chic red shades that are rich in vitamins to keep your lips soft and smooth. **Marcelle's** *Rouge Vitality* lipstick is enveloped in gold powder giving lips a sexy sparkle.

Chanel's *Sparkling LipGloss* in its little square tray is overlaid with four swirling silver spirals. The lilac colour contains silver and blue glitter particles for a dazzling effect. **Chanel's** *Infrarouge* gets into the holiday mood with two new shades, *Tulle*, pinky beige, copper-tinged rosewood, and *Taffetas* for iridescent colour.

Sisley introduces glossy gloss *Cristal* providing great shine with a crystal sparkle- available in six new shades at Holt Renfrew.

Clinique's *Stay the Day Lipcolor* combines a transfer-resistant colour base-coat with a cushiony, comfortable, super-shine topcoat. This fabulous little treasure comes in a dual-ended package.

NAILS: Estée Lauder's *Pure Color Crystal* nail lacquer in *Frosty Blast* is a gorgeous pearly white that is great on its own or to top up your favourite red.

Chanel's new delicate shade *Tulle* is a soft pinky beige for a real feminine feel.

Get your nails noticed with **Clinique's** *Gloss Wear* nail enamel from their *Shine, Shine, Shine Collection.* Shimmer your nails in gold or silver, or top up your favourite colour!

HAIR: Big news! The Terry Ritcey Salon has a new name: The Wellstone Salon – fabulous isn't it?

Rene Crepeau, stylist supreme, says the buzz in town is all about the Chi Hair Transformation System that is the opposite of a curly perm. It's a straightening process that is permanent – of course, that means until you hair grows out.

Escada's new fragrance enhances the natural 'magnetism' of every woman.

Imagine no more frizzies, just sleek shiny straight hair – all the time. Great Length Extensions are also very popular, Crepeau says. Both treatments are good for men and women.

Laura Marshal, another talented stylist, says the majority of her work involves straightening hair, either with the system or flat ironing.

"It's really quite amazing how straight the hair becomes – zero volume with plenty of shine." Marshal says products like **Kerastase's** *Oleo Relax Nutri-Huille* is a great way to supplement the hair's natural shine during this process.

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BY CAROL WISE

Crepeau and Marshal say this method looks best on cuts just past the shoulder. Cuts are full of long, slightly choppy layers, topped with blunt cut bangs – very '60s mod, they add.

Fight the effects of time with *Age Recharge* from **Kerastase Paris**. This is a firming mask for lifeless, fine and brittle hair. It reinforces the hair shaft, smoothes the cuticle and increases its resistance to external aggression. The gel texture transforms the texture of the hair without weighing it down.

Check out **Goody's** chain mesh hair wrap. It's perfect for the party season.

FRAGRANCE: Lauder's *Beautiful* scent is enclosed in a gorgeous silky gel infused with mystical crystals – very romantic.

Jean Patou Paris presents Joy's younger sister. It's a floral jasmine/ rose combo that is topped with exotic fruit.

Mont Blanc introduces *Individuel*. It's a soft oriental mixture that uniquely, as its name suggests, smells differently on each individual. I liked it. It is available at the Montblanc Boutique (151 Bloor St.) and the Bay.

Higher Energy from **Dior** is a flash of electric freshness spiked with juniper and grapefruit to refresh the senses, and as all fabulous girls know, our guys need their senses spiked from time to time.

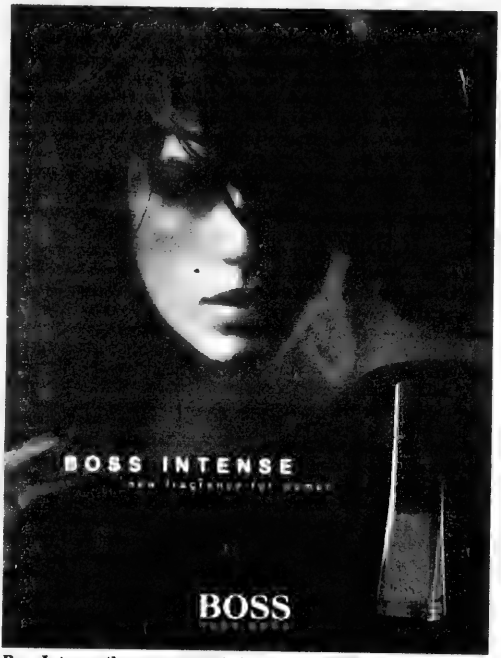
Dior Addict launches a new *Bath and Body* collection, five irresistibly intense pampering pleasures. **Dior Addict** *"Collect It"* limited edition has boxed the enchanting perfume in a visual display with images that move before your eyes – a blue and pink mirror effect on a metallic silver background—available exclusively at the Bay.

Escada unveils a captivating perfume that enhances the natural magnetism of every woman. Its name – *Magnetism*. It's a contemporary, gourmand oriental, housed in a gem-like bottle that's stunning.

Still perfume is a bouquet of floral, honeysuckle and musk, yet another offering from **Jennifer Lopez**. The bottle is jewelled with a stunning solitaire ring.

Holt Renfrew launches a complete and new men's line – *Aramis Life*. It's a fragrance of intriguing and unexpected contrasts inspired by **Andre Agassi**.

Dunhill introduces its first signature fragrance since 1934. Lemon fuses together with geranium, with highlights of woody tones and musk – a very cool and masculine scent. It's available at Holt Renfrew and all Dunhill boutiques.



Boss Intense, the new women's fragrance from Hugo Boss is also available as a body gel and lotion.

Vanilla Orchid and *Amber* notes dance together in *Boss Intense*, the new ladies' fragrance from **Hugo Boss** – also available in body gel and lotion –tempting!!

The scent, *Joy*, is almost synonymous with ladies' fragrance. And now, **Jean Patou Paris** presents *Joy's* younger sister. It's a floral jasmine/rose combo that is topped with exotic fruit – quite simply, enchanting.

Baldessarini from **Hugo Boss** encompasses a man's rare lust for fine things. The cocktail of tangerine bitter orange and green mint boosts the senses. The cumin seeds and clove buds wrap around the exclusive living patchouli flower. In perfect harmony, they all create a concentrated yet subtle fragrance that women just love.

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The world of fashion… from the inside

By RANDI BERGMAN
Special to The CJN

Since fashion seeps into every aspect of our lives, from the magazines we read to the movies we watch, it is impossible not to be utterly fascinated by the way it works.

For those of you who were wondering, the fashion industry is every bit as fabulous and fierce as you might imagine.

Since September of this year, I've been studying fashion at Ryerson University. In the past two months, I've been privy to a firsthand look at what the biz is really all about.

So far, the most important thing I've learned is that climbing the ranks has a lot to do with your social skills. In this industry, no one will ever know how talented you are unless you're obnoxious enough to let 'em know!

In September, I volunteered at Toronto Fashion Week. I was a dresser at two of the week's bigger shows: Arthur Mendonca and David Dixon. The experience was absolutely amazing because I was right in the middle of all the excitement. From my dispensing advice to designers to helping models in and out of stunning dresses, I was constantly on the move.

After the show, I was chutzpahdik enough to give the designers a makeshift business card. A few weeks later, I got a call from a stylist inviting me to another show. This time it was for Fashion Television.

This show was equally exciting. With some other fashion students, I spent the majority of time fawning over Prada and Miu Miu frocks. It was a fashion lover's paradise.

During the Toronto Film Festival, Holt Renfrew and Vanity Fair threw the bash of the week. A group of us at Ryerson had the chance to be part of it. We hobnobbed with the rich and famous – everyone from Kim Cattral and Hillary Duff to Roberto Cavalli. For the first time in my life, I got to go past a red rope! My name was on a security list!

But perhaps my most special experience so far has been meeting Zac Posen, an absolutely brilliant young designer from New York. While he was making a special appearance at Holt Renfrew, I got the chance to have a private chat with him. We talked about everything from the industry to Goodwill finds. He even complimented me on my shoes!

Well, that's it for this report. I'll keep you posted on more fashion happenings… stay tuned!

New outlet for Zero-20 Bambini

By SYLVIA BROOKE
Special to The CJN

After 20 years of dressing Toronto's junior set in the world's finest fashions and craftsmanship, Zero-20 will now provide parents with another outlet to satisfy their search for stylish, affordable children's clothing.

The newest fashion outlet, 020, is a designer outlet for their extensive line of European, American and domestic quality clothes.

Santina Mariani began the business with her sister, Anna Turrin, 20 years ago, selling from babies' size 0 to size 20 preteens.

Mariani explains the reasoning behind opening the new outlet. "At the end of every season, everything goes on sale and then we don't have the space to keep our sale merchandise around."

People often come into the store weeks after they saw something on the rack, she says, seeking it in the same style or from a certain line. But because of space restrictions, the merchandise is not longer available. French and Italian goods come in early, and after a few months, they are sent out for storage.

At the outlet, the rent is not as high, and there is a lot of space, Mariani says. So instead of putting the items into storage, she can move them to the outlet, where they will be sold at the same price or lower.

Merchandise may be 30 per cent to 70 per cent less than retail prices. New merchandise available from their suppliers will also be displayed with the sale merchandise, and suppliers' samples will be offered at a good price, with special sample nights.

The outlet will be based on a different premise, Mariani says. "The concept at our store is that we buy completely new everything. We are a top-notch boutique."

A quick browse through the store takes in luscious sweaters by Diesel, printed velvet and faux suede, winter jackets with faux fur trim in vibrant greens, soft creams and muted magentas. Dresses with lace ribbons have pretty crinolines peeking out underneath.

Formal dresses in peau de soie with beading, floral appliqués or sparkling accents are reminiscent of Pucci prints, and Miniman jacquard rose-printed outfits come with coordinating tights. Box skirts can be styled in a pared-down mini, flared at the knee or ankle-length.

"I see dressing up as starting to come back," Mariani says. "People are tired of always looking the same. People want to see fresh, better clothing. I think there's a resurgence of people wanting better quality and more fashionable things."

Her clientele clearly appreciate more than just the calibre of the clothing. The staff are courteous and helpful and seamstresses are available to do any alterations.

"The more you treat [people] with respect and honesty, the more loyal they become," Mariani says.

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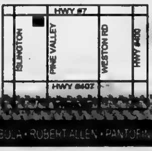

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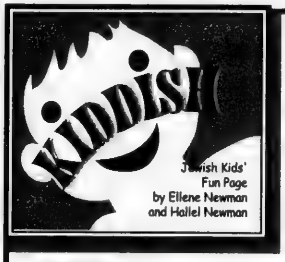

Jewish Kids' Fun Page
by Ellene Newman and Hallel Newman

Anything!

inspired by Gemarah Kiddushin 31a

Dama ben Nesina shifted uncomfortably on the exquisite couch. No, it wasn't the couch that was uncomfortable. It was the knowledge that soon all the people he had borrowed from would come demanding payment, and take away the exquisite couch. And the luxurious tapestries. And his collection of rare precious stones. And his whole castle. Pretty soon, the great Dama ben Nesina would be a pauper begging in the streets. He shifted uncomfortably again.

"My Lord Dama!"

Dama looked up at the servant standing in the doorway.

"Two men are here to see you."

Dama's heart dropped. His creditors had come. "Thaddeus and Brutus?" he asked, cringing at the inevitable answer.

"No, two rabbis."

Dama leapt up, relieved... and confused. *Why do two rabbis want to see me,* he wondered. *I'm not even Jewish!*

He hastened down the marble hallway to greet his distinguished visitors.

"Good morning, Rabbis. To what do I owe the honour of this visit?"

The Rabbis spoke politely, but hurriedly. They were obviously in a great rush. "We urgently need a *yashfe* [jasper] stone. We have heard you have one. We're willing to pay anything for it. **ANYTHING**."

Dama's heard leapt. This could be his chance to escape ruin. "Anything? What do you mean?"

"Make us an offer."

"Twelve million," said Dama, knowing they would refuse such an outrageously high price.

"Twelve million? It's a deal. Please get it now, the faster the better."

"Please, come with me," said Dama, stunned at his unexpected good fortune. "My treasure house is at the other end of the castle. It will take us about five minutes to walk there. I... hope you don't mind my asking, but why are you so desperate for a *yashfe*?"

"The High Priest in our Temple may not perform his daily service without his special garments. One of these garments, a breastplate, needs a *yashfe* stone. Without the stone, he cannot use the garment. Without the garment, he cannot do the service."

"We realize that we could obtain one for a fraction of what we're paying you if only we would wait a few days," interjected the other Rabbi. "But we need this now. We know of only two people in this area who have one: you, and Marcus Claudius. You were closer."

"I see," said Dama, walking faster. "I had been wondering... I realize that you don't usually spend that much on things."

"Right."

"But we would for the *para*," added the other rabbi.

"You're right, " agreed the first.

"Huh?" said Dama.

"Well, you see, there's a very special service we do which requires the ash of a *para aduma*, a cow that is totally red. As you can see, a cow like that is very difficult to obtain, and anyone fortunate enough to end up with one could sell it for even more than we're giving you for the *yashfe*... Speaking of which, are we almost there?"

"We'll be there shortly," replied Dama. "But first, I have to get the key to my treasure house. It's in a room down that corridor. I'm going to get it now. I'll only be a minute."

Dama hastened down the corridor. The key was hidden in an inconspicuous box at the foot of a bed. He just had to take the key, get the stone, give it to the rabbis, and he would be saved. He unlocked the door, swung it open, burst in... and froze. On the bed, with his feet on the box, lay his elderly father. Asleep. All he had to do was take the box out from under his feet. *So I'll wake my father up. He won't mind. He'll understand... but it's not right. "Honour thy father and thy mother... except when you stand to lose a fortune..." No, it doesn't work that way. You honour your parents no matter what. Whether it's easy. Or whether it's going to cost you millions.*

"I'm... I'm sorry," he told the rabbis. I can't give you the stone now. Maybe you could wait an hour, half an hour..."

"We too are sorry. But we don't have time. We need the stone immediately. We're going to have to go to Marcus Claudius."

Dama escorted them out. He felt like he was going to die...

He lay in abject misery on his exquisite couch. He was going to lose it all, lose everything, for his decision. *My father probably would have wanted to be awakened*, he chided himself. *My father would rather lose a minute of sleep than have his son lose his castle.*

But he didn't regret his choice. He still felt he had done the right thing.

"Master!" exclaimed the servant in the doorway. "You must come!"

"What? Are Thaddeus and Brutus here to see me?"

"No! The stable-boy told me I should get you. He says a most amazing cow has been born. A red one. The kind the Jews need for their service! I don't know much about these things myself, but he says they'll pay anything for it. **Anything**!"

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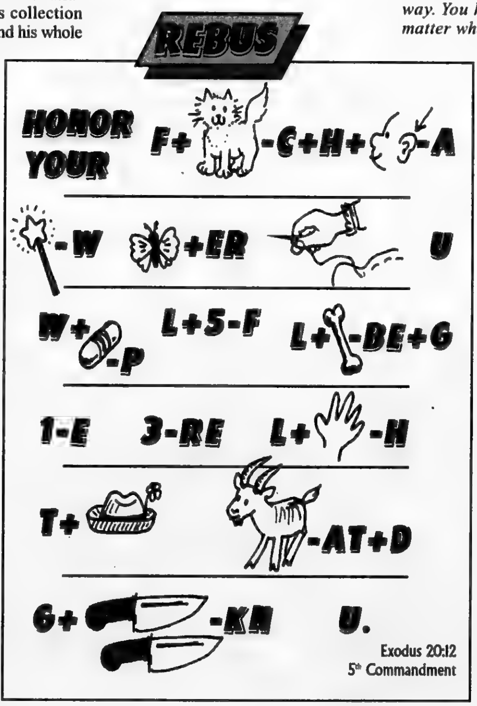


Exodus 20:12
5th Commandment

Toby Belfer discovers her family history at Ellis Island

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

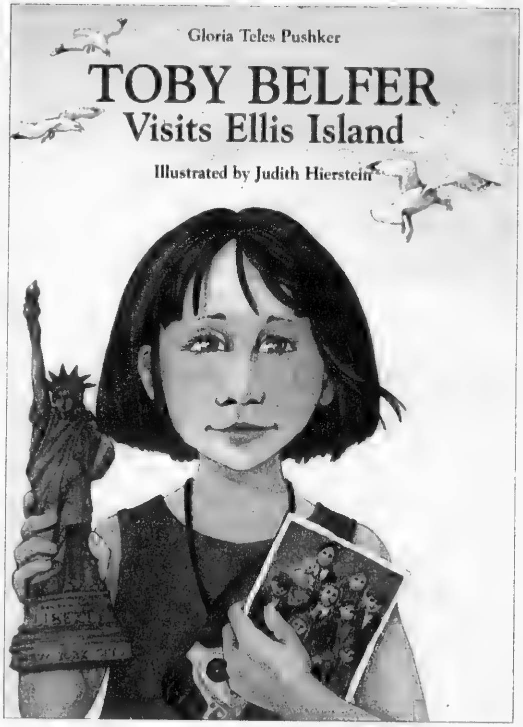
Can you imagine how scary it must have been for our grandparents and great grandparents to come to North America.

They had to leave the places they had lived for generations and come to new countries, with their new customs and a whole new language.

They had to do it, though, in order to do better financially, or, especially for Jews, to escape persecution.

Most immigrants to Canada came through Halifax and a landing place called Pier 21. There is a museum there that you can go see.

In the United States, many people came through Ellis Island, an island in New York Harbour where the Statue of Liberty is. It is a very famous place, and now the whole island is a museum, where you can find out what it was like for immigrants to come there.



Gloria Teles Pushker has written a new book called *Toby Belfer Visits Ellis Island* (Pelican, 2003), with illustrations by Judith Hierstein. You may have read other books about Toby Belfer, such as *Toby Belfer and the High Holy Days, Toby Belfer Never Had a Christmas Tree,* and *Toby Belfer's Seder.*

Toby's grandmother used to tell her stories about how her own grandmother's family came to Ellis Island in 1904 – a very long time ago.

The family had lived in a tiny village in Poland. There was a mother and father and seven children. They were very happy, until some cruel soldiers came to the town, trampled the gardens and burned the synagogue. The soldiers also said that the villagers couldn't follow Jewish laws anymore and that all the boys had to become soldiers.

(This is not an unusual story, by the way – very similar things happened to Jews in many parts of Poland, Russia and Galicia.)

The family packed the few belongings they could carry and left their village. They travelled on a boat with many families from other countries who were also going to find safety and prosperity in the New World.

The book talks about the medical checkups the immigrants had to go through, Some who had contagious diseases, such as tuberculosis, were sent back.

Many had their names changed – one woman in the book became Mrs. Green, because she was wearing a green dress.

When they finally got through all the checks, examinations and questionings, the family took a train to New Orleans, where they opened a hat shop. The older children helped after school.

At the end of the book, Toby and her family go to the museum at Ellis Island. She is excited to see everything there and looks forward to telling her classmates about it.

One important thing about Toby's story, and other stories at Ellis Island, is that the people were not famous or wealthy or special in any particular way. They were ordinary people, like you and me, who found a better life on this side of the ocean.

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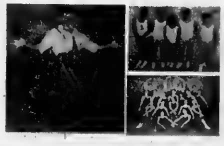
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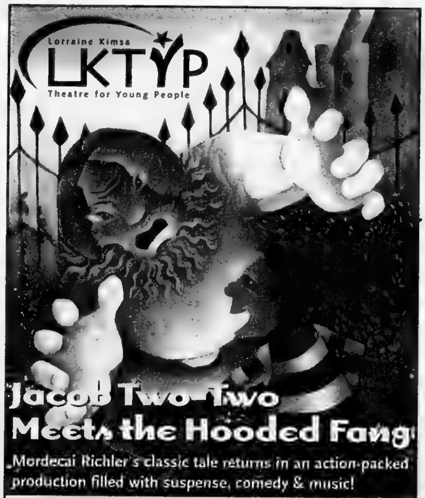

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Dialogue key in planning care for aging parents

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Caring for our aging parents ultimately lands on our own shoulders, says the vice-president of medical services at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

"At the end of the day, it is we who provide the care. Those who make the policies can help us, but they cannot replace us," says Michael Gordon, co-author, with Bart Mindszenthy, of *Parenting Your Parents: Support Strategies for Meeting the Challenge of Aging in the Family*.

Gordon and Mindszenthy, along with John Wright, senior vice-president of Canadian public affairs at polling firm Ipsos-Reid, spoke recently at the 2003 annual Ada Starkman lecture, held at Baycrest Centre.

Mindszenthy, an only child who spends about 25 hours a week taking care of his aging parents' needs, said that caring for parents is a journey of discovery.

"We learn about ourselves and about our relationship with our parents. It tests the fabric of the family, but at the end of the day, we know who is there."

Eldercare is an intense experience that we are not trained for, he said. "When we had our children, we went to pre-natal and parenting classes, and we watched the progression of life.

"Now, we are on the flip side, watching the regression of peoples' lives. Their universe is contracting; we are watching the decay of people we love and there is nothing we can do but help."

Planning ahead is one way to help, Mindszenthy said. "Our parents will age, and we need to map out a course on how to [handle it] best.

"Most people have never planned ahead because it is not comfortable for anyone, but it is necessary to have that conversation while you can do it smart."

The obligation of planning is critical, he said, "yet we studiously avoid it. We must get out of that comfort zone."

With each decision we make, he said, "we should acknowledge that the parent is an active participant in the process. We have to let them feel in charge and in control."

Staying close to health-care providers is essential, he said. "Be there for doctors' appointments and ask, ask, ask. It's important to know what is going on. Do not feel intimidated. [The doctor] is there to help."

Wright, whose 79-year-old mother lives with him and his family, said that parent care is the "latest, greatest challenge for [baby] boomers. We are a nation of ever-greying boomers and it has affected us in every way, from consumer goods to travel to the workplace."

This will present a number of challenges in years to come, he said, "but the largest challenge begins at home. [If families begin a dialogue] as to what plans should be considered for the future, things can work out. It all comes together at some point for most families."

We need more discussion at the family and community levels, Wright said. "If we believe that the government has the answers, then we're wrong."

Gordon said that, in his work, he advises people "not to make themselves crazy. Whatever decision you make is the right one. Once that decision is made, just go with it."

Influenza vaccine a boon to many Canadians

Whether it's food, perfume or medication, what is good for many may be problematic for some. Therefore, Health Canada advises citizens to check with their family physicians before taking flu shots, which are given in the fall to protect people from the harsh winter months when flu can put them out of commission.

Now is the time to consider the pros and cons and make an appointment with your doctor or a CLCS for flu vaccine. Influenza (or flu) is a common illness affecting millions of Canadians every year. An annual flu shot can help prevent the infection, or at least reduce the severity of the illness.

Effects of flu

The average person who gets the flu recovers a week or 10 days after the first symptoms occur. However, those at greatest risk are young children and people over 65, as well as people with medical conditions such as chronic respiratory disease, heart or kidney disease or diabetes. In addition, people with a depressed immune system are especially at risk; for example, individuals with cancer or HIV.

What to do when you get the flu

Drink plenty of water, as well as soup and juice. Try to get as much rest as you can for a week.

How to minimize the risk of catching the flu

The most effective way to minimize your chances of catching influenza is to be vaccinated every fall. The vaccination antibodies work for about four to six months.

People who should consult with a physician about a flu shot are:

- adults and children with chronic heart and lung disease;
- anyone living in a nursing home or chronic care facility;
- people 65 years and over;
- people with chronic conditions such as diabetes, anemia, cancer, immune suppression, HIV or kidney disease;
- children and adolescents on long-term aspirin therapy;
- heath-care workers, other caregivers and household contacts capable of transmitting influenza to at-risk groups.

However, children under six months of age and people who are allergic to eggs or have had an allergic reaction to a previous dose of vaccine should avoid the injections.

Regular handwashing may help reduce the risk, as the virus can be found on surfaces touched by those who have the flu.

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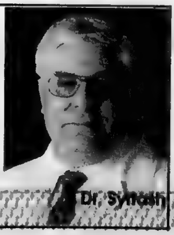
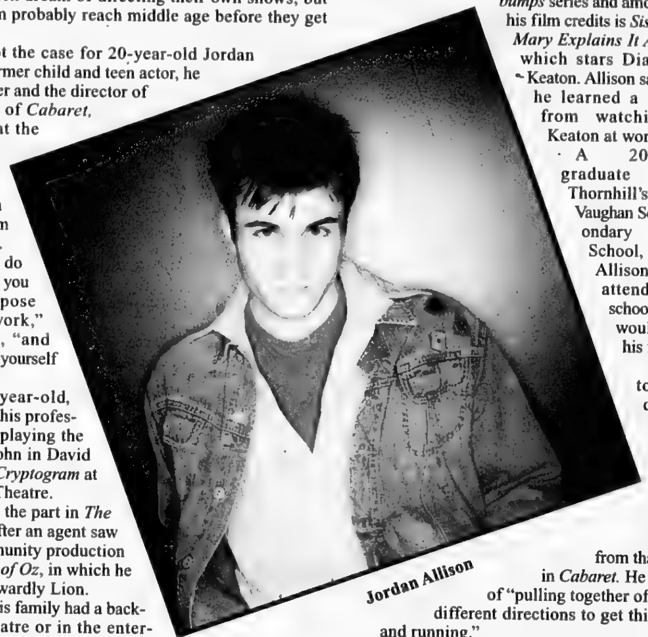


Twenty-year-old makes directorial debut

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

Actors often dream of directing their own shows, but many of them probably reach middle age before they get the chance.

This is not the case for 20-year-old Jordan Allison. A former child and teen actor, he is the producer and the director of a production of *Cabaret*, which runs at the New Yorker Theatre from Nov. 14 to Dec. 6, with previews from Nov. 10 to 13.



Jordan Allison

"After you do a lot of acting, you want to compose your own work," Allison says, "and speak through yourself as an artist."

As a 12-year-old, Allison made his professional debut, playing the lead role of John in David Mamet's *The Cryptogram* at the Tarragon Theatre.

Allison got the part in *The Cryptogram* after an agent saw him in a community production of *The Wizard of Oz*, in which he played the Cowardly Lion.

No one in his family had a background in theatre or in the entertainment field, he says. "It was just something I wanted to do after school. I had the interest for it."

Allison went on to perform in several musicals, including *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at the Elgin Theatre and at Leah Posluns Theatre and *Bye Bye Birdie* at the Orillia Opera House.

His television credits include leading roles in episodes of the *Goosebumps* series and among his film credits is *Sister Mary Explains It All*, which stars Diane Keaton. Allison says he learned a lot from watching Keaton at work

A 2001 graduate of Thornhill's Vaughan Secondary School, Allison attended several high schools to find one that would accommodate his flexible schedule.

The opportunity to produce and direct *Cabaret* came after Allison worked on a production of *42nd Street* last year. Some of the actors from that production are in *Cabaret*. He says it took a lot of "pulling together of resources from different directions to get this production up and running."

Allison says *Cabaret*, which revolves around Kit Kat Club singer Sally Bowles and an American writer and is set in the late 1920s in Berlin, is two works in one, a play and a musical.

He says that *Cabaret* is a play without a villain and its strength lies in the situation – "the transition and uprising of the Nazi Party before the Second World War" and how it affects the characters. "You're dealing with a delicate moment in history, and probably one of the most sensitive and emotional topics," he adds.

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To work on *Cabaret*, Allison is taking a break from his studies at the University of Toronto, where he's enrolled in the university's drama program and taking courses in architecture and film. When he returns to school, he's considering dropping drama for architecture. Unlike theatre, "it's something I don't know much about," he says.

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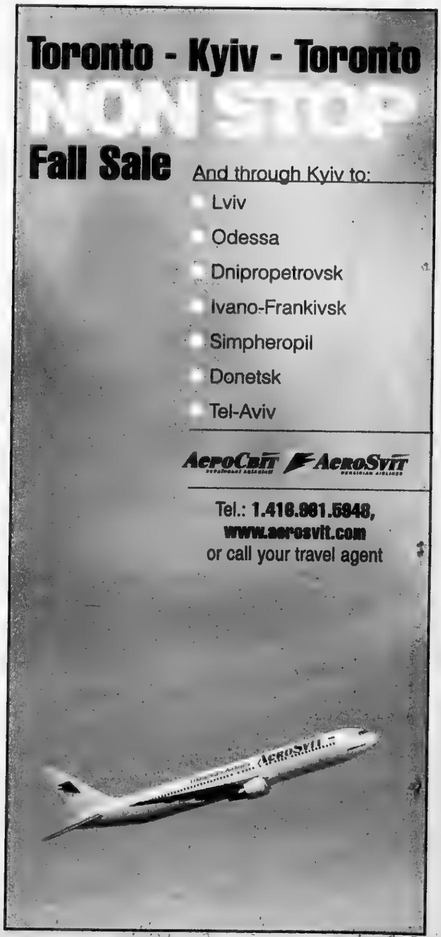

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Paikin's new book examines dark side of political life

By DAVE GORDON
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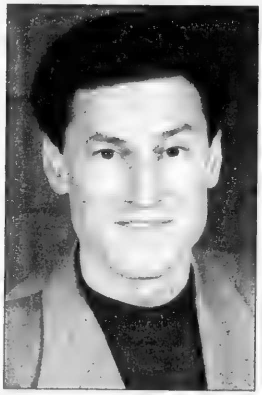

Steve Paikin

If you want to know about the dark side of politics, ask journalist and author Steve Paikin. He'll tell you about all the backbiting, the struggles, the vendettas and the heartbreak.

Paikin recounts some of these cautionary political tales in *The Dark Side: the Personal Price of a Political Life*, his just-released second book, published by Penguin Canada.

"I want good people to experience politics. It's a tough business and many naive people get in, then get their hearts broken," he says. "Even then, it's a trip, because even defeated candidates almost never say they'll never run again."

Paikin is well-acquainted with the ups and downs of politics. For the past 10 years, he has fostered political dialogue as the co-host of *Studio 2*, TVOntario's flagship current affairs show. He also hosts TVO's foreign affairs show, *Diplomatic Immunity with Steve Paikin*, which debuted in 2000.

Paikin published his first book, *The Life: The Seductive Call of Politics*, in 2001, with the intention that it and *The Dark Side* would be companions to one another.

The first book was a surprise bestseller, and he says that as a result, it didn't take much convincing for his publisher to greenlight the second book.

With uncommonly astute insight, Paikin relates many eye-opening anecdotes in his fascinating and detailed tapestry of Canadian politics.

"The stories are dramatic whether you're interested in politics or not," he says.

Writing the book, for which he interviewed 100 people over three years of work, was "the most difficult, time-consuming, exhilarating, rewarding, discipline-requiring thing" he's ever done professional, he says.

Prior to TVO, Paikin worked at radio station CHFI and for CBC Television news. He also produced a documentary on the Holocaust in 1993.

He says that after 10 years tackling politics on Studio 2, he's gotten used to criticism.

"I expect flak from everything I do. That's the nature of being in the current affairs business."

Yet, he adds, "Some of the happiest moments in dealing with feedback come when someone leaves a message on my machine and says, 'You know that job you did tonight? Not only was that so bad I'm going to spend the next two minutes criticizing you, but I'm also going to cancel my TVO membership. I'm so offended by what you did.'"

Often, he says, he'll try to call the person back to at least draw fire away from TVO.

Asked whether his Judaism influences his journalism, and vice versa, he says the journalist in him will examine such things as Israeli government policy more critically than the Jew in him would.

"The Jew in me would tend to be more supportive of Israel, while the journalist in me would temper that," he says. "On the other hand, when Israel is coming under particular condemnation by every single part of the media in the world, the Jew in me perhaps tempers the journalist in me."

Israel treasure hunter seeks Jewish wartime diamonds

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Yaron Svoray, a beefy, theatrical Israeli author and treasure hunter, is at the centre of *Blood from a Stone*, an intriguing documentary about his obsessive quest for a long-buried cache of diamonds stolen from Jews during the Holocaust.

The film, which chronicles Svoray's investigation from 1988 to 1999, will be broadcast by CBC Newsworld's *The Passionate Eye* on Sunday, Nov. 9 at 10 p.m., the 65th anniversary of Kristallnacht.

Svoray, who describes himself as a "pushy Israeli," got involved by chance after delivering a lecture at a Bangor, Me. synagogue.

There he met Sam Nyer, a Jewish - American army veteran who, in the last days of World War II, found himself in possession of a trove of French francs, jewelry and 40 uncut diamonds.

He and another soldier, a Mexican - American named Tommy Delion, buried the so-called "rocks" in a foxhole on the French/German border.

There the story ended until Svoray barged into the picture in dramatic fashion.

Svoray, whose last book was about neo-Nazis in Germany, never had any doubts about Nyer's amazing tale. All he had to do was to track down the diamonds, probably worth tens of millions of dollars.

Being in poor health, Nyer could not acompany Svoray on his pursuit. But Svoray, a self-starter, did not really need his assistance. The scent of diamonds was sufficient.

Blood from a Stone, which features dramatizations of Nyer's military service in the Seventh Army, takes the viewer from the glittering diamond centres of New York and Amsterdam to a former death camp in Holland and the killing fields of wartime France.

The rough precious stones in question, "life diamonds," were bought by Jews in Eastern Europe. They intended to use them to restart their lives after the war.

But all too often, they were murdered, and the Nazis pocketed their diamonds.

After a battle in France, Nyer, a scout, grabbed a satchel from a dead German officer. When he and Delion examined its contents, they were dazzled, not knowing the loot had once belonged to Jews.

Neither did they realize there was a kind of "curse" associated with these diamonds.

Blood from a Stone improves as it moves briskly along toward its startling denouement.

Will they actually find the diamonds? And what will they do with the stones if their quest proves successful?

Svoray is a persistent treasure hunter, and these qualities can be admired. But he is also a shameless, somewhat clownish self-promoter.

Nonetheless, *Blood from a Stone*, which will be spun off as a book, is a documentary worthy of the name.

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Novelist follows the custom of great Jewish writers

By BILL GLADSTONE
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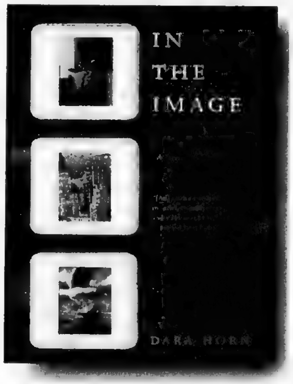
New Jersey-born author Dara Horn, 26, whose first novel *In The Image* has generated a wave of enthusiastic reviews, says one of the stories that inspired her to write the book was a sort of urban myth about Jewish immigrants who, upon reaching America, tossed their tfillin into New York harbour.



She first heard the story from a classmate at Harvard (where she is now completing a PhD thesis in Hebrew and Yiddish literature) and later realized the story was a familiar legend to many elderly American Jews.

But what "clinched it" for Horn, who recently spoke at Israel's bookstore in Toronto, was hearing about "an unidentified museum in Nova Scotia that has an exhibit featuring a set of phylacteries [tfillin] removed from the floor of the Atlantic."

The tfillin-in-the-harbour story is vintage Horn – arcane, peculiar, double-varnished, heavily laden with Jewish symbolism and reflective of a parallel universe where realistic events take on almost magical overtones.

Whether they're about tfillin fished out of New York harbour or a human skull found in a junk shop, many of the tales Horn tells have to do with loss and recovery, she observed.

"They're all about recovering something," she said. "What someone throws away, someone else will bring back."

In The Image focuses on two Jewish characters – Leora, a young American woman, and Bill Landsmann, the Viennese-born grandfather of her lost friend. The book opens with their first meeting, where they infamously fail to hit it off as friends. Subsequent chapters intermittently follow Leora's life forward in time and Bill's life backward in time, highlighting the multiple coincidences of person, place, chronology and event that link these two unlikely ships passing in the night.

"There are all sorts of connections between their two families that they're not aware of," Horn said. "They never do find out – only the reader finds out."

The book is meant to make us aware of "how little we know about other people and how much what you think you know is just your assumption. You can't really know anything about anyone other than what they happen to show you."

Readers may be excused for thinking the novel an appealing intellectual experiment that puts ideas above characters. Horn said she began by collecting stories and ideas that appealed to her, then invented a range of dramatic personae to bring them to life. "I think any serious novel is a novel of ideas," she said.

Following the custom of the great Hebrew and Yiddish writers, whom she regards as mentors, Horn has also woven elements of Jewish sacred literature into her novel, most notably from the Book of Job. Clearly modelled after Job, a chapter of *In The Image* focuses on the tribulations besetting her ironic hero, Bill Landsmann.

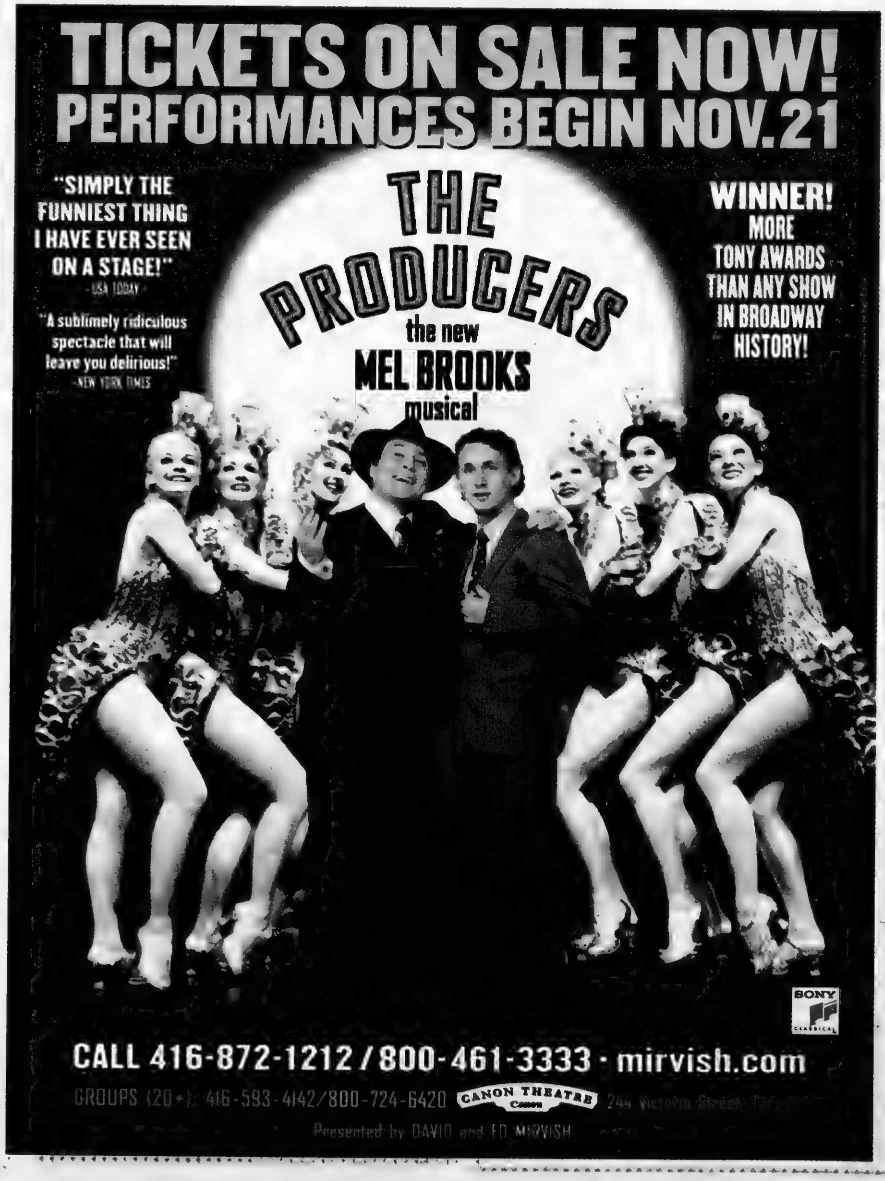
In The Image has become a favourite of Jewish book clubs, so much so that Norton included a 16-page Reading Group Guide at the end of its paperback edition. Yet its author fails a basic thumbnail test of good literature – being able to tell what the book is about in a single breath or while standing on one leg.

She said it may be a "coming-of-age" story about Leora, but quickly added the events could have happened "at any moment in a lifetime."

Still, that hasn't stopped the laudations, fan letters and literary awards from piling up. The book has won three prizes for Jewish fiction, including the $5,000 Reform Judaism Prize and the Edward Lewis Wallant Award, whose previous winners have included Chaim Potok and Cynthia Ozick.

Those honours must have pleased Ruth Wisse, Horn's Canadian-born adviser at Harvard, nearly as much as it did her husband Brendan Schulman, former Winnipeg resident and now a commercial litigation lawyer in New York.

Horn shrugs at the coincidence of having two ex-Canadians so close by. Many more extraordinary coincidences certainly lie waiting in the wings, she insinuates. Some, no doubt, will be the stuff of the second novel she is currently writing for Norton.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Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

AUTHOR ARYEH LEV STOLLMAN, FORMER WINDSOR RESIDENT, SHARES TOP PRIZE WITH J. S. FOER

Aryeh Lev Stollman, formerly of Windsor, Ont., has been named a co-recipient of this year's Harold U. Ribalow award for his second novel, *The Illuminated Soul*, which tells the story of a young man growing up in a devoutly Jewish home in postwar Ontario.

Aryeh Lev Stollman

The 49-year-old novelist, who works as a neuroradiologist in New York, shares the spotlight with New York author **Jonathan Safran Foer**, who won for his highly acclaimed first novel, *Everything Is Illuminated*.

For Stollman, the honour comes only two months after he was named the first winner of the Chaim Potok Literary Award, an annual $10,000 prize established by the Jewish Community Centers of Greater Philadelphia.

Administered by *Hadassah* magazine, the Ribalow Prize is awarded annually to an author who has created an outstanding work of fiction on a Jewish theme. This year's panel of judges included **Elie Wiesel**, **N. Scott Momaday** and **Elizabeth Rosner**, last year's Ribalow recipient. The awards ceremony takes place in New York on Dec. 2.

The Illuminated Soul explores philosophical questions as it interweaves a man's childhood and adult life with much Jewish lore and mysticism. The story involves an evocative European boarder who lives with the narrator's family in 1940s Windsor and who possesses an illuminated Hebrew manuscript rescued from wartime Prague. One critic has compared Stollman to **Bernard Malamud** in his gentle reconciliation of religious and scientific themes.

Stollman's first novel, *The Far Euphrates* (1997), is centred around a Jewish boy, a rabbi's son who grows up in a Canadian border town. His publisher, Riverhead, also recently produced a collection of his short stories, *The Dialogues of Time and Entropy.*

Foer's novel tells the story of a young Jewish American's journey through eastern Europe to find the woman who might have saved his grandfather during the Holocaust.

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New Film Prize: The Toronto Jewish Film Festival, Lillyann Goldstein and @Wallace Studios have established the @Wallace Jewish Film Award. The prize, worth $21,000, is designed to assist Canadian film talent and inspire new works of fiction (comedy or drama), as well as to encourage programming that will increase the number of movies with Jewish content.

The prize will be awarded to a Canadian filmmaker, based on a completed, submitted script that meets the criteria for Jewish content. Chosen by jury, the winner will be announced at the closing of the 12th annual Toronto Jewish Film Festival next May.

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Gabi's Dresser on Stage: In preparation for the Canadian premiere next spring, Te-Amim Music Theatre presents school workshop performances of *The Secret of Gabi's Dresser*, a new play based on the novel by Toronto author **Kathy Kacer** about actual events that took place during World War II. Rosedale Heights School of the Arts. Free admission; donations will be directed to the Holocaust Memorial Fund. Nov. 4 to 20. Reservations and times, 416-393-1580.

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Names in the News: Helene Klodawsky, **Ina Fichman** and **La Fete Productions**, mentioned in this column recently as creators of the documentary *Undying Love*, have garnered a Gemini Award for best history documentary… Montreal stage designer **Louise Campeau** has won the $100,000 Siminovitch Theatre Prize, the largest annual award of its kind in Canada. The prize is named after scientist **Dr. Lou Siminovitch** and his late wife **Elinore**… Director **George Bloomfield** and writer-producer **Alyson Feltes** have enticed an impressive array of Canadian talent to join them in The Movie Co-op Inc., a new initiative to produce high-quality commercial feature films. Founding members include **Wendy Crewson**, **Maury Chaykin**, **Peter Outerbridge**, **Paul Gross**, **Eugene Levy**, **Saul Rubinek**, **Gordon Pinsent**, **Bill White**, **Jane Tattersall** and **Perry Zimel.** Production is slated to begin on the first feature, *Mozart Loves Me*, in the spring.

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Arts in Brief

- The Friends of Yiddish pay tribute to poet **Simcha Simchovitch** with *A Literary-Musical Afternoon*, featuring **Gerry Kane** and **Lenka Lichtenberg** in Yiddish and English. Jewish Book Fair, Leah Posluns Theatre, Sunday, Nov. 9, 1:30 p.m.
- *Those Little Things*, an outdoor installation of text and granite by **Gilbert Boyer**, goes on view Nov. 9. Reception, 2 to 4 p.m. Koffler Gallery, BJCC. 416-636-1880.
- LKTYP (Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People) presents **Mordecai Richler's** *Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang*, Nov. 1 to Jan. 4, 2004. $28-$18. 165 Front St. 416-862-2222.
- **Howard Rotberg** launches his first novel, *The Second Catastrophe* (Mantua Books), in which the catastrophic events of Jewish history, including the intifadah, are mirrored in the life of the protagonist. Israel's Judaica, 897 Eglinton Ave. W. Refreshments, no admission charge. Nov. 11, 8 p.m.
- One of numerous poets featured in the Art Bar Poetry Series, **Seymour Mayne** reads from the anthology *Cinquefoil: New work from five Ottawa poets* (Mosaic Press). Victory Cafe, 581 Markham St. (one block south of Bloor). Wednesday, Nov. 12, 8 p.m. www.ArtBar.org
- **David Buchbinder** presents *Feast of the East,* inaugurating a monthly event to bring together members of the Jewish, Arabic, Greek and Roma communities "in celebration of what they already share – dance, performance, friends and music!" Features funky dance rhythms, dancing lessons and a hookah lounge. Lula Lounge, 1585 Dundas St. W. $15, students $12; dinner reservations recommended. Wednesday, Nov. 5. Doors open 7 p.m., class 8 p.m., concert 9 p.m. 416-588-0307.
- Vancouver's 19th annual Cherie Smith JCC Jewish Book Festival features 27 writers and many events, Nov. 15 to 20. The opening night celebration features writer **Nancy Richler** in conversation with writers **Letty Cottin Pogrebin** and **Aryeh Lev Stollman**. 604-257-5111.

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Regina Resnik is a veteran queen of the opera

By DAVID SILVERBERG
Special to The CJN

"Me? Retired? Can you picture me golfing in Florida?"

Regina Resnik is right; what a silly question. I can't picture the 81-year-old opera legend anywhere but surrounded by music. While she has not sung in public for 10 years, Resnik coaches opera hopefuls from Italy to Canada — she recently visited Toronto to offer career advice to singers at the Canadian Opera Centre, presented by the International Resource Centre for Performing Arts.

Regina Resnik

"Young singers need guidance," she explains from her room at the Four Seasons Hotel in Toronto. Pearls drape her neck and jewels shimmer from her fingers, in true diva elegance.

"I enjoy working with students at a level where they need repair or correction, as I do in Italy."

She is director of vocal and interpretive art for the Euro Bottega, a workshop for singers in the European Union, and was recently appointed Master Teacher-in-Residence at the Mannes School in New York City, where she lives.

Next year, Resnik and her son (who is a part-time chazzan) will commemorate the 350th anniversary of the arrival of the first Jews to New York with a concert on American-Jewish composers such as Leonard Bernstein and Daniel Pour. In subsequent years, Resnik plans to organize more concerts under the title "Colours of the Diaspora", which focuses on the impact of Jewish secular music.

Resnik has mingled art and religion before, notably in her debut documentary *Geto: The Historic Ghetto of Venice*. She admits she became an expert on European ghettos after she produced, directed and wrote the PBS-aired documentary. Her late husband, sculptor and painter Arbit Blatas, introduced her to the subject and last January Resnik paid tribute to his work with another film, *Blatas: A Painter's Homage to the Threepenny Opera*.

In October, Decca decided to honour Resnik's impressive career with a double-disc collection of her operatic work, titled *Dramatic Scenes and Arias*.

But before the fame, Resnik was a young girl whose penchant for performance thrust her on amateur and high-school stages. Her "Cinderella career," as she calls it, truly began when the 20-year-old sang as Lady Macbeth in New York under the baton of Fritz Busch.

Two years later, she made her Metropolitan Opera debut as Leonara in *Il Trovatore*, then impressed audiences as Ellen Orford in the Met premiere of Britten's *Peter Grimes*. After 13 years as a leading soprano, Resnik shifted to mezzo roles, and in 20 operas she sang both the mezzo and soprano leads. Resnik estimates she has sang around 80 roles.

"I was surrounded by the greatest," Resnik gushes, casting her memory back to the likes of Jon Vickers, Maria Callas, Richard Tucker and Robert Merill. Her face suddenly hardens and she says, "Today, nobody has time to train properly. We live in such a rush-rush world."

Resnik is not so radical to suggest reliving the past. After all, she nurtures the future with her master classes. But she has some harsh words for modern opera.

"Opera has been turned upside-down, where directors who know nothing about music produce untraditional works." She calls this era "the age of the designer," as opposed to a century earlier where singers and conductors ruled the roost.

Opera aficionados praise Resnik for "owning" several respectable roles, including Carmen and the Countess in *Queen of Spades*.

"It's always impressive to hear talented singing coupled with talented acting," says Wayne Gooding, editor of *Opera Canada*. Her dramatic range, which extended to a Tony nomination in Cabaret, "truly makes her one of the greats," Gooding says.

"I enjoy stepping back and doing something different," Resnik says on her Broadway and directing work. She also shifted gears on a break from master sessions in Toronto, where she presented awards at this year's Rubies, Canadian opera's equivalent of the Oscars.

"It was great to see friends like [Canadian] Teresa Stratas," she says softly. "And I played my first mezzo Carmen in Toronto, so the whole trip was a nostalgic homecoming."

Academy winner now on video

By LARRY ANKLEWICZ
Special to The CJN

There are six million stories about the Holocaust because a story can be told about every person who perished during that tragic period of Jewish history.

Actually however, there are more than six million stories about the Holocaust. Every person who survived also has a story to tell.

Some of these stories have already been told. Books and films about the Holocaust keep pouring out. Many are mesmerizing tales of survival and heroism against unbelievable odds. And some are heartwarming stories about human beings.

One of these is vividly told with broad strokes in the wide-screen motion picture, *Nowhere In Africa*. This is a charming story of physical survival and the survival of a family during a most trying period of human history.

Nowhere In Africa tells the true story of the Redlich clan. Walter Redlich is a lawyer in prewar Germany. His wife Jettel comes from a wealthy bourgeois family and is accustomed to the better things in life. As the Nazi persecution of Jews increases, Walter Redlich recognizes the signs and leaves for Kenya in search of a refuge from the Nazi onslaught. He arranges for Jettel and their daughter, Regina, to join him in East Africa, where he has secured a job taking care of a farm.

Although his new post is well below the standards of his position in Germany, it provides an opportunity to keep his family safe from the Nazi persecution.

Jettel has difficulty adapting to her new environment. All the comforts of home have been taken away from her and she misses her friends and family. Even learning a new language is difficult for her. The result is that the marriage is severely tested.

On the other hand, the young daughter finds the experience exhilarating. She quickly picks up the local language and customs and makes friends with the native cook. And the older she gets, the more attached Regina becomes to the land and the local people.

After the outbreak of war, the British authorities begin arresting German nationals. The Redlich family are sent to detention camps where the conditions are fairly good.

Eventually, the detainees are released. Walter Redlich joins the British army and by the war's end, the family is fairly secure. But Walter is still attracted by the possibility of reviving his legal career in Germany and helping restore the German legal system. The family then enters into a debate about returning home.

The film is drawn on a large canvas. Although emotions are shown, the emphasis is on the overall story and the spectacular African countryside. And more time is spent on Regina's growing up and acculturation than on any other aspect of the story.

Still, this is a beautiful film about a little known aspect of survival during the Holocaust. The acting is solid all the way through and the use of English subtitles should not detract from the overall effect of the film.

Nowhere In Africa won the Academy Award last year for Best Foreign film and is now available on video and DVD from Columbia Tristar Home Video.

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Business-Profile

Soviet emigre builds food supply business

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

Stepping into Adolph Zarovinsky's food-processing plant is like walking into a high-tech NASA satellite factory or a research lab studying some new virus.

Security is very tight, as workers must enter through special, crime-proof doors; next, they must walk through a special foot bath that destroys any bacteria or other unwelcome hitchhikers they may unwittingly bring with them; they must don a lab coat and hair net before they go to work; and they must not wander from their designated area of work. Room temperatures are individually set.

Nothing can interfere with the smooth functioning of the Tiffany Gate Fine Foods plant, an operation that generates tens of millions of dollars in revenue and has been growing by between 20 and 30 per cent a year for each of the last 14 years.

As owner and manager of Tiffany Gate, a closely held corporation, Zarovinsky is not keen on divulging the company's full financials. But its tremendous growth, its roster of clients that includes pretty well every major grocer in Canada, its exports to the United States, its R and D department that is constantly working on new products, and its 72,000-square-foot facility suggest this business is going from strength to strength.

Zarovinsky, a native of Odessa in the former Soviet Union, believes he has hit upon an idea that caters directly to our time-strapped, culinarily-challenged population: why not offer customers prepared foods that are fresh, not frozen or canned, that are tasty, easy to prepare and won't break the family budget?

Tiffany Gate's foods include pastas, salads, sauces, rice dishes and meat entrees in a variety of ethnic styles, including Italian, Thai and Chinese. Offered in vacuum-sealed plastic containers that have long shelf lives, the foods were first into a market niche that traded on the "freshness" of the product.

Zarovinsky, an engineer by training, believes Tiffany Gate can offer the sort of freshness consumers crave by employing a production model first developed in the automotive industry – just-in-time delivery.

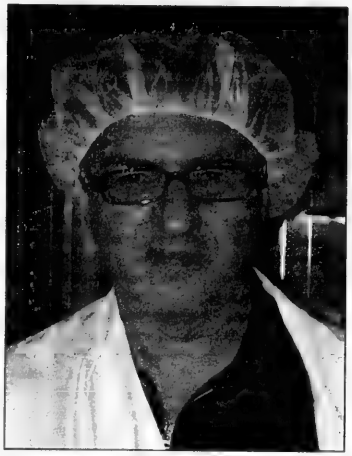
As an assembly line progresses, components are delivered by suppliers as they are needed, negating the necessity to maintain a large inventory. That keeps costs down and profits up.

To do this while keeping the food truly fresh, food providers would have to pre-sell their products to ensure they had a market and create the demand to get the production line going, Zarovinsky realized. "The majority in the food business works by making the product first and selling it second.

"The only secure way to make sure it's fresh is to sell it first," he said.

"I felt there was a lack of fresh, prepared food in grocery stores," he added.

If you were to wander into a Loblaws store, or one belonging to Dominion, Sobeys, IGA or Fortinos, to name but a few, you're likely to find one of Tiffany Gate's products in the store's refrigerated food section.


Adolph Zarovinsky

The company grew by addressing two sets of consumers, Zarovinsky explained. One group consisted of people who generally cook for themselves but on occasion find themselves short of time, don't want to eat take-out restaurant food and don't enjoy what's on offer in the frozen food sections of grocery stores. Also part of this group are people whose cooking skills are somewhat lacking.

A larger market segment comes from those already used to purchasing many of their meals, most often in the frozen or canned food sections of supermarkets. "These people can be converted to this new experience of fresh foods," he said.

Even restaurants have become Tiffany Gate customers, lapping up its pastas, rice dishes, sauces, soups and salad dressings.

The food industry is so massive that if Tiffany Gate grabs only one or two per cent, the rewards would be huge, he said, adding that the demographic trend is for consumers to spend less and less time in the kitchen preparing meals.

While other suppliers have latched onto Tiffany Gate's idea, Zarovinsky welcomes the challenge. "Competition makes us look better and it keeps us on our toes," he said.

"We supply to practically every major chain in Canada," Zarovinsky said. "This is a growing part of the food business and we were first to exploit it and develop it."

Zarovinsky, 54, started Tiffany Gate in 1989 after stints as a manager in the food services industry.

Growing up in Odessa, a port city on the Black Sea that is now part of Ukraine, Zarovinsky was conscious that many of those around him had to supplement their meagre, official incomes working for the state by other unconventional means.

Because it was so productive, the "alternative economy" was tolerated by the government.

When he was growing up in the 1960s, about 35 per cent of Odessa's population was Jewish and Jews were generally well accepted by their neighbours. When news of Israel's remarkable military victory in the Six Day War of 1967 reached them, the younger Jews of Odessa felt a surge of pride and "people became more overtly Jewish by wearing Magen Davids."

Small groups began studying Jewish history and contacts were made with Israel. "We were interrogated a number of times for this," Zarovinsky said, and "my parents were getting heart attacks from my participation," he joked.

By the early 1970s, Zarovinsky was studying mechanical engineering in the merchant marine academy – a prelude to military service on board the Soviet nuclear submarine fleet. But by then, he had obtained an Israeli visa, and he left two months before graduation, avoiding a dangerous assignment aboard one of the Soviet submarines that were known to offer little protection against radiation leaks.

In Israel, Zarovinsky enrolled in engineering at the Technion and later served in the Israel Defence Forces. He immigrated to Canada in 1975 with his wife Mary and daughter Tzipora. He quickly found work at a small company, Hayward Gordon, which supplied the mining and chemical industries.

From there he moved to Lever Brothers and afterwards, he started his own food distribution business, importing specialty health products from Europe that were unavailable in Canada.

Although it was only a small enterprise, he had no idea of how to run a business. He felt, however, that "the best way to learn how to swim is to jump into the water."

His experience in the Soviet Union and in Canada did not prepare him for his venture, he said, but "at the end of the day, you have to go in and take a plunge. You can't anticipate everything. I was in blissful ignorance of the real world, so I did it."

He raised capital from friends and relatives. Although the business never made money, a few years later, he sold it for a profit and went back to work for others. By that time, "I knew I wanted to be in the food business, but don't ask me why. It's an inexplicable reason."

Over the years, he upgraded his education by taking business courses at the University of Toronto, and one of his employers sent him and other senior managers for more training at the Kellogg School of Business at Northwestern University.

By the time he started Tiffany Gate, he had business smarts, and he knew he "had to come up with something that would give me an advantage, a niche. That's how we came up with this idea."

Asked whether his Soviet background had any role in his success, Zarovinsky replied, "Any human being, given an opportunity and a willingness to work can do just about anything. The only necessary condition for that is freedom to do your own thing and to benefit from the fruits of your labour. The rest is up to the individual and it's not specific to Russians or any other ethnic group."

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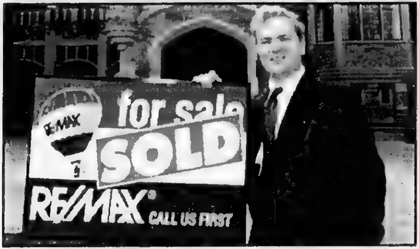

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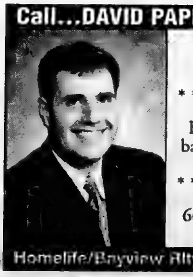

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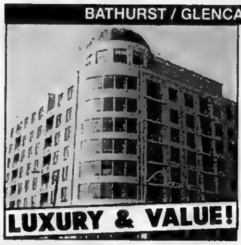

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GINSBERG, Hy – on Oct. 10, 2003, late of 147 Elder St.
ENGLISHMAN, Rita – on Oct. 10, 2003, late of 35 Roman Rd.
MARKS, Lara – on Oct. 11, 2003, late of 135 Antibes Dr., #803.
MOLDAVER, Esther – on Oct. 12, 2003, late of 3636 Bathurst St., #14.
CONWAY, Alec – on Oct. 12, 2003, late of 12 Burmont Rd.
BALABAN, Terry Linda – on Oct. 10, 2003, late of 60 Robingrove Rd.
RODMAN, Beatrice – on Oct. 11, 2003, late of 2 Delbank Rd.
COHEN, Sally – on Oct. 10, 2003, late of 661 Dufferin St.
COHN, Ruth – on Oct. 11, 2003, late of 919 Dufferin St., #14.
BIRNBAUM, Samuel – on Oct. 14, 2003, late of 3800 Yonge St., #418.
GORDON, Elizabeth – on Oct. 15, 2003, late of 196 Park Home Ave.
SMITH, Louis – on Oct. 16, 2003, late of 123 Dunblaine Ave.
FEIMAN, Nate – on Oct. 15, 2003, late of 28 Upper Canada Dr.
ZELDIN, Sheila – on Oct. 15, 2003, late of 7 York Valley Cres.
KENT, Judith – on Oct. 15, 2003, late of 350 Lonsdale Rd., #60.
SAMUELS, Lawrence – on Oct. 17, 2003, late of 66 Collier St., 5B.
NIMHAUSER, Adolfo – on Oct. 17, 2003, late of 98 Conley St.
SWIRSKY, Florence – on Oct. 18, 2003, late of 80 Antibes Dr., #2207.
KESTENBAUM, Schloma – on Oct. 18, 2003, late of 1 Emerald Lane, #310.
DENNIS, Norman – on Oct. 17, 2003, late of 60 Westgate Blvd.
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Sports & Leisure

Volleyball coach looking for new blood

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

It's Halloween and George Shermer is looking for some new blood.

No, Shermer is not some bloodsucking ghoul or vampire getting into the spirit of the season.

Rather, the lanky Czech-born entrepreneur is actively recruiting young Jewish volleyball players who he hopes will form the nucleus of a Maccabiah-bound team in the years to come.

Abiding by the coach's credo to get 'em while they're young, Shermer is looking for kids in their mid-teens whom he can train, sculpt and mould into good volleyball players.

While previous volleyball experience is useful, it's not a prerequisite. Shermer said he's looking for dedicated athletes who are team-oriented and love sports. And you don't have to be over six feet tall to apply.

Shermer, who coached Canada's entry at the 2001 Maccabiah Games in Israel, believes what the team needs is "kids who are interested in becoming competitive indoor volleyball players."

Participants will benefit from Shermer's coaching and that of his two assistant coaches, his sons Elie and Daniel. Both were top players last year with Loyalist College in Belleville and helped make Loyalist the Ontario college champions. Loyalist lost to a team from Red Deer in a contest for the national title.

Josh Binstock will serve as a guest coach. Binstock, a mainstay of the Canadian Maccabiah team, is a key member of the University of Toronto volleyball team.

Shermer will hold his volleyball camp on Tuesday nights at William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate Institute and the team will also play, beginning in January, in the Ontario Volleyball Association's competitive league.

The ultimate goal is to prepare a team that could win a medal at the 2005 games in Israel, he said, adding players will still have to get past open tryouts for a spot on the team.

At the last games two years ago, Canada finished fifth. The team, he said, featured a blend of very young, inexperienced players and older players (over 30) who formed the core of the team, but ran out of gas late in games.

Shermer believes a different blend of players would have a better chance of capturing a medal. For more information, contact Shermer at 416-785-6677.

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Maccabi Canada honours Robert Lantos at gala dinner

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

In an evening of good cheer, good food and thought-provoking speeches, one moment stood out for its emotional impact.

Speaking at a glittering dinner last week at the Sheraton Centre in his honour, Robert Lantos paused to recall the intense emotions he experience during the opening ceremonies of the 2001 Maccabiah Games.

Lantos had travelled to Israel to see his son, Ari, compete for Canada in water polo, as he himself had done in 1969. He found his indignation rising as he drove to Teddy Stadium and witnessed first-hand the extreme security measures undertaken by Israel to make sure the games proceeded without incident.

Israeli officials, he thought, were forced to turn the country "into an armed camp to host a sports competition." Pausing briefly to compose himself, Lantos recounted that his indignation turned to inspiration when he joined Jews from around the world at the opening ceremonies.

"Had you been there, they would have taken your breath away, as they did mine," he said.

The Maccabiah Games are much more than a sports event, he continued. They are a symbol of Jewish survival and a vital bridge between the Jewish diaspora and the State of Israel. What's more, they are "a slap in the face of those who want to destroy Israel."

Lantos, a member of the Order of Canada and a longtime supporter of the Maccabiah movement, was speaking at the gala dinner held by Maccabi Canada to kick off its two-year, $4-million fundraising effort to underwrite the cost of sending a team to the 17th Maccabiah Games in July 2005. The dinner was attended by 670 people, said Tom Bacher, senior vice-president of Maccabi Canada.

Lantos, the founder of Alliance Communications Corporation, a film entertainment company, said his first experience at the 1969 Games was memorable.

He was "enthralled and amazed that the other athletes were all Jewish," he said. It made him realize that the fate of Jews and the fate of Israel are "inextricably intertwined" and that the survival of Israel is the cornerstone for the survival of Jews.

A native of Budapest, Hungary, Lantos was conscious that elite Jewish athletes faced anti-Semitic barriers that hindered their success.

He noted that a champion fencer was well-known in Hungary for converting to Christianity because he could not compete otherwise. And his mother, years before when she was a 12-year-old in competitive swimming, was not allowed to collect the medal she had won.

The Maccabi movement allows Jews to compete without any handicaps, Lantos said. The original Maccabees, he said, were Jewish resistance fighters and fierce warriors who freed ancient Israel from Greek overlords.

As the son of Holocaust survivors, he said he identified with the image of Jews as fierce competitors who can't be pushed around.

Lantos quoted Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who told those who braved the Palestinian terrorist threat to attend the 2001 Maccabiah that "our enemies are trying to isolate us [Israel] from the rest of the world, and now they are trying to isolate us from each other."

Robert Lantos (left) receives award from Maccabi president Lawrence Hart.

In his introductory remarks, Lawrence Hart, national president of Maccabi Canada, traced the history of the modern Maccabi organization to the 19th century gymnastic movement in Germany and the Austro-Hungarian empire.

The movement held its first Maccabiah Games in British-mandated Palestine in 1935, and, after delay caused by World War II, the games resumed in 1950, when Canada sent its first team. Only 800 athletes participated in that first postwar competition, but by 1997, more than 5,000 competitors from around the world, including former Soviet republics, took part.

Today, Jews are experiencing the re-emergence of the worst anti-Semitism in 50 years, which aims in part to delegitimize Israel as a state and demonize its supporters, Hart said.

The Maccabi movement, though not a political organization, focuses on instilling a strong Jewish identity in its young competitors, one linked to Israel, he said.

Maccabi Canada, he continued, expects that young people who visit Israel as part of a Maccabi experience, will return "invigorated and inspired," committed to Israel and the Jewish people.

Other remarks were delivered by TV mogul Moses Znaimer, longtime Lantos friend Laszlo Bartha, filmmaker Atom Egoyan, Israeli consul gemeral Ya'acov Brosh and documentary filmmaker Simcha Jacobivici, who presented a nine-minute film on the history of the Maccabi movement.

British-based journalist Barbara Amiel, who was introduced by defence lawyer Eddie Greenspan, delivered the keynote address (please see related article on page 5).

CBC news anchor Peter Mansbridge hosted the evening, while other dignitaries included newspaper publisher Conrad Black; former Ontario premier David Peterson; Ontario Attorney General Michael Bryant; Rabbi Gunther Plaut, who competed in the 1935 Games in tennis; and Sid Himel, a member of Canada's 1950 team; former Canadian Olympians Mark McCoy (1992 Barcelona), Donovan Bailey (1996 Atlanta), Jamie Sale and David Pelletier (2002 Salt Lake City); Toronto Argonaut Noah Cantor; and a number of former Maccabi athletes.

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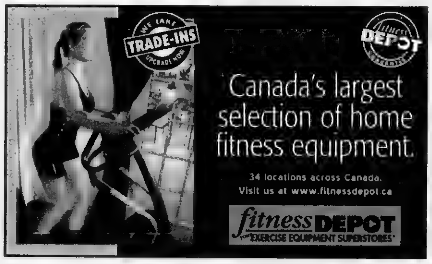

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Spiritual repair

something 20

By JODI KOVITZ

The concept of tikkun olam, or repairing the world through social action, is one of the categories of tzedakah. It is our duty as Jews to help those less fortunate than ourselves, and to take on "world-fixing" activities, such as fighting discrimination, ignorance and injustice, and repairing harm done to the environment.

According to Rabbi Jeremy Schwartz, the use of the term "tikkum olam" is the result of a fairly recent mixing of two streams of Jewish thought. The first is biblical: the insistence of the prophets of Israel that oppression of the weak and the poor was not only sinful, but tantamount to idolatrous rebellion against a living God. Rabbi Schwartz also says tikkun olam derives its importance from the 16th-century kabbalistic teachings of Rabbi Isaac Luria. Luria taught that in the process of creating the universe, God sent forth "a pure divine light that could not be contained by the vessels into which it flowed." An explosion ensued, scattering broken shards or sparks of holiness across the new universe. According to Luria, the human task in this world of "broken-ness" is repair: tikkun.

To me, there is something really special about the tikkun olam concept. I engage in tikkun olam out of a sense of ethical obligation, but it is also one of the few rituals through which I manifest my own spirituality. In talking to my peers, I have learned that I am not alone in this feeling.

I was reminded, during a course I took several years ago, at Kolel: The Adult Centre for Liberal Jewish Education, that Judaism is not only a religion, but rather a way of life. Our teacher, Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, explained that in Judaism, it is not enough to have high expectations but show no commitment. She said we must act in order to find meaning in being Jewish. Even if rituals we are not used to practising feel somewhat empty or difficult at the beginning, they will become meaningful in time. Moving into a state of holiness in Judaism comes through commitment, intention and action.

Since I was a little girl, I have made it my business to help out in the community in whatever way I can. However, I never saw this inclination and behaviour as part of my spiritual identity until I changed my perspective on where this ritual fit into my life. Recently, I have started to see my commitment to bettering the community as one of the central facets of my Jewish identity.

Now I experience moments of holiness not only in synagogue, but while in the midst of reading a newspaper to my visually impaired friend or in giving money to a homeless person on the street. These experiences make me feel small, and fill me with a deep sense of awe and wonder. In January, I will begin the ultimate spiritual experience: spending a semester working at a legal aid clinic in Toronto's Parkdale community. I will be providing legal services and engaging in social action initiatives on behalf of a community that desperately needs assistance.

These days, the world seems so broken it might seem difficult to remain enthusiastic about taking baby steps toward fixing it. Hopefully, by injecting a sense of spirituality into this ethical obligation, we will feel renewed and keep trying, no matter how daunting the task may seem at times.

As always, I welcome your feedback at jlkovitz@hotmail.com.

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Epi on Education

Seymour Epstein

While every effort is being made to postpone the cancellation of the new Equity in Education Tax Credit (EETC), Jewish parents should be aware that another form of government assistance to Jewish day schools is inevitable.

First, we must never forget that as long as Ontario Catholic schools are funded, as long as other provinces interpret the British North America Act (BNA) so as to grant funding to faith-based schools, and as long as progressive jurisdictions worldwide (France, Sweden, United Kingdom and Australia, to name a few) support Jewish schools, the injustice is a moral stain on our province that can be neither tolerated nor justified. Any cancellation of the last government's solution (which was only partial) must simultaneously begin a process to find a new solution acceptable to both the new government and faith-based schools.

This is probably the best time for all concerned citizens of Ontario to re-examine what we mean by public school education. Public schools are a relatively recent phenomenon in the long history of education. Indeed, they are very new when compared to our ancient dictum, *v'shinantam l'vanecha* – "you shall teach your children diligently." While Jewish systems of education have developed over the centuries and in every land we have inhabited, public school education is only beginning to grow and change.

But has public school education kept up with Ontario? This great province has become a true mosaic of every culture imaginable, with representation from a virtual rainbow of ethnicities. Yet the funding structure of our public schools is essentially the same as it was during the BNA era.

What if the public model could be expanded to include those who wish to be educated in the mix and those who wish to celebrate their faith-based education in a separate setting, a place where the public curriculum would be complemented by a rich infusion of culture-specific literature, values, music, spirituality and history? Can a mature Ontario join other culturally diverse jurisdictions that share the same vision?

Epi (Seymour Epstein) is the vice-president of Jewish Education at UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

The Canadian Jewish news

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

(Answers to the crossword are on page 66.)

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10. Tax preparers
14. Bad Roman
15. English poet Sitwell
16. English for tsava
17. Lapsang souchong and such
18. Muddle, confuse
19. Disturb, ruffle
20. Spanish pot
21. Does the rah-rah stuff at games
23. 92nd Street has a famed example
25. Dine
26. Lacking a label
31. One, in Spanish
34. Interlocutor's heated confirmation to 4 Down
35. _____ Liddell Hart, early British advocate of tank, air warfare
37. Model trains, by maker's name
38. Scotsman's negative
39. African religious tradition
40. Place a burden on, or commit funds
42. To bring, or haul down, in Paris
43. Car or rock band
44. 'ABC' in Hebrew, third letter trimmed
46. ___ Goldberg, composer of scores for George of the Jungle II, Rescue: 911
47. Dynamic starter
48. ____ Israel, program that assists young people to travel to the Land
53. Arabia, in Hebrew
57. Garfield's canine sidekick
58. Buy one's lunch
59. Hot under the collar
60. Ant starter
61. Tic starter, one of two spellings
62. Ivan or Peter
63. Word at end of communal prayer
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1. I'm, like, you know, ___ collecting
2. Rod's partner
3. World's fourth largest inland sea
4. Combative 3-word retort to statement in argument
5. '____ evil', educator's creed
6. Third witch?
7. Bona ___
8. T ending gives name to work
9. Some units in a march defend _____
10. Proofreader's mark
11. Polynesian sea-going craft
12. Betwixt
13. Vester and via starters
22. Minor Jewish holiday that follows Pesach, var. spelling
24. Skip algebra or calculus
26. One who causes bogging down
27. The Shema's '... the Lord ____
28. ____-Vanzetti
29. 'No Dadaist was as sharp _____'
30. Cravat
31. Employing
32. Some Japanese-Americans
33. 'Sound the ____!!'
36. Melba and 'L'Chaim!' ____ (defin.)
38. Born as
41. Uttered suddenly, unadvisedly
42. They emigrated to Israel or America to find _____ life
45. Bellylaugh
46. Gertrude
48. Tahiti's twice-vocalized island name
49. Latin word used in references
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51. Tax-collectors, region one?
52. Understands
54. Shoshan, in English
55. Island group off Galway Bay
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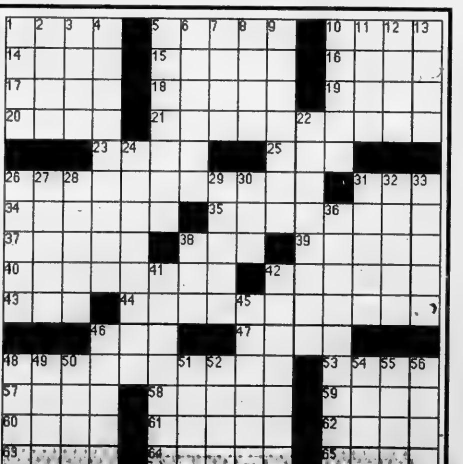

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Arafat worth over $1 billion: CBS

By NATAN GUTTMAN and LIMOR TEVET
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat is transferring $100,000 (US) a month from PA monies to his wife, Suha, who is living in Paris, according to the CBS television program *60 Minutes.*

In a Nov. 9 report, the program said the money goes to support a luxurious lifestyle for 40-year-old Suha and the couple's eight-year-old daughter Zahwa.

The report emphasized that Suha Arafat's monthly support payments come from PA public monies in Arafat's private accounts.

Reportedly sends $100,000 each month to wife living in luxury in Paris

CBS news and *60 Minutes* correspondent Lesley Stahl interviewed PA Finance Minister Salam Fayyad, who related his efforts to expose the graft of the PA and to uncover secret bank accounts where PA money was being transferred.

Fayyad is currently trying to track down all the PA-allocated money that never reached its intended destination.

U.S. officials say Arafat "has a personal nest egg of between $1 billion and $3 billion" (all figures US), the program reported.

Part of Arafat's wealth is in a secret portfolio worth close to $1 billion.

"Although the money for the portfolio came fom public funds like Palestinian taxes, virtually none of it was used for the Palestinian people. It was all controlled by Arafat. And… none of those dealings were made public," the program said.

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Yasser Arafat

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Philip Foster, who was shot down in action during World War II, named his RCAF plane for his home town. A native of Edenbridge, Sask., he settled in Flin Flon, Man., where he was sometimes called "the flying plumber."

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Remembrance Day

Three years ago, Hanna de Vries Stavland, a Dutch-born musician and writer who lives in Stavanger, Norway, was in the Norwegian town of Egersund, about 90 kilometres from home, in connection with a historical book she had written about a local parson's wife.

While there, she happened to see a photo of a cemetery in *Dalane Tidende*, a local newspaper. The picture piqued her curiosity.

To her astonishment, the Allied military gravesite in the Egersund churchyard included a headstone emblazoned with a Star of David. It was the grave of Philip Foster, a squadron leader in the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) who was killed in action during World War II.

"What the Jews did as warriors is not especially well-known or appreciated," de Vries Stavland said during a visit in September to the Toronto home of Foster's distant cousin Charles Kadin. Foster's sister, Freeda Baron, came in from Winnipeg for the occasion.

(Baron and Kadin say they don't know exactly how they are related, but they bonded some 30 years ago, partly over a mutual interest in the memory of her brother.)

After her visit to Egersund, de Vries Stavland tracked Baron down through the Jewish Heritage Institute in Winnipeg. Baron, an 82-year-old retired schoolteacher, replied to de Vries Stavland and put her in touch with Kadin, an aviation artist and aviation history buff, to fill in the military background.

De Vries Stavland – who was born in 1943 to a Jewish doctor and his wife, a nurse who converted to Judaism – ended up writing an extensively researched article for *Dalane Tidende*.

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CANADA

Rabbi on Press Council

TORONTO — Rabbi Bernard Baskin, rabbi emeritus of Temple Anshe Shalom in Hamilton and *The CJN*'s books columnist, has been chosen to serve a two-year term on the Ontario Press Council, beginning in January. He succeeds Anglican Bishop Colin Johnson, who is completing the maximum eight years on council. The 21-member press council, founded in 1972, has 219 member papers. It considers specific complaints from readers about the conduct of its members that cannot be worked out between the complainant and the newspaper.

ISRAEL

Dismantle Town: Shinui

JERUSALEM — Shinui, the second-largest party in Israel's governing coalition, said last week it wants to dismantle Netzarim, a settlement in Gaza, and end "targeted killings" of Palestinian terrorists in order to revive peace talks.

Memorial Vandalized

TEL AVIV — Three Israelis were arrested last week for vandalizing a memorial to assassinated Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin. An indictment was filed against Iris Cohen, 38, of Jerusalem, who is accused of vandalizing posters near the Tel Aviv memorial. Indictments were also filed against Yeshayahu Cohen, 23, and Avi Salah, 18, for spitting on the memorial.

David Bar-Ilan Dies

JERUSALEM — David Bar-Illan, a former editor of the *Jerusalem Post* and aide to former Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu, died last week in Jerusalem. He was 73 and had been in failing health following a heart attack three years ago. He served as editor-in-chief of the *Post* from 1992 to 1996 and served as director of communications in the Prime Minister's Office under Netanyahu from 1996 to 1999. He was also a concert pianist who recorded several albums. Many of his popular "Eye on the Media" columns, which skewered press treatment of Israel, were collected in a book of the same name.

WORLD

New Jewish Yukos Head

MOSCOW — A Russian-born American Jew was named the new head of the Yukos oil giant last week after its CEO resigned. Simon Kukes will replace Yukos founder Mikhail Khodorkovsky, who resigned as CEO in a move he said was aimed at shielding his company from legal attack. Khodorkovsky, who is also Jewish, remains in a Moscow jail after his arrest on charges of fraud and tax evasion late last month. His arrest and the pressure on Yukos are widely regarded as politically motivated. Sources close to Khodorkovsky said his resignation could free him up to consider running for Russian president. Also last week, Russian President Vladimir Putin told visiting Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon that the crackdown on Yukos is not motivated by anti-Semitism.

Israeli UN Motion

NEW YORK — Israel last week proposed its first resolution at the United Nations since 1976, one "expressing concern over the fact that Israeli children are subject to Palestinian terrorism," said Ariel Milo, an official at Israel's UN mission. The resolution was circulated in the wake of an Egyptian-sponsored resolution expressing concern over Palestinian children suffering under Israeli occupation. "Basically, we changed the rules of the game" by moving from a defensive to offensive position, Milo said.

Russian-Israeli Oil Deal

MOSCOW — Russian oil will flow through an Israeli pipeline. The deal was announced last week in Moscow as Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon returned to Israel from a three-day visit with Russian President Vladimir Putin. The oil will flow through a line run by the Eilat-Ashkelon Oil Pipeline Company, the firm said. The oil will travel to Asia.

Anti-Hamas Legislation

SYDNEY — The Australian government was set last week to introduce a law in the Australian Parliament that makes contact with Hamas illegal. It would impose a maximum penalty of 25 years in jail for funding or otherwise aiding the terrorist organization.

Army Not Rife with Anti-Semitism: Minister

BERLIN — German Defence Minister Peter Struck said last week he is sure that anti-Jewish views endorsed by a top general are not widespread in the army, and he stressed that all German soldiers are taught about Germany's Nazi past.

Earlier in the week, Struck fired the head of the elite KSK special forces, Reinhard Guenzel, almost immediately after learning that Guenzel wrote a letter of support on army notepaper to a lawmaker who sparked outrage with comments widely seen as belittling the Holocaust.

Martin Hohmann, a conservative member of parliament, has been under pressure to resign for saying in a speech last month that Jews, like Germans, could be seen as "perpetrators" because they participated in execution squads during the Russian Revolution. Guenzel told Hohmann most Germans shared the lawmaker's views.

Struck said regular studies of the attitudes of conscripts and professional soldiers of all ranks are made to ensure the army remains anchored in democracy. "I have no reason to assume the general's views are shared – quite the contrary," he told a news conference, adding he would study the 59-year-old Guenzel's files for signs of extremist views.

But a group of 100 past and present officers said in a statement that Guenzel is "not an isolated case" and that there are more extremists in the army, including "a considerable number in leadership positions who lack democratic awareness."

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Architect communicates lessons of Holocaust

By ADAM SEGAL
Special to The CJN

When architect Daniel Libeskind creates building designs, the symbolism and meaning of the structure is foremost in his mind.

"Architecture communicates a story," says. "Very often, the story goes to depths and heights that have no words."

One such story is the Holocaust.

Libeskind, the designer of the acclaimed Jewish Museum Berlin, spoke to a capacity audience at Beth Tzedec Synagogue Nov. 8 as part of Holocaust Education Week.

In a talk called "Designing Sacred Space: Memorializing the Holocaust," he discussed his efforts to communicate the lessons and stories of the Holocaust through architecture.

"There is a need to bring the memory [of the Holocaust] to Germans," said Libeskind, who also designed the Felix Nussbaum Museum in Osnabruck.

"[Germans should] experience the culture that was there and experience the total loss of a culture."

As a child of Holocaust survivors from Lodz, Poland, Libeskind felt a strong personal connection when he worked on the Felix Nussbaum Museum, which was completed in 1998.

Nussbaum was a painter from Osnabruck, an obscure, sparsely populated town in northern Germany.

Libeskind recalled a self-portrait created by Nussbaum in 1933, the year the Nazis came to power, in which the painter displays his Jewish identify card and wears an ominous expression.

"When I saw that haunted look, I got to know him," Libeskind said. Nussbaum fled Germany but was arrested in Brussels and sent to his death in Auschwitz.

The museum's three sections contain many connections to Nussbaum's life.

The oak section, whose theme is Osnabruck, contains Nussbaum's pre-1933 paintings.

The concrete section is bleaker, depicting the emptiness and disorientation Nussbaum experienced during his exile.

And in the final section, made of zinc, there is a 17th-century steel bridge, symbolic of a pathway to the future.

"The Holocaust is about how the past is communicated to the present and to future generations," Libeskind said.

Libeskind marvelled at the museum's success, noting that Osnabruck has a population of 160,000 but annual attendance at the museum is about 250,000.

The museum is home to 170 of Nussbaum's paintings and graphic works, as well as biographical materials and historical documents.

But the Libeskind project that has garnered the most media attention and attracted more visitors than any other museum in Germany is the Jewish Museum Berlin. Like the Nussbaum museum, its architecture is representative of the periods of darkness and light in German-Jewish history and culture.

For example, in some areas, visitors can see, but not enter, rooms that are empty. Libeskind referred to this as "voided voids."

"The void is the impenetrable emptiness across which the absence of Berlin's Jewish citizens is made apparent to the visitor," he has written.

The museum was supposed to officially open on Sept. 11, 2001, with Libeskind and various family and friends flying in for the ceremony.

But the terrorist attacks grounded their planes, making the ceremony impossible.

The irony is not lost on Libeskind, who is currently leading a design team participating in the World Trade Center Design Study.

"It's a tremendous task," Libeskind said of the project, which has become complicated as stakeholders have different and sometimes competing visions.

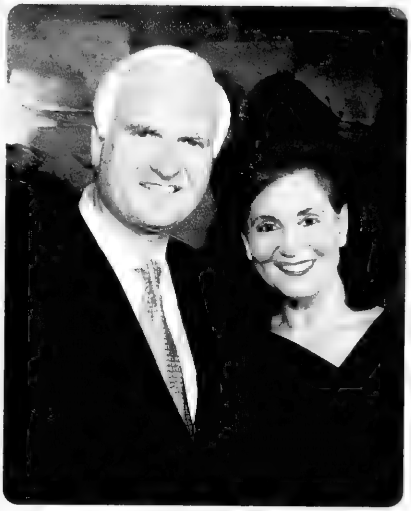
"It [requires] navigating through a labyrinth. [But] compromise is good."

Before he began his architecture career, Libeskind was a virtuoso pianist who performed at Carnegie Hall in 1960 when he was only 14 years old.

After receiving his architecture degree in 1970, Libeskind completed post-graduate work in architecture theory and history.

He has garnered numerous awards and has designed many landmark buildings in such places as Denmark, England and Mexico.

In Canada, he is currently working on the extension of the Royal Ontario Museum, which is slated to open December 2005.



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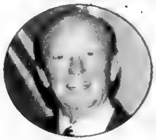
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Beware the new tactic

From the editor's desk

Disingenuous and dangerous winds are blowing towards Israel from certain intellectual circles.

Whether from genuine "fatigue" over the ugly and seemingly unending fighting between Israel and the Palestinian Authority's (PA) terrorist axis or from a desire to achieve indirectly what the Arab world has never been able to achieve directly, more people are suggesting that the only solution to the conflict is establishment of one state to accommodate the competing nationalisms of the Israelis and the Palestinians.

The effect of such a proposal, of course, would be the elimination of a sovereign Jewish state.

The well-meaning proponents of a one-state solution, to give them the benefit of the doubt at least for argument's sake, do not seem to be bothered by this outcome, it being, after all, a logical, even necessary, sequela of the imperative to fairness and the democratic process. In that event, a national home for the Jews would have been a noble experiment that had outlived its time and utility, alas.

The ill-meaning proponents of a single, binational state, on the other hand, would celebrate the outcome. And they would probably share a good laugh among themselves too, for having been boosted in their malevolent cause, by some of the West's thoughtful, intellectual elite.

Last month, *The Globe and Mail's* Middle East correspondent, Paul Adams, wrote about the re-emergence in the Middle East of the idea of a binational, one-state solution. "In recent weeks, Palestinian leaders as diverse as the leading peace activist Sari Nusseibeh and the militant leader Marwan Barghouti (who is on trial in Israel accused of organizing terrorist murders), have suggested that the days of the two-state solution may soon be over.

"'If [the Israeli] occupation does not end unilaterally or through negotiations,' Barghouti said in his closing statement at his trial recently, 'then there is only one solution: one state for two peoples.'

"Michael Tarazi, an American-born legal adviser to the Palestinian Liberation Organization, has gone further, arguing that Palestinians should abandon the two-state strategy altogether. Instead, he says they should fight for a single state encompassing both Israel and the Palestinian territories, containing both Arabs and Jews. Instead of striving for an independent state, the argument goes, Palestinians should be campaigning for equal rights as citizens in a binational state.

"Who in the West, the argument goes, could resist the idea of a democracy based on one person, one vote?…

"The increasing appeal of the one-state idea," Adams wrote, "arises from the collapse of the hope for Palestinian statehood once embodied in the PA."

Three days before the Adams article appeared in *The Globe and Mail*, New York University professor Tony Judt propounded the binational, one-state solution in an op-ed article in the *Los Angeles Times*. Two weeks later, it appeared in the prestigious *New York Review of Books* in expanded form.

Ominously, therefore, the call for the democratic dismantling of Israel does not emanate only from Israel's foes close by the battleground. It is being echoed in the halls of academia in Manhattan as well.

Thankfully, however, there are also opposing thinkers who not only understand too well the implications of a one-state proposal but are shocked that it has been seriously raised.

For example, in the Oct. 27 issue of *The New Republic*, its literary editor, Leon Wieseltier, pounced upon Judt like a lion defending her cubs against a dangerous intruder.

"Judt calls his article 'Israel: The Alternative.' But let us read strenuously. A binational state is not the alternative *for* Israel. It is the alternative *to* Israel. Judt and his editors have crossed the line from the criticism of Israel's policy to the criticism of Israel's existence. The right in Israel and America are therefore greatly in their debt: they have given credence to the suspicion that the criticism of Israel's policy is always nothing other than the criticism of Israel's existence. They have taken the heroic step of calling for the dismantling of the Jewish state."

In his typically comprehensive and biting manner, Wieseltier brilliantly analyzes and dispatches each of the four reasons put forward by Judt for advancing the idea of a binational state.

One of Judt's reasons, however, requires special attention because it is the one most frequently expressed by certain Jews and thus, to my mind, the saddest: Judt is, simply, embarrassed by Israel. He even writes: "The behaviour of a self-described Jewish state affects the way everyone else looks at Jews. The increased incidence of attacks on Jews in Europe and elsewhere is primarily attributable to misdirected efforts, often by young Muslims, to get back at Israel… The depressing truth is that *Israel today is bad for the Jews*."

Wieseltier dealt with it superbly. "It is the essence of all prejudice to call its object its cause. But if you explain anti-Semitism as a response to Jews, and racism as a response to blacks, and misogyny as a response to women, then you have not understood it. You have reproduced it."

Wieseltier's essay should be read widely by anyone wishing to equip himself with the means to answer the call for the establishment of a binational single state as a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. And let supporters of Israel not delude ourselves. It is not merely a well-intentioned call. It is an ill wind blowing danger towards Israel.

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Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon attends a ceremony at the grave site of late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, to mark the eighth anniversary of Rabin's assasination, at the Mount Herzl cemetery in Jerusalem, November 6, 2003. Rabin was killed on November 4, 1995 by Yigal Amir who was opposed to Rabin's peace efforts.

[RNS/Reuters photo]

Cotler receives Plaut Humanitarian Award

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

In the post-Durban world, anti-Semitic incidents seem to be an everyday occurrence, so it was hardly a surprise that within a day or two of Montreal MP Irwin Cotler speaking out against global anti-Semitism, Hezbollah's Al-Manar TV broadcast a series based on *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.

Called *Al-Shaat* (*The Diaspora*) the Lebanese broadcast also came only a few weeks after the now-retired Malaysian prime minister, Mahathir Mohamad, was applauded by leaders of 57 Muslim nations for a speech that contained classic anti-Semitic conspiracy theories about backroom Jewish world control.

A longstanding human rights advocate, Cotler has devised an analytic framework to dissect the new anti-Semitism. He pronounced on his findings at Holy Blossom Temple last week while accepting the W. Gunther Plaut Humanitarian Award for "an outstanding contribution to the community and to human rights."

Cotler, who has represented prisoners of conscience Nathan Sharansky, Andrei Sakharov and Nelson Mandela, said Jews no longer face traditional anti-Semitism, with its discrimination in employment and education. Today's anti-Semitism has many faces, but its defining feature is the discrimination and assault upon the right of the Jewish people to live equally among the nations, he said.

In the Middle East, he said, a new "genocidal anti-Semitism" has developed, as witnessed by the public call by Islamic groups for the destruction of Israel and the killing of Jews wherever they may be.

Terrorism is the weapon of choice for organizations such as Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Hezbollah, whose very covenants explicitly state their goals of destroying Israel and killing Jews, he said.

Taking this into account, Cotler argued that the term "suicide bomber,"with its suggestions of martyrdom, should be replaced by the term "genocidal bombers" to better reflect terrorists' intent and purpose.

In the "new anti-Semitism," Islamic religious leaders issue "fatwas," execution warrants for the destruction of Israel and the killing of Jews, as a religious obligation, making "Israel emerge as the Salman Rushdie of nations."

At the same time, United Nations members call for the destruction of a fellow member, while the UN Committee on Human Rights has failed to condemn any act of terrorism against Israel, he said.

As Israel has emerged as the "organizing idiom of Judaism today," so has hatred and hostility to Jews become hatred and hostility to Israel, Cotler continued. Jews are denied the right to self-determination, a right accorded all other peoples, while Israel is delegitimized and Israel and Jews are ascribed with ""all the evils of the world."

"That causes Israel to emerge, as it did at [the 2001 UN World Conference Against Racism], as the new anti-Christ of our time," he said.

What's most pernicious is that the "demonization of Israel has occurred as part of the anti-racism struggle. It's masked as part of the larger movement against racism," Cotler said.

The UN's 1975 vote to equate Zionism with racism, which was subsequently reversed, but which "has been mainstreamed in the popular culture," was once described by Sakharov, the former Soviet dissident, as "giving the abomination of anti-Semitism the appearance of international legal sanction," Cotler said.

Turning to what he called "ideological anti-Semitism," Cotler said opponents of Israel do not merely criticize its policies, but describe it as an "apartheid state" with Nazi-like characteristics, thereby suggesting the struggle against racism requires that Israel be dismantled.

That has had an impact on Jewish students on campus, who are confronted with a kind of "pincer movement" of conflicting values. If they share anti-racist sentiments but identify with Israel, they alienate themselves from the predominant anti-racist culture. If they wish to identify strongly with the anti-racist culture on campus, "they find themselves alienated from Israel," he said.

Jews, he concluded, are like the proverbial canary in the coal mine, giving an early warning of danger. "It begins with the Jews, but it does not end with the Jews."

The assaults on Israel and Jews should be a concern to other people and seen as a threat to the authenticity of international law, Cotler said, adding that the struggle against anti-Semitism is part of the larger struggle for human rights.

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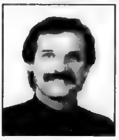

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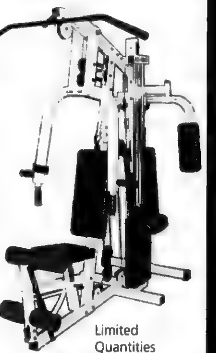

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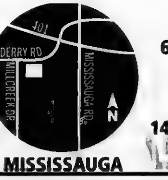

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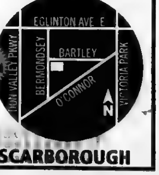

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Chapel at Miles Nadal JCC gets new home

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

After being uprooted for several months during the renovations at the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre (JCC), the Michael Bernstein Chapel has come to roost in a brand-new home.

The bright, airy, third-floor Resource Room is a stark contrast to the chapel's original space – a janitorial closet that was the only available location when congregants began holding Sunday morning services at the JCC 29 years ago.

"We were underneath the weight room," recalls congregation president Coleman Bernstein, a regular since 1981. "Every time someone dropped a weight, we could feel it."

On a recent Sunday morning, about 100 people gathered for a special service to rededicate the chapel.

Rabbi Asher Turin, who gives a dvar Torah every Thursday, compared the festivities to the re-dedication of the Temple on Chanukah.

He described the congregation of about 30 regulars as a unique and inclusive group whose connection to one another is based on "brotherly love and friendship in the service of God."

The group, made up mainly of men over 65, share a genuine camaraderie, he added. "It's like mishpachah. We fight like brothers. Then we kiss and make up."

Naomi Rose, executive director of the Miles Nadal JCC, praised the congregants for their sense of community. "They welcome everybody into the service… They're the heart and soul of what goes on here… The chapel is the mainstay of the spirit of the JCC."

In his speech, Bernstein acknowledged the members' patience and perseverance during the disruptive renovation period that has kept the health club out of commission. "I have a special thank you for our many dedicated daveners who have continued to come to services on Thursdays and Sundays, despite the fact that they were unable to work out either before or after services due to the destruction of the lower level [of the centre]."

The congregation was started by a few handball players. Some were leaving early on Sundays to say *Kaddish*, and a minyan was started so that they could daven at the JCC.

Chapel trustee Herb Finkelstein, one of the founding members, said that at 40, he was "the baby in the group" when the minyan was first put together in 1974.

Sydney Greenstein and his wife Jean unveil mural in memory of their daughter Marney. [Frances Enchin photo]

After a Torah from the former Berkeley Street Shul was donated, the members added services on Thursdays and Rosh Chodesh so that they could read the Torah.

In 1982, Bernstein and his late brother Leonard refurbished a space on the first floor allocated to the chapel, naming it in memory of their late brother Michael Bernstein, a soldier killed in action in Italy in 1944.

From the beginning, the congregants have had a participatory service. With the help of Cantor David Nemtzov, people take turns reading. After services, they shmooze and kibbitz over schnapps and a substantial kiddush.

The congregants have paid for the decor of the new Chapel room, which will also serve as a library and resource room for the Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School. Lou Kozlov, who commissioned a large stained glass mural in memory of his late wife Lillian, is also funding the bookshelves for the library.

Other stained glass windows previously donated to the first floor chapel room were refurbished and rededicated. Founding member Sydney Greenstein and his wife Jean unveiled a mural in memory of their daughter Marney, while Arthur and Shelly Ganz unveiled top windows in memory of his father Sam Ganz.

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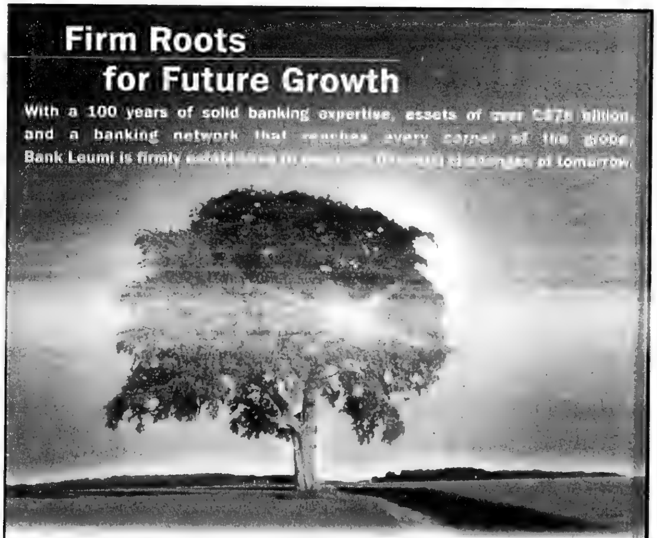

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Rosenbergs' son recalls infamous spy case

By ADAM SEGAL
Special to The CJN

When Robert Meeropol penned a book detailing his life as the son of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg – the first American civilians executed for treason – he wanted to name it "Constructive Revenge."

While the publisher nixed his title, Meeropol's life has indeed stayed true to it.

As executive director of the Rosenberg Fund for Children (RFC), he has helped provide $1.25 million in grants, as well as emotional and educational support, to numerous children of activists who have been negatively targeted for their work.

"The Rosenberg Fund for Children is my constructive revenge," Meeropol told a packed Winchevsky Centre audience recently, where his lecture and book signing kicked off the Toronto Jewish Book Fair.

The RFC was established in 1990 "to provide for the educational and emotional needs of children whose parents have suffered because of their progressive activities."

Robyn Pitawanakwat, the daughter of native Canadian activist Mary Pitawanakwat, who suffered racism and sexism as a result of her activism, spoke about how RFC grants have helped her get an education.

"I've been so [fortunate] to have RFC in my life," said Pitawanakwat. "It has made such a difference."

Meeropol's book, *An Execution in the Family*, was published earlier this year to mark the 50th anniversary of his parents' deaths.

The book details his personal odyssey to find out the truth about his parents' case and engage in political activism.

Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were executed on June 19, 1953 for conspiracy to commit espionage. But the unwritten charge was that they had provided atomic bomb secrets to the Soviet Union.

The Rosenbergs always maintained their innocence, and they invoked the Fifth Amendment and refused to answer prosecutors' questions about their political affiliations.

The case hinged on the testimony of David and Ruth Greenglass, Ethel's brother and sister-in-law.

The Greenglasses testified that Julius and Ethel recruited David into an atomic spy ring in 1944 and that David, who worked where the atomic bomb was built in New Mexico, provided Julius with a set of sketches and a theoretical description of the bomb in 1945.

David also testified that Ethel was present when the sketches were provided and typed notes on the meeting.

When FBI documents on the case were made public in the 1970s, a number of telling details came to light.

For instance, atomic scientists did not view the sketches from Greenglass until years after the Rosenbergs' execution.

Moreover, the scientists believed Greenglass' material was "too incomplete, ambiguous and even incorrect to be of any service or value to the Russians in shortening the time required to develop their nuclear bombs."

In 2001, Greenglass appeared in a disguise on the CBS television show *60 Minutes* and revealed that Ethel was not present at the infamous meeting in 1945, nor did she take notes on it.

"What Greenglass did is unforgivable," Meeropol said. "On a personal level, he is dead to me."

Meeropol was three years old when his parents were arrested and six when they were executed.

While his memories of the time reflect his young age, he said, "I knew there was something dangerous out there that was taking my parents away."

He also recalls visiting his parents in prison, where he hid behind their attorney to avoid having his photograph taken.

After the executions, Meeropol said, "I pretended not to understand what was going on so adults would not fuss over me."

But he recalls clearly understanding the finality of his parents' death shortly after the execution.

Abel and Ann Meeropol raised Meeropol and his brother Michael in what he described as a good home.

He said both the Meeropols and Michael always said that his birth parents were innocent.

By his late teens, Meeropol began researching his parents' case. In the late 1970s, he and Michael successfully sued the FBI and CIA to gain access to 300,000 previously secret documents about the case.

Meeropol said he can't categorically say that his parents were not guilty of the specific charge "conspiracy to commit espionage."

But he has written that the evidence indicates that "neither Julius nor Ethel Rosenberg was a member of an atomic spy ring that stole the secret of the atomic bomb. Neither committed the crimes they were executed for."

For years, researchers have discussed the role anti-Semitism played in the Rosenberg case.

Meeropol noted that both the prosecutors and the presiding judge were Jewish and that they were working in a political context in which many Jews felt compelled to demonstrate their loyalty to the United States and their disdain for communism.

Meeropol said he regrets that he didn't write about the role anti-Semitism played in his parents' case, but that isn't the book's focus.

"The book is really a story of how I survived my childhood and how I made something good come of it," he said.

Meeropol said he is thankful to his adoptive parents for not making his birth parents' story a dark family secret.

"It was on the table from the very beginning," he said. "It turned out to be a healthy thing, because it was talked about."

Both Meeropol and his brother have enjoyed successful careers. Robert is a lawyer, activist and public speaker, while Michael is an economics professor.

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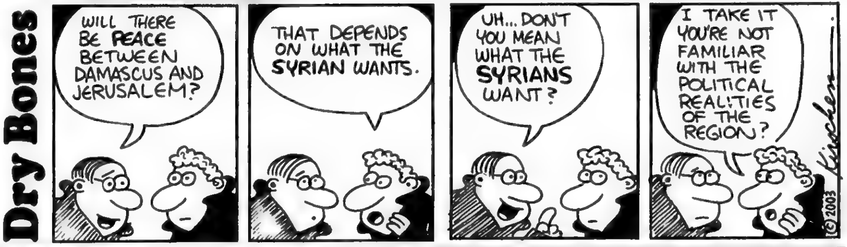
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From the past, a warning

Jewish history is such that there is nothing left to shock our sensibilities. Jews have been vilified, abused and maligned in every imaginable manner of human depredation. The foul, dark nadir of the depredations came in the last century.

Sixty-five years ago this week, on Nov. 9-10, violence against the Jews of Europe became more than an ominous Nazi threat. It became real, very horribly real.

In his book *The Holocaust* (Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1985), eminent historian Martin Gilbert described some of the events that unfolded on that terrible day. "Bonfires were lit in every neighbourhood where Jews lived. On them were thrown prayer books, Torah scrolls and countless volumes of philosophy, history and poetry. In thousands of streets, Jews were chased, reviled and beaten up.

"In 24 hours of street violence, 91 Jews were killed. More than 30,000 – one in 10 of those who remained – were arrested and sent to concentration camps. Before most of them were released two to three months later, as many as 1,000 had been murdered, 244 of them in Buchenwald. A further 8,000 Jews were evicted from Berlin: children from orphanages, patients from hospitals, old people from old people's homes. There were many suicides, 10 at least in Nuremburg, but it was forbidden to publish death notices in the press.

"It was not by the killing however, not by the arrests or the suicides, that the night of Nov. 9 was to be remembered. During the night, as well as breaking into tens of thousands of shops and homes, the Stormtroops set fire to 191 synagogues; or, if it was thought that fire might endanger nearby buildings, smashed the synagogues as thoroughly as possible with hammers and axes. The destruction of the synagogues led the Nazis to call that night the Kristallnacht, or night of broken glass: words chosen deliberately to mock and belittle."

It is important for us to recall that day. Seven years later, European Jewry would be almost entirely destroyed, and millions of men and women from the Allied fighting forces, underground and partisans would sacrifice their lives in a cruel, harsh war to defeat Kristallnacht's planners and executioners. Remembering, therefore, is a profound moral and existential debt we owe to the victims of the Shoah and to the vanquishers of the Nazis.

One of the most unsettling aspects of the terrorist war launched against Israel some three years ago, is the anti-Semitism that has resurfaced in Europe in its wake and that appears ubiquitous, alas, throughout the Muslim world. Indeed, in many respects, Muslim authorities have simply swallowed whole the crude anti-Semitism of Medieval Europe and are now spitting out the familiar, bitter bile at their own peoples.

Although some people today are very worried about the signs and images of anti-Semitism they see recurring from the last century, there is no parallel. But we are wise to view the events of 65 years ago as a warning, lest we become complacent.

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MIAs: Ron Arad, Zachary Baumel, Tzvi Feldman and Yehuda Katz. **KIDNAPPED:** Elchanan Tannenbaum.

Blames Sharon's policies

As a lifelong Zionist who has studied the negotiations between the Palestinians and the Israelis, I have come to the conclusion that Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is bending over backward to avoid a fair negotiated settlement. It appears that he and his Likud government are looking for at least a partial surrender with the full support of the right wing U.S. government. As former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin cried, "Enough killing." He was silenced by a virulent, right-wing, power hungry gang of sophisticated thugs.

On both sides, everyone but a few mad politicians and religious zealots wants peace.

Manny Winopol
Toronto

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Our elderly parents

In the same issue that Rabbi Gunther Plaut writes about aging and respect ("The oldest prejudice," *CJN*, Oct. 16), there is an advertisement for a lecture on the new book *Parenting Your Parent: The Latest, Greatest Challenge for Boomers*.

If anything, this title demeans older people and shows a lack of respect. It is an obstacle to preserving their dignity at a most crucial time. Not only does this title portray the elderly in a negative light, it places the adult child in a difficult position.

The stage in life where children need to help their parents has been referred to as "filial maturity." There can never be a return to the parent/child relationship. "Parenting Your Parent" hearkens back to a stereotype that infantilizes elderly parents.

Filial maturity is a stage in all of our lives when we are called upon to assist, aid, comfort and at all times preserve the nature of the parent/child relationship. Deep inside the soul of a parent who may suffer from the deterioration of his or her mental faculties, there are glimmers of that relationship. I know this from my professional experience in geriatrics.

Health-care professionals specializing in geriatrics must help children connect with their parents, rather than cast their parental role aside.

Etta Ginsberg McEwan
Toronto

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Israel's humanitarianism unnoticed

The world is riveted by the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. However, while the world is preoccupied with examining Israel through a microscopic lens, their humanitarian outreach programs go unnoticed.

On Oct. 31, a team of 16 Israeli heart specialists arrived in northern China to help children with heart defects. It was the doctors' fifth visit to China since 1998. These surgeons are representatives of an Israeli humanitarian project called "Save A Child's Heart," and have performed surgery on about 50 patients to date, including two who were brought to Israel for their procedures. Initiated by the late Dr. Amram Cohen, Save A Child's Heart is the world's largest humanitarian project providing pediatric heart surgery and follow-up care.

This is just one of the many humanitarian endeavours Israel is engaged in. Israelis are also active in earthquake emergency assistance and agricultural instruction to developing nations. It is time Israel received long overdue recognition for its disproportionate contributions to humanity.

Ellen Tannenbaum
Montreal

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We had an amazing time

Having just returned from our second holiday in Israel in 10 months, we want to express our sadness about Canadian and American Jews who appear to have abandoned our brethren in Israel.

We had an amazing time on our trip. We felt secure and went everywhere. The clubs and restaurants were packed. You actually need reservations, but the patrons are all Israelis. Each Friday afternoon in Tel Aviv on Nahalot Benjamin Street, there is an arts and crafts show. Thousands of Israelis walk with their families on the street. The shuk was packed shoulder to shoulder. On Shabbat, the beach was packed and coffee houses jammed. We were asked regularly by strangers why were we there. When we responded we were on holiday, most people asked if we were afraid. Many told us they feel the Diaspora has abandoned them. Everywhere we went, we sensed a frustration with the situation and a concern that too many young soldiers were defending a few in the settlements. We also sensed a willingness to do anything for peace. We were overwhelmed by the strength of these Israelis.

We urge you to consider Israel as a vacation spot. You won't be disappointed. We never felt so proud of our religion, our people and our heritage. We went to the Western Wall and prayed for peace and for our family. We felt great happiness and pride.

We are now planning our next Israeli vacation, this one for after Passover. We urge your readers to consider spending "Next Year in Jerusalem."

Helen and Mendel Green
Toronto

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Left out of the conspiracy

As a Jew, I wish to publicly thank Malaysian Prime Minister Mahatir Mohamad for bringing to light the fact my people "rule the world by proxy."

This news came as a quite a shock to me, since I can barely control what goes on in my home and office.

It is a testimony to the incredible ingenuity of the Jews that, to disguise our true power, we have conspired with our proxies to have whole groups of ourselves massacred at regular intervals, culminating in the "Final Solution," ostensibly conceived by the Nazis, but really a Jewish diversion. And, as Mahatir pointed out, we also invented human rights and democracy just to deflect attention from our true intentions.

The standing ovation at the end of Mahatir's speech from Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Abdullah, Afghan President Hamid Karzai, Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf and Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri should not be regarded as anti-Semitic, because those people are undoubtedly among our proxies too.

I have but one request for Mahatir, and that is to please send me my share of the spoils of world control, as my cohorts in world domination seem to have left me out of the loop.

Laurence M. Tanny
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Pope Pius XII and the Holocaust

By MURRAY TEITEL

This past July, the Vatican issued a warning to Catholic politicians that support for same-sex marriage was "gravely immoral." It stated that homosexual acts go against natural moral law. A bishop in Calgary actually warned Prime Minister Jean Chrétien that if he supported same-sex unions, he would be putting his personal salvation in peril.

During World War II, by contrast, the Vatican issued no public statement calling the systematic murder of Jews and others gravely immoral or contrary to natural moral law. No one warned Adolf Hitler, Joseph Goebbels or the other Catholics in the Nazi leadership that they were imperiling their salvations, nor were they ever excommunicated.

This article will attempt to briefly answer the following questions:

- What did Eugenio Pacelli – Pope Pius XII from March 2, 1939 to Oct. 9, 1958 – know about the Final Solution and when did he know it?
- Why did he not publicly condemn it?
- Would doing so have made a difference?

The first question is the easiest to answer. Pope Pius XII knew about the attempt to annihilate European Jewry shortly after it began. His forte was international politics. He had been cardinal secretary of state since Feb. 7, 1930, with responsibility for foreign policy and state relations. His predecessor, plagued by illness, relied on him heavily.

The Wannsee Conference, at which the plan for the genocide of European Jewry was revealed, did not take place until Jan. 20, 1942. But by then, the deportations that had been taking place and the mobile killing squads that had been operating for months were known and documented.

In the beginning of 1941, Cardinal Theodor Innitzer of Vienna told Pope Pius XII about the deportations from his country. Deportations, of course, are not genocide. But on Oct. 27, 1941, Giuseppi Burzio, *papal nuncio* to Slovakia, reported mass shootings of Jews in areas conquered from the Soviet Union. British code breakers, probably the first to know, had only found out in September. On March 9, 1942, Burzio said the deportation of 80,000 Slovak Jews to Poland meant certain death for them.

Pope Pius XII

On Oct. 22, 1941, both a Swedish newspaper, *Socialdemokraten*, and the Jewish Telegraphic Agency carried reports of the premeditated mass murder of Jews. The *Socialdemokraten* report, which mentioned Adolf Eichmann by name, was picked up by a London German-language paper, which accurately reported on Nov. 25 that 52,000 men women and children had been put to death in Kiev "by merciless systematic extermination." By this time, half a million Jews had been killed.

More than two months after the Wannsee Conference, in April 1942, the *Sunday Times* in London reported on the murder of 120,000 Romanian Jews. On June 2, the BBC broadcast an estimate of 700,000 Jews killed, a number repeated by the *Daily Telegraph* on June 25. Five days later, the *Telegraph's* headline read "More than 1,000,000 Jews killed in Europe" (a roughly accurate figure). These reports were picked up by the *New York Times*, although not given front-page prominence. And on June 9, Gen. Wladyslaw Sikorski, head of the Polish parliament in exile, stated on the BBC that the Jewish population of Poland was doomed to extinction. By that time, it was apparent to the average westerner following the news that this was not the usual pogrom-like persecution of Jews, but rather a program of total extinction.

In September 1942, Myron C. Taylor, then-U.S. president Franklin Roosevelt's personal emissary to the Vatican, along with Vatican representatives from several other countries, requested that the pope condemn these "incredible horrors." He refused.

On Dec. 17, the Allies joined in a vigorous condemnation called the "German Policy of Extermination of the Jewish Race." Taylor's secretary, Harold Tittman, asked cardinal secretary of state Luigi Maglione whether the pope would make a similar condemnation, he was told that the pope could not denounce particular atrocities, only atrocities in general. In that year's Christmas message, the pope referred to, in obfuscatorily diplomatic language that mentioned neither Nazis nor Jews, "hundreds of thousands… who, without any fault on their part, sometimes only because of their nationality or race, have been consigned to death or a slow decline."

Various reasons have been offered for the Pope's silence.

His own officials cited the following reasons in the fall of 1942:

- The Pope needed to maintain neutrality so that he might be an effective mediator between the warring parties;
- It is important that papal pronouncements stand the test of time, suggesting the reports of genocide may have been wrong;
- He did not want the German people to blame him for contributing to their defeat; and
- The Pope feared that a protest would lead to reprisals against Jewish converts to Catholicism, who might otherwise not be deported.

The latter scenario is precisely what had just happened in Holland following a protest by the archbishop of Utrecht (Edith Stein – a Catholic convert from Judaism – was one of the deportees). On March 11, 1943, the wartime Berlin correspondent for the Vatican newspaper said the Pope had told him: "Dear friend, do not forget that millions of Catholics serve in the German armies. Shall I bring them into conflicts of conscience?" In other words, he was saying, "I wouldn't want German Nazis to leave the Church."

Historians cite evidence that the Pope viewed Communist atheism as a greater threat in the long run than Nazism and conclude that he did not want Russia to end up controlling large portions of Catholic Europe. Germany's victory on the Eastern Front would prevent that, as stated by Maglione in 1943.

Would a strong public papal condemnation combined with diplomatic efforts have made a difference? Most probably, since in each country Jews were deported from, the Nazis heavily depended on local authorities and other collaborators to actually round up and intern them. These collaborators, rather than being terrified functionaries, often displayed a good deal of enthusiasm and initiative. (The zealots in the Paris prefecture of police, for instance, developed a card index that listed Jews in no less than four different ways.) The Nazis had nowhere near enough manpower to do it on their own. The extent to which they received local co-operation or met with local resistance and rescue efforts profoundly affected their plans.

Having said that, however, it must be kept in mind that the factors at play in each country were unique. Geography, size and degree of assimilation of the Jewish population played a great part. Countries such as Bulgaria, Finland and Italy, which was ruled by Hitler's ally Benito Mussolini, successfully resisted Nazi demands to surrender Jews (though Bulgaria deported Jews from newly conquered Thrace and Macedonia). Denmark's celebrated transfer of 7,906 Jews to Sweden occured in a country that was allowed to remain self-governing, and the operation was set in motion by Nazi minister and plenipotentiary, Werner Best. Holland – occupied, flat and lacking in forest cover – lost 105,000 of the 140,000 people who met the Nazi definition of "Jew," despite examples of heroic civil disobedience.

Take France as an example, where the local police were the ones who rounded up the Jews. After its defeat in June 1940, France was divided into an occupied north and a self- governing south. The latter was known as the Vichy regime and was headed by the arch-conservative Marshal Pétain. Between 1940 and June 1941, it enacted a series of anti-Jewish statutes that French cardinals and archbishops disapproved of. So Catholic was the regime that Pétain asked Leon Berard, his ambassador to the Vatican, to ascertain its view of these laws. "They have no intention of quarreling with us over the Jewish statute," he reported. The Vatican's only objection was that the laws not apply to Jews who had converted to Christianity.

The Vatican reacted the same way to the racial laws introduced by Mussolini in 1938. This is not surprising given that the Catholic church of the time was institutionally anti-Semitic. *La Civilta Catholica*, a Jesuit publication that functioned as the unofficial mouthpiece of papal views, noted in 1934 with regret that Nazi anti-Semitism did not stem from religious conviction, but a desire to upset the order of religion and society. In 1936, it argued that the civil rights of Jews should be suspended and they should be returned to the ghettos. The Church disagreed with the racial basis of Nazi anti-Semitism, since it would not discriminate against converts to Catholicism and it certainly would not sanction the murder of Jews, believing that the solution to the Jewish problem was their conversion.

Had the pope publicly declared that Jews were being rounded up and sent to their deaths and that assisting in this process was a sin, and had he asked monasteries and convents to provide refuge to fleeing Jews, Vichy might have shown more backbone in resisting German demands as it did on other issues such as German use of its southern naval bases. Instead, it actually volunteered to round up foreign Jews found in the unoccupied zone. Moreover, some of the tens of thousands of Frenchmen who denounced or carried out the minutiae of the transports might not have participated, or participated less energetically, resulting in the possibility that many of the 75,721 deported in 79 convoys from France – a quarter of French Jewry – might have survived.

The best proof of this theory lies in the numbers: between March 27 and Dec. 31, 1942, 41,911 Jews had been deported from France, but three months later, the figure was only 7,995 higher. What had slowed the process? The allies had landed in North Africa on Feb. 2 and Germany was defeated at Stalingrad. You didn't need to be a military genius to figure out that Germany would lose. The French, accordingly, stopped co-operating and some Vichy functionaries even joined the Resistance, former president Francois Mitterand among them. It was the same story across Europe. If you factor out Hungarian Jewry, whose destruction began in late April 1944, the vast majority of Jewish Holocaust victims were killed between January 1942 and February 1943.

In Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, a small, otherwise insignificant Protestant village in the Haute Loire in southern France, 5,000 villagers saved 5,000 Jews. Week after week, their pastor, Andre Trocme, spoke out in every sermon he delivered when not under detention. In Denmark, the synod of the Lutheran Church issued a formal statement in support of the Jews, as did the Bulgarian Orthodox Church.

No such moral leadership came from the Vatican. Politics as usual prevailed over the teachings of the gospels. An institution that today pulls out all the stops to prevent same-sex marriage made no public pronouncement while the greatest crime in human history was taking place. As Pastor Trocme preached: "The Christian Church should fall to its knees and beg pardon of God for its present incapacity and cowardice."

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The importance of life events

Sooner or later, all of us have days in our lives that we consider special. Oct. 27 turned out to be special for me and left a good memory. For that evening, I attended a gala affair at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel that focused on an organization dear to me since my youthful days in Germany in the 1920s and 1930s.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

The event, attended by hundreds of people, celebrated Maccabi, the worldwide organization devoted to the development of Jewish sports.

The roots of the Maccabi movement go back to before 1895, with the establishment of the first Israel Gymnastics Club in Constantinople, Turkey. The movement quickly spread to other parts of Europe. The Maccabi World Union was formed in 1921 during the 12th Zionist Congress in Carlsbad.

Although Jewish athletic competitions took place in several cities prior to that time, the first Maccabiah Games were held in 1932 and 1935 in British Mandatory Palestine. They were suspended during World War II and resumed in 1950.

Following the example of the Olympic Games, the Maccabiah is now celebrated every four years.

It was my privilege to attend a Maccabiah as a competitor in track and field twice in my life, and both times it was an unforgettable experience.

There was a time, quite a few decades ago, when all physical sports were considered "goyish" by many of our people, but fortunately that time is long gone. We know today that the physical and spiritual realms do not necessarily contradict one another, but rather, at their best, support each other. Though it took some time before we reached this understanding, every one of our people takes this for granted today.

A Maccabiah is nowadays a worldwide Jewish event, and if any of you, my readers, have the opportunity to be in Israel for the occasion, you will always remember it as a highlight of your lives. Which leads me to share with you a special worry: television has become an overwhelming force in our lives. For many, if not most of us, TV is an ever-present influence that all too frequently replaces the event it shows to its viewers. To give an obvious example: a trip to Eretz Yisrael was formerly a featured event in our lives. Today, as we watch TV, we may subconsciously yield to the illusion that we already know enough about the land so that the trip is not really necessary.

I urge you, dear reader, not to yield to this misconception. For while TV can present an image, it cannot replace reality. Do start thinking about such a journey, and call your nearest Zionist organization for information about financial and other assistance.

In the hope that you will consider this seriously, I wish all of you *chizku v'imtsu*. Be strong, and may your strength increase!

On Jewish identity, representing the Holocaust

I was kind of ticked off after I saw Theatre Calgary's rendition of *The Diary of Anne Frank* recently.

The lead actor chosen to play Anne Frank was a simpering blue-eyed blonde with distinctly Scandinavian features. She was about as Jewish-looking as I am Chinese.

Barbara Balfour in Calgary

Notwithstanding the fact that her physical portrayal was hardly convincing, her acting wasn't believable either. I'm not sure if casting her was supposed to be politically correct, but I don't think it was a wise choice for such a widely recognizable icon whose fame has reached almost pop-culture proportions.

Of course, it's easy to fall into the trap of describing all Jews in terms of a certain physical stereotype, which would be far from the truth.

There are Jews living all over the world – in China and India and even Ethiopia – who bear distinct resemblance to their neighbours in both skin colour and facial features.

It seems that determining one's identity as a Jew is the perpetual million-dollar question – something that confuses us as well as others.

I went to an interesting lecture on campus recently about the 2002 Nobel laureate for literature, Imre Kertesz, that also explored the concept of Jewish identity, particularly as others perceive it.

Adrienne Kertzer, a humanities professor at the University of Calgary, delivered the lecture on this somewhat obscure author and Holocaust survivor – the only survivor to ever win the Nobel Prize for literature (Elie Wiesel won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986).

Born in Budapest in 1929, Kertesz was deported to Auschwitz in 1944 and later to Buchenwald, where he was liberated in 1945.

Because Kertesz writes in Hungarian and only two of his 11 books have been translated into English, access to his work has always been limited for English readers. Kertesz's work is thus not often the subject of scholarship on the Holocaust, especially in North America.

When he received the Nobel Prize, most of the world greeted the news with "bewilderment and snide comments about how once again the Swedish Academy had chosen a writer whom no one had heard of," Kertzer said.

This was further demonstrated through subsequent newspaper coverage that often focused on analyzing the motivation behind the Swedish Academy's choice of Kertesz rather than on exploring the quality or symbolism of his prose.

The Swedish Academy has praised Kertesz for the exemplary nature of his writing and the universality of what he is able to derive from his experiences in Auschwitz and at Buchenwald.

But newspaper articles have speculated that he received the Nobel Prize because of his identity as one or all of the following: a Jew, a Hungarian, a European and a Holocaust survivor who also survived Communist Hungary.

"To draw a distinction between writing as a European and writing as a Jew is troubling, not just because it challenges those who regard Kertesz's Nobel Prize as a gesture by the Swedish Academy to signal its disapproval of the recent disturbing increase of anti-Semitic incidents in Europe," Kertzer said.

"The academy applauds Kertesz for treating the Holocaust as neither unique nor exceptional, but as part of European history, and gives him the prize because in his writing he finds the ultimate truth about human degradation in modern existence."

Kertzer also discussed both of Kertesz's novels that have been translated into English, identifying similarities as well as differences between the narrators of his novels and Kertesz's own life experiences.

But the main thread throughout all of Kertesz's works is something that he explores repeatedly, Kertzer said.

"The problem of representing the Holocaust lies neither in the limitations nor in the inexplicability of evil," said Kertzer. "The problem is that we do not want to accept that evil is explicable."

For some reason, that point really hit home with me.

When you look at it that way – in terms of the larger issues raised in the play – the colour of an actor's hair doesn't matter very much. Yet, if you stop to think about it, because of the magnitude of evil being portrayed and the need to make sure it never arises again, historical accuracy actually does matter.

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Why can't we all just get along?

One Jew, two opinions: the phrase rolls off the tongue easily because we have all heard it before, but more importantly, because we know it's true. There is something about the Jewish community, and Jews in general – no matter what the issue, we divide ourselves while covering every ideological possibility.

Joanna Grossman in Halifax

The extent this challenge poses is made apparent in every attempt to plan events for Jewish students on campus. Inclusivity is the goal, but is there a way it can really be achieved?

First, we have to reconcile the standard Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, and Reconstructionist divisions. The tendency is to yield to those who are most observant of Halachah, thus ensuring that everyone can participate. But this ignores the fact that each religious stream has its own beliefs and practices, and by making such a "choice," we are automatically making value judgments. While anyone can eat a kosher meal, not everyone will agree about what prayers should be said and what protocol should be observed while saying them.

In large Jewish communities, numbers have allowed us to divide ourselves according to our beliefs. Each Conservative shul, for example, seems to target a specific niche. Even beyond religious differences, we establish groups and organizations to address a variety of issues. When we don't find an organization or community that suits our needs, we seem to feel justified in attempting to create something new that does.

On campuses across the country, there is a full gamut of organizations. Hillels and Jewish student associations don't meet the needs of all students, so there are fraternities and Zionist organizations, in addition to religious student groups. Of course, it is important for people to find institutions they feel comfortable participating in – and in large communities, it can often be more effective to diversify in such a way. But at the same time, we can't lose sight of the importance of retaining a semblance of a single, unified Jewish community. There must be some common denominator upon which we can all stand together.

It is very easy for us to accept our differences as insurmountable barriers. The Orthodox and the Reconstructionist may not be able to pray together, but we cannot allow that to be an excuse for them to hide in two separate worlds. We cannot hide behind our institutions in order to escape the necessity of communicating with those who think differently from ourselves. We so often assume we understand divergent point of views, but we rarely take the time to be sure that we actually do.

As I write this column, the first-ever Atlantic Jewish Film Festival has just closed in Halifax. The festival emerged from the hard work of a group of devoted community members who wanted to escape the traditional divisions of a small community and its politics. People in Halifax had the opportunity to view films on everything from Jewish homosexuality and women and the mikvah to Yiddish culture and satires of contemporary Jewish culture.

Of course, there were debates and complaints and people disagreed about what was appropriate. But a social equalizer like film was able to transcend, at least on some level, the normal tensions of a small community. Freed from the usual debate as to which shul should hold a community event or how to accommodate religious and political sentiments in a just and amenable way, the festival made an entire community look at different, less typical questions.

A strong community is one that can accommodate differences and make room for multiple views. At the same time, we must prevent our differences from dividing us. We have to transcend our disagreements and remember that at the root of it all, we are one community.

The Jews of India go back a long way

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

On a train in northern India last year, I sat next to a young Hindu man, an articulate and well-informed 20-year-old engineering student. As we talked, the arid landscape of Rajasthan whizzing past us, the subject of our conversation turned to the recent inter-communal disturbances in the north-western state of Gujarat during which hundreds of Muslims and Hindus had been killed.

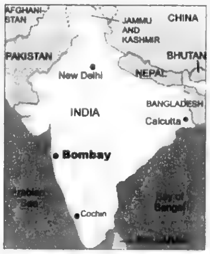
They were the worst such riots in a decade, calling into question India's proud claim of being a country where various religious groups co-exist in blissful harmony. When I observed that India's Jews had not been caught up in this tragedy, he looked at me in puzzlement and said authoritatively, "There are no Jews in India."

His reaction was not surprising. India, after China, is the most populous nation on the planet. Among a population of one billion and counting, India's 5,000 Jews hardly make an impression. Even though the first Jews arrived in India about 2,000 years ago, they were submerged in terms of their visibility by India's other much larger minority groups, the Christians and the Zoroastrians.

These thoughts came to mind as I read *Who are the Jews of India?* (University of California Press) by Nathan Katz. The chair of religious studies at Florida International University in Miami, Katz has written a book that sheds light on one of the few Jewish communities that has been spared the spectre of state anti-Semitism.

In this respect, Indian Jews have reaped the benefits of India's secular democracy. Never have they been the targets of pogroms, like Hindus, Muslims or Sikhs, and never have they felt the sting of victimization.

There are three distinct Jewish communities on the Indian sub-continent: the Bene Israel of greater Bombay, the Cochin Jews of the Malabar coast and the Baghdadi Jews of Calcutta and Bombay.



"Jews navigated the shoals of Indian culture very well," Katz writes in this informative volume. "They never experienced anti-Semitism or discrimination at Indian hands. They contributed to Indian civilization in a variety of secular arts, in medicine, commerce and industry, in cinema, politics and agriculture and in the military."

The Bene Israel, who comprise the majority of Indian Jewry today, are the descendants of Jews from ancient Israel who were shipwrecked on the Indian Ocean coast.

By Katz's estimate, the European world first heard of the Bene Israel in the 18th century. As a Dutch Jewish traveller observed: "They live in tents, they own oil presses. Some of them are soldiers. They know nothing as regards their faith except to recite the Shema and rest on the Sabbath."

Some years earlier, a Danish missionary wrote: "They have not the books of the Old Testament, nor do they understand Hebrew… They wear turbans, a long dress reaching to their feet and long trousers, just as the Mohammedans. They do not intermarry with other Indians, but keep to their own people."

Katz believes that Christian missionaries inadvertently reinforced the Bene Israel's allegiance to Judaism. Hopeful of converting them, they translated the Old Testament into Marathi and taught them Hebrew and English. As soon as they mastered Hebrew, the Bene Israel translated Hebrew prayers into Marathi. As for English, it became their passport to the modern world and to Jews elsewhere.

Emulating the Indian caste system, the Bene Israel divided themselves into two subcastes: white and black. The whites were said to be the offspring of the original shipwrecked Jews. The blacks were stigmatized as the descendants of whites and low-caste Hindus.

The Bene Israel, 90 per cent of whom immigrated to Israel, established their first synagogue in Bombay in 1796. As synagogues became the focal points of Bene Israel communities, they adopted what Katz calls "mainstream Judaism," which they learned from Cochin Jews.

Like the Bene Israel, the Cochins arrived in India centuries ago, being welcomed as merchants. In the late 1400s, however, Portuguese explorers brought with them a spirit of intolerance, and an Office of the Inquisition was established in Goa.

Despite the Portuguese presence, Cochin Jews were allowed to build a synagogue in 1568. It remains the oldest shul in the British Commonwealth and is a popular tourist destination.

The arrival of the Dutch in the 17th century heralded a golden age for Jews, and Katz elaborates on this period.

With the arrival of the British in 1797, the community declined. Since the town of Cochin was not officially a part of British India, its economic importance was superseded by Bombay and Calcutta.

The Jews of Cochin, who were generally spice merchants, petty traders, government officials, farmers and soldiers, formed close ties with the Nayars, the dominant caste in Kerala. And like the Bene Israel, they developed their own peculiar caste system.

Jews and Nayar maharajahs were mutually dependent on each other. Jews enjoyed the hospitality and protection of the maharajah. In return, Jews provided the maharajahs with soldiers and commercial contacts beyond India's shores.

A Bene Israel couple, 1902.

By royal invitation, Cochin Jews built their synagogue next to the maharajah's palace.

Baghdadi Jews, originally from Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Iran and Tunisia, trickled into India as traders before and after the 18th century.

They traded in agricultural products, including opium, "a source of many Jewish fortunes," as Katz puts it.

Jewish merchants bought chests of opium at government auctions and shipped them to members of their extended families in Penang, Singapore, Hong Kong and Shanghai.

By the time China succeeded in banning opium trafficking in the early 20th century, Baghdadi Jews, such as the Sassoons of Bombay – the Rothschilds of the East – and the Ezras of Calcutta, had switched to textiles, real estate and manufacturing.

The Sassoons dominated Bombay as no other Jewish family in India.

The eight sons of the Sassoon patriarch, David (1792-1864), expanded their empire, sinking mercantile roots in Japan, China, Iraq, Holland, Britain and the United States.

Like the Tatas, the fabulously wealthy Hindu clan, the Sassoons were instrumental in industrializing India. David's son, Abdullah, also known as Albert, built Bombay's shipping docks, erected statues and became a leading government advisor.

After the 1857 mutiny, the Indian insurrection against British colonialism, the Baghdadis gradually distanced themselves from the indigenous population and embraced all things British.

And yet, as Katz observes, they were often banned from exclusive European clubs.

In closing, Katz claims that Jews in India have always enjoyed the respect, if not the affection, of their Hindu, Muslim and Christian neighbours.

Be that as it may, the contemporary Jewish community in India is but a pale shadow of its former self, having been emasculated by emigration, mainly to Israel.

Of the three strands of Indian Jewry, only the Bene Israel remain vital.

Jews are but a thin thread on the fabric of India's rich ethnic and religious tapestry. But as the student I met on the train may learn one day, the Jews of India, though demographically diminished, are alive and well.

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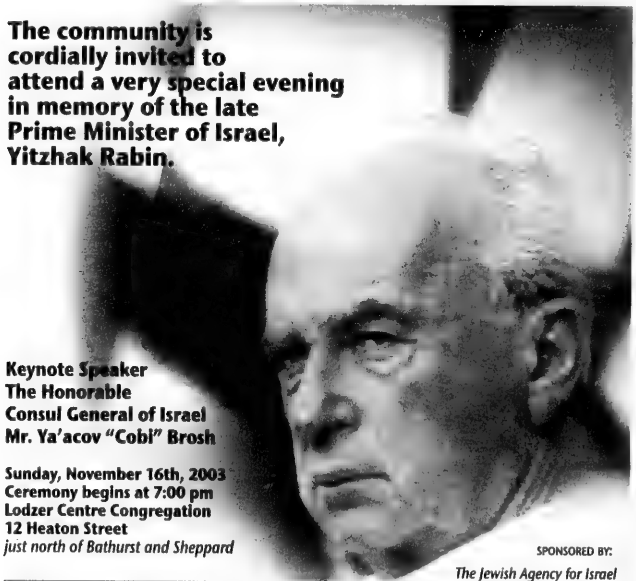

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Holocaust Education Week

Hungarian officials delivered Jews to Nazis, expert says

By **RON CSILLAG**
Staff Reporter

It was the greatest crime within the greatest crime.

The Jews of Hungary were relatively safe, even oblivious, until late in World War II, and then they were subjected to the most brutal treatment in the shortest time span.

In just eight weeks – from May 15, 1944 to July 9, 1944 – close to 440,000 Hungarian Jews were deported to Auschwitz. It was the highest concentration of deportations in Europe.

"It was at a rate that not even the crematoria could absorb," the foremost chronicler of the Holocaust in Hungary said last week as part of Holocaust Education Week.

How was it all possible? Prof. Randolph Braham, author of the definitive two-volume work *The Politics of Genocide: The Holocaust in Hungary,* is the rare academic who is not completely kind to the Hungarian Jewish leadership of the day.

"The ultimate blame must rest on the Germans and their Hungarian accomplices," Braham, a retired professor at the City University of New York, told a gathering at the University of Toronto. "But it was also possible because many leaders, Jews and non-Jews, were guided by illusions."

The Jews of Hungary were relatively unscathed until 1944, "completely oblivious to the fate of their brethren in other countries. No one believed Hungarian Jews would be subject to the same fate as those elsewhere in Europe," said Braham, the author or editor of more than 50 books.

Even when the secrets of Auschwitz began leaking out to Jewish leaders, Hungarian Jews "behaved no differently than those in Poland," he said.

Hungary's pre-war Jewish population of roughly 400,000 nearly doubled thanks to territory the country was awarded or acquired. These Jews, Braham explained, were, for the most part, assimilated, acculturated and patriotic – often even more loyal to Hungary than native Magyars.

The community, he said, became "increasingly confident" due in some measure to the fact that its relationship with the government and non-Jewish establishment had for decades been "symbiotic and not antagonistic."

That's not to say life for Hungarian Jews was easy prior to 1944. Close to 60,000 had died in forced labour battalions. But Hungary, an ally of Nazi Germany during the war, wanted to emulate Italy and withdraw from the fighting, Braham said. The results were "a tragicomic opera."

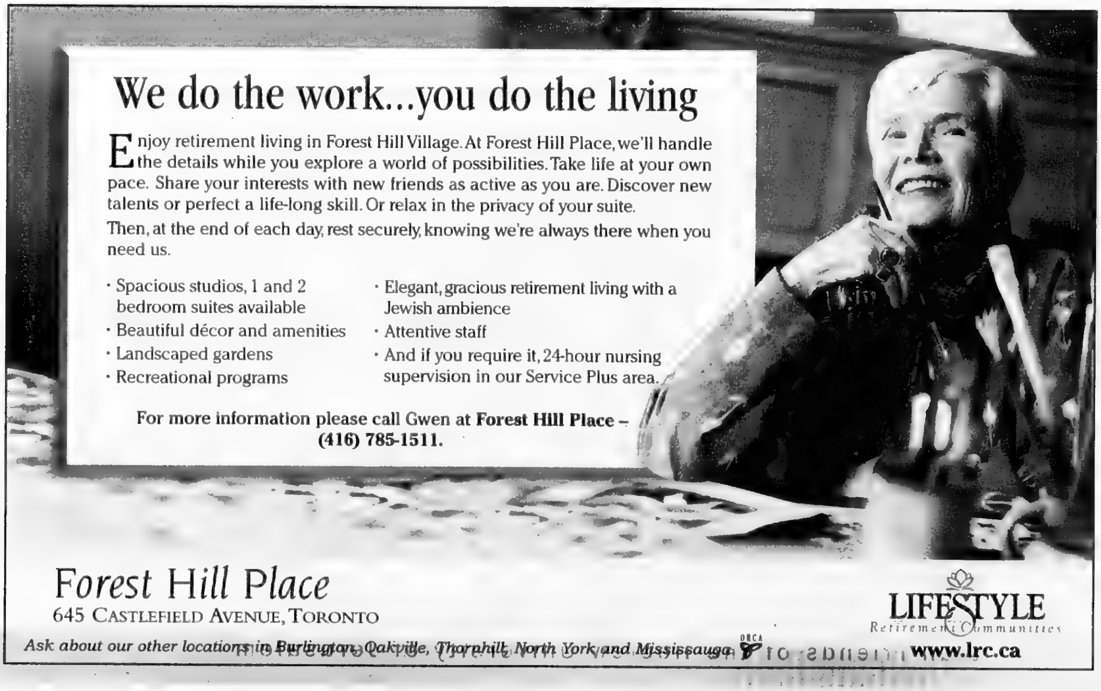
Adolf Hitler refused Hungary's wishes and Nazi troops occupied the country on March 19, 1944. "It was a military decision to occupy Hungary, so it would not surrender," Braham said. "The Jewish question was not a determining factor."

In fact, the Germans weren't certain that Hungary would give up its Jews easily. But after the occupation, Hungarian officials "outdid" the Nazis in their eagerness to co-operate with the Final Solution. They offered up 18,000 Jews a day, which even the Nazis found too much. A "compromise" of 12,000 a day was eventually reached.

"The Germans would have been helpless without the co-operation of Hungarian officials," Braham said. With the combined effort, Jews "were fundamentally hapless and unprepared. Jewish leaders knew about Auschwitz, but failed to inform the masses."

By July 1944, almost all of the Hungarian countryside was declared *Judenrein* (free of Jews). All that remained were the 150,000 or so Jews of Budapest, who survived only thanks to the advancing Red Army and the heroic exploits of Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, who issued fake passports to Jews.

Braham noted that Pope Pius XII sent a letter to German officials protesting the treatment of Hungarian Jews, but not one Hungarian church issued a pastoral letter on the subject.



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Holocaust education growing in Europe: Imber

By **PAUL LUNGEN**
Staff Reporter

Five years ago, the government of Sweden commissioned a research study, the results of which left Swedish officials frightened.

Researchers polling the country's young people found that many 12- to 15-year-olds belonged to neo-Nazi gangs and knew next to nothing about the Holocaust.

What's more, many did not think democracy was all that important. The appearance in city streets of the young gangs "terrified people," but it was a phenomenon that was happening elsewhere in Europe as well, said Shulamit Imber, pedagogical director of the International School for Holocaust Studies at Yad Vashem.

The Swedes concluded the polling results were a consequence of not confronting the past head on. Their response was to place great emphasis on teaching about the Holocaust.

"Learning the Holocaust is very active around Europe," promoted by education ministries and non-governmental organizations, Imber said.

Imber, who serves on the International Task Force for International Co-operation on Holocaust Education, was speaking last week at Beth Tzedec Congregation as part of Holocaust Education Week. The event was sponsored by the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem in partnership with the Chenstochover Society.

Imber said the current European interest in the Holocaust is a marked departure from previous years. Western countries, she said, did not really address the Holocaust until the last years of the 20th century. For 45 years, it was ignored in school curricula, and even people studying World War II could do so without reference to the murder of Jews.

Today, European countries commemorate the Holocaust and teach about it "as a way of meeting and confronting the past."

The effort comes up against substantial obstacles, she continued. A German friend told her that "it's not easy to confront your past. It's admitting your parents and grandparents were either perpetrators or bystanders."

Some get around the problem by expanding Holocaust curricula to focus on the Nazi totalitarian state, racism, rescuers and concentration camps, while avoiding the discussion of death camps where Jews were killed en masse, Imber said.

Some educators compare the Holocaust to modern-day conflicts, such as those in Rwanda and Kosovo, labeling them all "holocausts" and even saying "the real Holocaust is what the Jews do to Palestinians," she said.

Yad Vashem counters that trend by participating in as many educational conferences and meetings as it can and by bringing the focus back to the German genocide of Jews, Imber said.

Many who accuse Israel of committing a holocaust are not even familiar with the details of the Nazi genocide, she said. Educators "must explain and define it" by reminding them it meant the Nazi plan to gather every person with one Jewish grandparent and transport them to their deaths.

Before applying lessons of the Holocaust to contemporary racism, first people need to understand the facts of the Holocaust, she added.

In earlier remarks, Bernie Farber, executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress' Ontario region, described current manifestations of anti-Semitism in Canada.

In one example, Farber referred to a Grade 10 student who e-mailed Ingrid Rimland, Ernst Zundel's wife and Web master, asking for information about Zundel and his views. She said she needed the material for a school mock trial, and she later told Rimland that her exposition of Zundel's views, based not only on opinion but "on real fact," helped her win the trial.

Farber said campuses are a focal point for anti-Semitic incidents. A sukkah at York University was knocked down twice during the recent Sukkot holiday and U.S. academic Daniel Pipes was nearly prevented from speaking at the university by physical threats, while in Vancouver, Hillel was prevented from presenting an Israeli Arab to speak on multiculturalism because he had served in the Israeli army.

Farber also said he had heard the chant, in Arabic, of "death to the Jews," during a protest outside the Israeli consulate in Toronto.

The Jewish community, he said, must take anti-Semitism seriously. The extreme right and the extreme left have found common ground in their hatred of Israel and Jews, and "anti-Zionism has become the blood brother of anti-Semitism."

"Islamism," the extremist political manifestation of Islam that features a totalitarian political ideology modelled on Nazism and Communism, has adopted anti-Semitic views, Farber said. Quoting his colleague Manuel Prutschi, he said these groups share the goal of making the world free of a Jewish state.

Farber urged listeners to actively respond to these trends by calling radio phone-in shows, writing letters to the editor and educating as many people as possible about anti-Semitism.

CORRECTION

A headline in last week's *CJN* incorrectly stated that Ontario's Equity in Education Tax Credit (EETC) has been repealed. In fact, Premier Dalton McGuinty has merely repeated his promise to eliminate the credit. *The CJN* regrets the error.

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Jewish genealogy and the Holocaust

By ZE'EV GLICENSTEIN

Roots
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Remembrance

Tombstone carvers often symbolically represent a life cut tragically short, as when a child dies, with a cemetery monument in the shape of a truncated tree trunk.

The motif is also sometimes used among Jewish genealogists when drawing charts of families cut down in the Shoah. Shoots are shown growing from the severed trunk when a branch of the family survived into the postwar era.

Genealogists who focus on Holocaust research often feel a strong need to retrieve the names and identities of relatives who perished. As the late philosopher Emil Fackenheim famously observed, we are commanded not to hand a posthumous victory to Hitler by forgetting. Thus, genealogy becomes a mission, not just a hobby.

Over the last decade, the myth that all Jewish records were destroyed when the Jewish communities were wiped out has given way to the realization that many wartime records still exist. The Germans excelled at keeping paper records, and much source material has also been generated by survivors and others. The following is a sampling of resources.

Yad Vashem, the Jerusalem-based Holocaust museum has collected "Pages of Testimony" from survivors and their families for nearly half a century, and it has amassed between two and three million distinct names of the six million who perished. Each page details names of parents, spouse and children, birth and death dates and places, as well as information about the submitter.

Yad Vashem is still perfecting a system to make the pages accessible on the Internet. In the meantime, write to P.O. Box 3477, 91034 Jerusalem, Israel. Yad Vashem's microfilmed records from the International Tracing Service of the International Red Cross are also useful. Its Web site is www.yad-vashem.org.il.

Archives at Auschwitz, Warsaw Ghetto and other Holocaust-related sites may have files on inmates or residents. *The Gedenkbuch* (Koblenz, 1986) gives the names of 128,000 German Jews who perished, while the *Memorial to the Jews Deported from France* (Serge Klarsfeld, 1983) lists 70,000 Jews deported from France to concentration camps. A companion volume exists for Belgium. Some years ago, a group of survivors published a five-volume list of about 130,000 residents of the former Lodz Ghetto.The University of Toronto's Robarts Library is one of about 10 institutions worldwide to have a copy.

Like the Jewish Public Library in Montreal and numerous American university libraries, Robarts also has an excellent collection of yizkor books. Once dismissed by an eminent scholar as "tombstones, not books," yizkor books are published histories of Jewish communities in Eastern Europe and Russia that each memorialize a town or region and its martyrs. More than 800 have been published. They typically offer descriptions, usually in Hebrew and/or Yiddish, of the town's history, culture, institutions and rabbis, as well as a necrology of Holocaust victims.

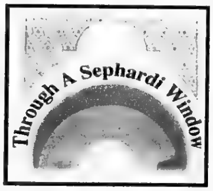
From A Ruined Garden: The Memorial Books of Polish Jewry (edited by Jack Kugelmass and Jonathan Boyarin) offers about 60 excerpts in translation. For other excerpts, see the Yizkor Book Registry of JewishGen (www.jewishgen.org). The *Encyclopedia Judaica* offers good thumbnail sketches of many destroyed Jewish communities, while a growing library of Holocaust memoirs and the Spielberg Foundation's videotaped interviews with survivors are also important resources.

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington (202-488-0400, www.ushmm.org) has an extensive library and archives of Holocaust research material. The museum also maintains the Registry of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, a listing of more than 170,000 survivors and their children in the United States and Canada.

These are just some of the growing number of resources available. For more detailed summaries, see Gary Mokotoff's *How to Document Victims and Locate Survivors of the Holocaust* (Avotaynu, 1995), or visit the JewishGen Web site, www.jewishgen.org.

What's in a name?

By RABBI YEHIEL BEN AYON



One of the tasks of Adam, the first human, while in the Garden of Eden, was to give appropriate names to the animals in his kingdom. Adam was a man whose vision enabled him to perceive the essence of each species, and with this wisdom, he was also able to formulate a name that would capture each animal's essence.

This idea that a name is much more than a convenience, that it is rather a description – an identification – of a thing's very being, is a recurring theme in the Torah. Over and over, we see that the biblical names of people express their very individuality and personality. A name, then, is very much like a blueprint, which conveys the form a building is to take.

While we certainly do not have the perception of Adam, nor his descriptive powers in deciding on names, we believe nevertheless that a person's name has cosmic effects on their personality and fortunes. Hence, to this day, we prefer to name our children with the names of those we wish them to emulate. What greater way to perpetuate the memory of another than by giving their name to a child in the hope the child will grow not just into the name but into a reflection of the person's personality.

From Creation until the Middle Ages, it was most common to bestow on one's children the names of those we wished them to imitate, dead or alive. It was not until the Middle Ages and the instructions of Rav Yehuda Hachasid that today's prevalent custom of not naming children after the living took hold.

But, in general, Sephardim did not accept Rav Yehuda's advice of not naming children after the living, and they continue to do so to this day.

The custom is that a family's first boy is given the name of his paternal grandfather, while a second boy is given the name of his maternal grandfather. Likewise, a first girl would be named after her paternal grandmother, and a second girl would be named after her maternal grandmother. After this, any names may be given.

It is also important to note that while it is always preferred to give one's children Hebrew names, certain non-Hebrew names have been adopted into the roster of Jewish names. These name usually reflect the original Hebrew name, such as Leon for Yehuda, Salvador for Yehoshua, Fortuna for Mazel.

One should not be surprised at how such Latin, Spanish and even Arabic names have been added to the roster of "Jewish" names, for there are countless Ashkenazi names that are considered bona fide Jewish monikers but are in fact of Germanic origin – including Mendel, Velvel, Baila, Faigel, Bluma. Just as these Germanic names have been accepted, words from the languages of Sephardi Jews have also been accepted.

(Incidentally, one of my peeves is hearing the ridiculous statement that Sephardi last names do not sound "Jewish." Rest assured that family names such as Rosensweig or Berkovitch betray their Germanic or Romanian origins and are no more Jewish then Buzaglo, Gozlan or Toledano, which reflect their Arabic or Spanish origin. Unless a name is in the category of Cohen or Levi and the like, all Jewish last names have their origins in the Diaspora.)

Recently, a new trend has developed in which non-Hebrew names have found their way back into the roster of Jewish names in translation, however loosely that translation into Hebrew may be. For example, the Arabic word for joy, Aisha becomes Simcha,or Jamilla – beautiful – becomes Yaffa. These names, like the people who bore them, travelled the Diaspora and are now safely back in their land and language.

Making Israel's case

Books
Bernard Baskin

The Case for Israel **by Alan Dershowitz, John Wiley & Sons, $29.29.**

This is an important and necessary book. It appears at a time when a recent poll in a Toronto newspaper indicated that a large majority of Canadians support the Palestinian cause. It is a brilliantly argued defence of Israel by a recognized champion of law, freedom and human rights. Dershowitz argues that Israel may not be perfect, but it is the sole outpost of liberty and democracy in the Middle East.

For Dershowitz, those who single out Israel for criticism while rarely directing it against other countries with far worse human rights records are guilty of nothing less then international bigotry.

In a recent interview, the author said, "I decided to write this book after witnessing the recent spate of unthinking attacks on Israel on so many college campuses around the United States and throughout the world. I was especially upset at the way so many academics responded to the recent suicide bombs that killed more than 800 Israelis, mostly civilians. These bombings were a carefully calculated attempt by Palestinian extremists to shift the blame away from [Palestinian Authority President] Yasser Arafat for walking away from the generous peace offer made by former Israeli prime minister Ehud Barak and former American president Bill Clinton at Camp David and Taba in 2001."

To those who ignore the facts – or, more likely, are ignorant of them – Dershowitz maintains that for decades, the Palestinian leadership has been more interested in there not being a Jewish state then in there being a Palestinian one.

In 1917, 1937 and 1948, and between 1948-1967, he points out, the Palestinians could have had a state, if they were prepared to recognize Israel's right to exist. Most recently, in 2000 and 2001, they could have had a state if they were prepared to stop the violence.

Dershowitz writes that the only realistic resolution of the Arab-Israel dispute is a two-state solution, long advocated by most Israelis: a predominantly Jewish state in what is now Israel, and a predominantly Muslim state on the West Bank and Gaza. The first and most important step toward this is for the Palestinian leadership to declare in Arabic, clearly and unmistakeably, that Israel has the right to exist.

Dershowitz challenges more than 30 accusations levelled against Israel and responds to each with cold, hard facts and documentation in Israel's defence. Some of the accusations are: the Zionist movement was a plot to colonize all of British Mandate Palestine; the UN Partition Plan was unfair to Palestinians; Israel create the Arab refugee problem; Israel started the Six-Day War; Israel has not made serious efforts at peace; Arafat was right in turning down the Barak-Clinton peace proposal; Israel tortures Palestinians; universities should divest from Israel and boycott Israeli scholars; and Israel is the "prime" human rights violator in the world.

Finally, Dershowitz makes clear that Hamas, Hezbollah and other rejectionist groups have vowed to continue terrorism even if the occupation were ended. He agrees with the conclusions of *New York Times* columnist Thomas Friedman, who wrote that Palestinians who use suicide bombers to blow up Israelis at a Passover meal and then declare, "Just end the occupation and everything will be fine" are not believable. No Israeli in his right mind would trust that Arafat, who has used suicide bombers to suit his purposes, would not do the same thing if he got the West Bank back and some of his people started demanding Tel Aviv.

I know of no better book than this which so lucidly, convincingly and effectively presents the case for Israel to exist as a secure nation.

Jewish book month, part 2

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

The Jewish
Highway

Looking for a good Jewish book to read? In honour of Jewish Book Month, I continue my survey of the best books sites on the Internet, with advice about everything from Jewish kids' literature to sacred texts to science fiction.

The best place to start is at JBooks.com, The Online Jewish Book Community. This large site has sections devoted to fiction, non-fiction, interviews and profiles, as well as children's books. The first chapters section gives you just that, an excerpt from a current book such as Ruchama King's *Seven Blessings*, in which she "explores the world of Orthodox matchmaking in Jerusalem and the lives of those looking for love."

JBooks.com's lively discussion forum invites you to comments on recent winners of the National Jewish Book Awards and on other books and authors in the news. And for the daring, you can even post your own fiction, poetry, or other creative writing and respond to other peoples' works **[http://www.jbooks.com/]**.

Nextbook describes itself as "a gateway to Jewish literature, culture and ideas." Like JBooks.com, it critiques new Jewish books and presents reading lists. Its "Portraits of the Artists as a Young Person" list recommends autobiographies, essays and fictionalized memoirs by such authors as Oliver Sacks, David Grossman and Albert Einstein. Nextbook's excellent cultural news digest scours the Internet for articles of interest about Jewish books, film and museums and food appearing in major periodicals such as the *New Yorker*, the *Forward* and the *Guardian*. **[http://www.nextbook.org/]**.

Need more suggestions? The Greater Cleveland chapter of the Association of Jewish Libraries has compiled a list of noteworthy titles for 2003/5764. It includes Haim Be'er's *The Pure Element of Time*, "a fictionalized memoir of the childhood and literary development of one of Israel's foremost talents," and Ari Goldman's *Living a Year of Kaddish* **[http://www.jewishlibraries.org/]**.

The Association of Jewish Libraries has also compiled a similar list of titles for children. But it has gone a step further with its New Jewish Valuesfinder Web site. This searchable database emphasizes books that promote moral qualities and good deeds. As with most book-related search engines, you can look for titles by author, title or ISBN number. But what sets this search engine apart is its ability to also search for books that emphasize values such as social activism, compassion, honoring the aged and love for Torah **[http://www.ajljewishvalues.org/]**.

What do Woody Allen, S.Y. Agnon and Isaac Asimov have in common? Their works all appear on Steven Silver's Jewish Science Fiction and Fantasy reading list. Silver has included almost 400 titles from Jewish and non-Jewish authors: Isaac Bashevis Singer (*The Golem*), Harlan Ellison (*I'm Looking for Kadak*) and Miriam Baskin (*My Clone and I* from Jewish Sci Fi Stories for Children). Do you have a qualm with Steven Singer's choices or do you have some titles you'd like to add? Then you're invited to join the Jewish Speculative Fiction Discussion Group **[http://www.sfsite.com/~silverag/jewishsf.html]**.

Every so often, I come across a site that reminds me about the incredible positive power of the Internet. HebrewBooks.org is one of those sites. Over the decades, rabbis have written commentaries on the Torah, Talmud and other holy works. Many of these commentaries are now out of print, nearly impossible to find and often forgotten. But the people at HebrewBooks.org have tracked down many books (sforim) that are now in the public domain, scanned them and uploaded them to the Internet. There are now 1,280 sforim and 766 journals, all of which can be downloaded for free **[http://www.hebrewbooks.org/]**.

As the site explains, "If you were to ask any rabbi who authored a sefer, what his one wish would be, his answer would surely be, 'I want people to learn my sefer, even after my passing' … When you quote these sforim, please be sure to mention the rabbi's name! In this manner you will bring life to the memory of the author."

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British man saved 669 Jewish children in wartime Prague

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

You never know what can happen when you clean out your house.

One day in the late 1980s, Greta Winston was going through the attic while her husband, Nick, was puttering around in the garden of their home in Maidenhead, England. What she stumbled across stunned her.

She found pictures, documents, and letters about a time in her husband's life he had never mentioned to her. It seems that Nicholas Winton had saved nearly 700 Czech Jewish children from nearly certain death in the Holocaust.

The story was told as part of this year's Holocaust Education Week at an event co-sponsored by the Rash family last week at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

A film about Winton, *Nicky's Children*, written by former CBC correspondent Joe Schlesinger, was originally shown last May on CBC's *Witness* series. Schlesinger himself was one of the children saved by Winton.

Winton, then a 30-year-old clerk at the London stock exchange, went to Prague in late 1938. He saw the plight of Jewish refugees, who were living in very difficult conditions and feared what would happen when the Nazis took over the country, as everyone expected.

Children were thought to be in particular danger, and Winton decided to help those who were trying to help them.

The papers in the Wintons' attic showed the steps Winton and his cohorts went through to save the children. He wrote to foreign governments to ask them to allow the children in, even if they didn't have all the necessary papers or qualifications to be accepted as normal immigrants. Only Britain and Sweden agreed to take children.

Some children had family they could go to. Others went to boarding schools. For still others, Winton sent photographs to people he came across, asking them to choose which child they wanted to take in.

In all, Winton helped send 669 children out of Czechoslovakia. Most never saw their families again.

The last trainload was scheduled to leave on Sep. 3, 1939, the day Britain declared war on Germany. None of those children survived.

While some of the children kept in touch with each other, many had no idea who had actually saved them. Winton himself came home to England and simply never talked about what he had accomplished.

When his wife found the papers, she started to contact some of the children, who had grown into adults with families of their own.

In an emotional part of the film, the host of the BBC television program *That's Life* talked about Winton's actions. She then asked who in the show's audience had been saved by him. A tearful Winton looked around stunned as the entire audience stood up.

Since World War II, Winton has also worked for the elderly, refugees, people with disabilities and for various United Nations causes.

In December 2002, Winton was knighted by the Queen for his humanitarian achievements.

Not all the children were sent to Jewish homes – Schlesinger was sent to a boarding school for Czech refugees. And, Schlesinger said, at one point, some rabbis came to Winton and, unaware of the fate awaiting the Jews, told him they would rather the children stayed in Czechoslovakia than go to Christian homes. Winton ignored their plea, feeling it was more important to save their lives.

Schlesinger added that he didn't know how many of the children stayed Jewish, although he noted that "one is a [Christian] missionary."

Otherwise, he said, they were all "kids who played, went to school, stole apples from the farmer down the road, and kissed girls."

And they also grew up to be productive members of society: Schlesinger became an award-winning journalist; another became mayor of Ealing and is now a member of the House of Lords; and still another became a fighter pilot in Israel's War of Independence.

Still, Schlesinger said, "We were all left with a guilt complex. What did I do to deserve to live when so many died?"

Winton was not the only member of the family to maintain the stereotypical British reserve about his exploits.

Greta, who died in 1999, never told him that she was in the Danish resistance and that at one point she had been arrested by the Gestapo.

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Post-traumatic stress a ‘normal human reaction’

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Since the 1970s, there has been a sea change in the understanding of post-traumatic stress disorder among Holocaust survivors, says the founding executive director of the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture.

“We have come to recognize that the individuals are not pathologically ill. [They are experiencing] a normal human reaction to an abnormal situation. The Holocaust was the illness. For the individual to react to that process was normal,” Joan Simalchik said last Monday at Temple Sinai in a Holocaust Education Week lecture co-sponsored by the temple and UJA Federation Women’s Campaign & Advocacy.

Survivors with post-traumatic stress disorder experienced events, such as genocide and torture, that are outside the range of normal human experience, Simalchik said.

“[During the Holocaust, they developed] strategies to help get themselves through days that are impossible to describe. They were hyper-vigilant and absolutely aware of their environment to the utmost degree. They could not go into a deep sleep, and they had to be suspicious of everything.

“They also forced themselves to imagine they were somewhere else. They [tried] to keep some connection with a sane world where basic necessities are met,” she said.

In their new world after the war, they still felt insecure, Simalchik said. “They remained super-aware of their conditions, and their sleep was still disturbed because they were unwilling to relax.”

Despite similarities among them, however, each survivor is unique, she said. “When we talk about survivors, we collapse a world of experience into one term, but each person has his own experience and memory of events.

“Trauma is an event of context. It is different for each individual,” Simalchik said. “Someone who survives massive social trauma is more than a sum of those events. The traumatic event has had an impact, but the individual has more than that one experience.”

The impact of trauma on a person varies according to the amount of social support they receive and whether they have experienced any sort of Holocaust denial, she said.

“Holocaust denial can be subtle. Experiences are diminished when people are told ‘It takes time to get over it’ or that ‘It probably wasn’t that bad.’ These are the kinds of social mores that keep the effects of trauma alive.”

The creation of the State of Israel and the trial of Adolph Eichmann, the Nazi SS functionary who implemented the Nazis’ “Final Solution,” were two events that changed survivors’ experiences for the better, she said.

“When Eichmann was on trial, the voices of survivors were put on television. That had enormous significance. That trial punctured the legacy of silence.”

The pursuit of justice was paramount to survivors of the Holocaust, she said. “Pursuing justice meant [there was an effort to right a wrong], and that is an element that must be addressed, otherwise there are no conditions for people to heal.”

The children of survivors share in many of their parents’ legacies, Simalchik said. “They share the impact of having no grandparents, aunts or uncles, and they suffer the loss of a carefree youth, because they learned [from their parents] that the world is a dangerous place.”

Survivors and their families adapt, however, and traditions do go on, she said.

“Sixty years after the war, Holocaust museums are still being formed and the Canadian government recently passed a bill to create a Holocaust Remembrance Day.

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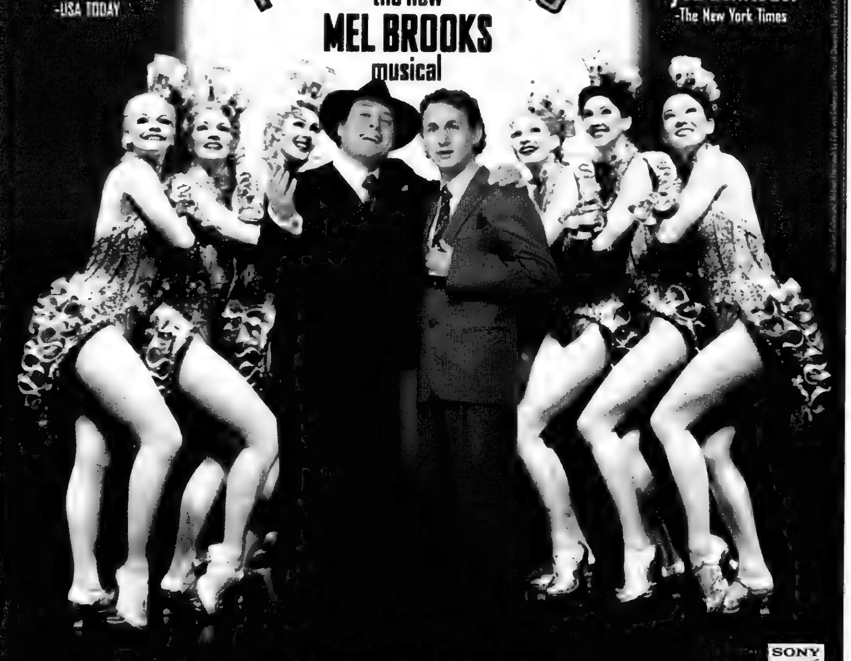

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'Soviet & Kosher' celebrates Russian culture

By SVETLANA BARKAN
Special to The CJN

Last month's symposium on "Soviet & Kosher: A Century of Jewish Culture in Russia" successfully presented a wide variety of subjects on Russian Jewish culture to a broad audience.

A pre-event concert took place Oct. 25 at the University of Toronto's Walter Hall called "Three Generations of Soviet Jewish Song," which included performances of jazz and folk songs, opera excerpts and a haunting performance of Dmitry Shostakovich's opera *Anne Frank's Diary*.

The two-day symposium opened Oct. 26. The event's organizers, professors Peter Solomon and Anna Shternshis, included interesting and educational presentations that could appeal to both academics and lay individuals.

Vassily Schedrin of Brandeis University presented an unknown play by Solomon Mikhoels called *Builder Amid Ruins*. Mikhoels was the founder of the Soviet Yiddish Theatre whose mysterious death has usually been attributed to his conflicts with the Soviet authorities. Schedrin personally discovered this unknown play, which tells the story of a giant tower that is built by numerous workers during the day, but diminishes to its original size by night.

Two-day symposium at University of Toronto

The four musicians of the Red Army Klezmer Band – Michael Alpert, Jeffrey Wollock, German Goldenshteyn and Yosif Kagansky – spoke about Jewish Klezmer music in the former Soviet Union between the 1950s and 1990s. They examined the cross-cultural references in Soviet klezmer music and traced popular Soviet klezmer motifs back to their origins. On the evening of Oct. 26, the band presented a delightful medley of klezmer music from shtetls in Ukraine, Belarus, Russia and Moldova in a concert called "Klezmer Behind the Iron Curtain."

In a presentation called "Jewish culture in Interwar Ukraine: Finding from Oral History," Jeffrey Veidlinger of Indiana University also based his presentation on Jewish folk-motifs in Soviet music. Veidlinger and his team travelled through hundreds of Ukrainian shtetls and villages, collecting oral Jewish folklore, such as legends, songs, fairy tales and poems.

Shternshis gave a powerful and moving presentation called "Rabbis' Daughters Wearing Red Ties: Images of Perfect Soviet Jews in Soviet Popular Culture of the 1930s." She analyzed the transition of Soviet Jews from Yiddish culture to Soviet culture, a transition that was marked by the official suppression of Yiddish language, as well as the government's policy of encouraging the younger generation to become a part of the new, modern society. Shternshis spoke of rabbis' daughters who refused to maintain religious practices in their homes and shed off their Jewishness as a part of the old society. While their fathers were imprisoned for their religious practices, the daughters continued to support the regime, she said.

The symposium ended with a screening of the Soviet Jewish film *Seekers of Happiness*. Prof. Thomas Lahusen also presented the audience with selections from various other films that portrayed Jews in Russia and the former Soviet Union.

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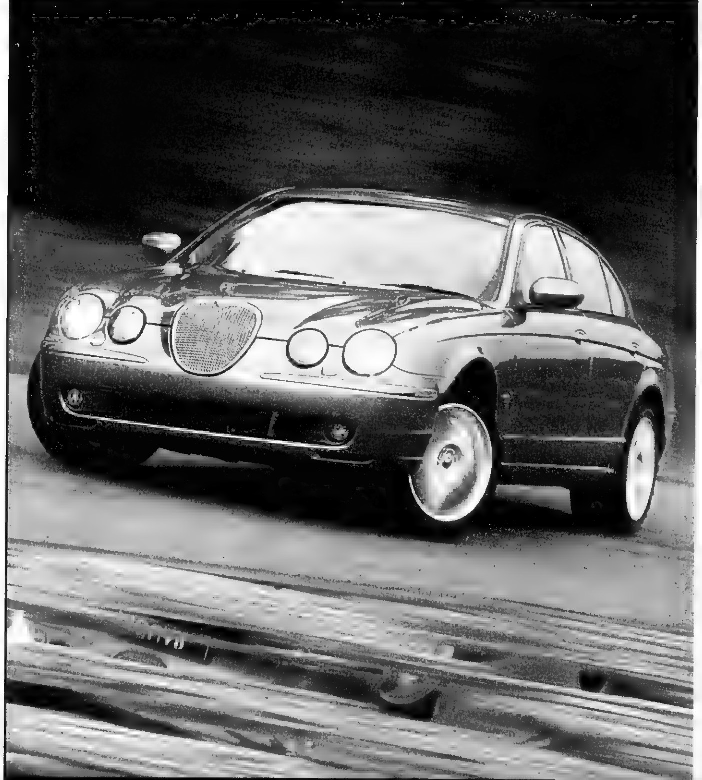

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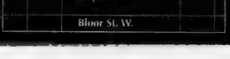

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Repairing the world one step at a time - Jonathan Koven's legacy

By Cynthia Cooperstone

All around The Toronto Heschel School, environmental awareness is blossoming. Children are bringing lunches in recyclable containers; composting has become a fruitful habit; garbage output has been significantly reduced; and parents are helping to harvest the organic garden and monitor the irrigation system – even during summer vacation. And for two particular students, Noah and Maya Koven (ages 7 and 5), cultivating this respect for and involvement with nature holds special meaning.

"Environmental studies is a significant part of the Heschel curriculum from JK through eighth grade," says Gail Baker, Principal, "and the children love it." With the support of the Jonathan Koven Memorial Fund set up through the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto, the school's environmental education program will receive additional resources to increase awareness and hands-on involvement.

Jonathan's wife, Mara, and his two friends, Ivan Simon and Greg Tugg, established the fund following Jonathan's sudden death from cardiac arrhythmia in September 2002 at the age of 39. It is an apt recognition of Jonathan's contributions as a young Jewish leader, a supporter of The Toronto Heschel School and a friend of the environment.

(Left to right) Maya, Jonathan, Mara and (front) Noah Koven.

Jonathan had a profound respect for nature, says his wife Mara. "He lived what Heschel talked about, [recognizing that] life is full of awe, and that we can look around us and feel God's presence. He was the kind of guy who would wake the kids up to look at the stars or encourage them to dance in the rain. He even built a tree house in the back yard without using a single nail."

"Jonathan valued life so much because he came into the world with a huge challenge," says Mara. Born with a congenital heart defect, he survived the physical hardships of his early years, and went on to great academic and professional achievement. He turned passion into activism at Aim Trimark when he spearheaded the first personalized mutual fund report that made generalized, paper-heavy reports obsolete and yielded tremendous cost and natural resource savings.

Even before they had school-aged children, the Kovens decided that Heschel's philosophy jibed with their own, and they became staunch supporters of the school where Noah is now in Grade 2 and Maya attends Senior Kindergarten.

"We wanted to set up something in his memory that would persist long-term," says Ivan who met Jonathan at the University of Waterloo. "We decided that The Toronto Heschel School would be an appropriate place to nurture this permanent reminder of him."

Although the Fund is still in its accumulation phase, Greg Tugg is confident that "people will contribute to help perpetuate Jonathan's memory and beliefs and allow the students the ability to work on something for the benefit of the environment." As the funds are released to buoy environmental initiatives at Heschel, all of the students will remember Noah and Maya's father and share in this ongoing commitment to community, school and environment.

"This is *tikun olam* in a very literal sense – caring for the world," says Mara, "and these kids are going to inherit this world." In part, because of Jonathan's gifts, they may inherit his sense of responsibility and awe as well.

For more information about the Jonathan Koven Memorial Fund or how you can contribute to this fund or others, call Carol Kassel, Director of the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto, 416.631.5674 or ckassel@ujafed.org

Tips for snowbirds flying south

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Tip #2

Make sure your Will is up-to-date. If you own a residence in the U.S. you may want to consider having a separate Will that deals only with how this residence will be disposed of on your death.

Tip #3

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Tip #4

You should consider having your mail re-directed by Canada Post. Alternatively, you should make arrangements for mail to be forwarded to you by a family member or friend. Should you not require your telephone number to be operational in your absence, you should consider deactivating your telephone number. You should cancel all newspaper deliveries.

Tip #5

Last but certainly not least, enjoy your time down south!

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Aussie Jewish community leads opposition to Ashrawi award

By DANIEL HOROWITZ

Last week, the Sydney Peace Foundation and Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (under the auspices of the University of Sydney) presented its annual Peace Prize to Dr. Hanan Ashrawi, a prominent spokesperson for the Palestinian Authority.

But not without strong opposition from Australia's Jewish community.

The Sydney Peace Prize is the only international peace prize awarded in Australia. One of its sponsors, the City of Sydney, boycotted the ceremony, with the Lord Mayor arguing that Ashrawi is not a suitable recipient.

Previous recipients of this award include the former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and East Timorese leader Xanana Gusmao.

Ashrawi is a senior member of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) who has served as an official spokesperson for PLO leader Yasser Arafat for many years. She has been a member of the Palestinian Legislative Council since 1995, and has served as a cabinet minister under Arafat.

"We're not opposed to the award because we are in any way opposed to Palestinians or to people meeting with, or speaking to Hanan Ashrawi. We're opposed to this award because we are in favour of peace," said Jeremy Jones, President of The Executive Council of Australian Jewry – the equivalent of Canadian Jewish Congress – in an interview from Sydney. "And we simply do not believe that she has, or is currently, furthering the cause of peace."

Much of the controversy has fallen on the shoulders of New South Wales Premier Bob Carr, who agreed to present this year's award before Ashrawi was named this year's recipient.

"I'm not going to withdraw from this for the very simple reason that the security of Israel will only be achieved by a peace settlement with the Palestinians, and we've got to seize every opportunity to engage with both sides, and urge peace on both sides," he said during a broadcast on Australia's Radio National.

Dr. Colin Rubenstein, Executive Director of The Australia/Israel and Jewish Affairs Council disagreed with Carr's decision.

"The idea that she's [Ashrawi] been a force for moderation or reconciliation is frankly laughable," observed Rubenstein during the same radio show.

Ashrawi used the Jewish opposition to her award to deflect attention away from herself and turned it into an issue of Jews versus all Palestinians.

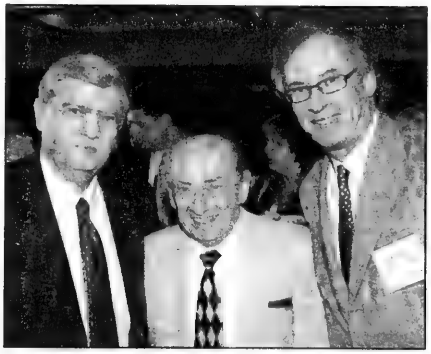
Dr. Hanan Ashrawi

"I knew that for some time now there's been a mobilization to try and prevent any Palestinian voice from being heard," she said in a radio interview from her home in Ramallah, "to try to silence even those who have been struggling for peace all their life despite the severity of the conflict and the fact that we have become few and far between."

"Those who argue in favour of Ashrawi are not doing it to prove her case, but rather as just another opportunity to take cheap shots at the Jewish community," added Jones. "Her speech will be recorded, and I'm sure she'll say only moderate things so that her people can point to it and say she only wants peace. Truth is, she got the award, she came and went, and we'll deal with the consequences later."

Justice for all

Israel's Chief Justice Aharon Barak was the keynote speaker at a recent presentation jointly sponsored by the Wolfond Centre for Jewish Campus Life at the University of Toronto and Massuah, Institute for Holocaust Education in Israel. Barak spoke to a capacity audience made up of Toronto's legal professionals and major supporters of UJA Federation at the Park Hyatt Hotel. (Pictured L-R) Barak shares a moment with Alex and George Grossman.



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Little rest for Holocaust Education Week volunteers

The world's largest Holocaust education program – Toronto's Holocaust Education Week (HEW) – recently wrapped up its 23rd year with more than 120 successful educational and cultural events having taken place across the Greater Toronto area and surrounding cities.

The 13-day event, coordinated by UJA Federation's Holocaust Centre of Toronto, is recognized around the world as the preeminent program of its kind.

And the success of HEW doesn't come without a tremendous amount of sacrifice on the part of its volunteers.

The Chair of The Holocaust Centre is Howard Driman, who also acts as a consultant to this year's HEW Co-Chairs, Honey Carr and Joan Shapero.

"I went to the Washington Holocaust Museum in 1993 and I had an epiphany of sorts," says Driman. "I came back to Toronto knowing that I simply had to do something, had to get involved. I called The Holocaust Centre and told them that I wanted to volunteer."

One year later, Driman found himself on the HEW committee and he was hooked.

"Originally, we had about 60 programs each year. Today it's double that number," he says proudly. "It took a lot of phone calls and meetings, but it was well worth it when you see not only the number of programs we have today, but the quality as well."

Despite the countless hours, unavoidable headaches, and exhausting schedules they endure as Co-Chairs, both Carr and Shapero would gladly do it again.

"I don't know how I do it actually between my regular job and my three grandchildren, but I always get a second wind and become reenergized when I'm at one of our fabulous programs," says Carr, a child of Holocaust survivors who became a docent at The Holocaust Centre following her experiences on the 1997 March of the Living.

"To me, there is simply no time to rest when we absolutely must educate our young people today. The world is changing and is no longer a secure place to be Jews. As we continue to lose more and more Holocaust survivors, we must use these innovative programs to teach the lessons of the Holocaust for our children and their children," adds Carr.

For Shapero, her father's decision to leave his comfortable posting at Camp Borden during the Second World War in order to fight Nazis was more than enough motivation to get involved.

"My dad, Arthur Zaldin, was a captain at Camp Borden but, as a Jew, he felt it was far more important for him to go and fight the Nazis. In fact, he actually had himself demoted so that he could do this."

Shapero says that despite the rather taxing schedule of Holocaust Education Week, the time spent on such an important endeavour is crucial to its success.

"It's really like a full-time job," says Shapero. "But, while it takes up a tremendous amount of time and energy, it's essential that Honey and I – as Chairs – ensure that we're at as many programs as possible to provide a personal connection."

"Somebody once told me that although I had no relatives in the Holocaust, I, like all Jews, still had a personal stake in the Holocaust," says Driman. "I'm perhaps most proud of the fact that this year we had 35 churches involved in HEW. That is critical because the lessons of the Holocaust are universal, there for all mankind to learn from."

(L to R) Howard Driman, Chairman of the UJA Federation Holocaust Centre of Toronto, Honey Carr and Joan Shapero, Co-Chairs, Holocaust Education Week 2003, hard at work on HEW programming.

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Hillel students present "More Humus, Less Hamas"

By DANIEL HOROWITZ

An innovative new Israel advocacy initiative has given Toronto's university students food for thought.

At York, Ryerson and the University of Toronto, Hillel students recently came together in support of Israel in a campaign against terrorism by plastering their campuses, bags, and bodies with buttons, bumper stickers and posters with the statement, "More Humus, Less Hamas."

The two-week campaign culminated on Thursday, October 30th on all three campuses with "More Humus, Less Hamas" day. Over 1,500 postcards were signed by students, which are to be included on a petition that will be presented to the United Nations demanding that the UN declare suicide bombings and acts of terror against civilians crimes against humanity.

Over 1,500 students at Toronto university campuses signed petitions to be presented to the United Nations calling for suicide bombings to be declared "crimes against humanity." The petitions were signed on "More Humus, Less Hamas" day.

"The response was overwhelmingly positive," says Tilly Shames, Director of Israel Affairs, Hillel of Greater Toronto, a UJA Federation partner organization. "People of all ethnic and religious backgrounds realized that this campaign is more than free humus and pita, that there is a far deeper meaning to the day. Overall, it expresses the students' frustration with the onslaught of terrorist attacks against innocent Israeli civilians and their solidarity with Israelis."

The students handed out free pita and humus at multiple locations, together with information on Hamas, the Palestinian terrorist organization. At the end of the day, Hillel arranged to provide Muslim student associations at the respective campuses with pita and humus as well, to break the Ramadan fast.

"We also had a great response from former Israelis living in Toronto who said they had never seen such a thing," says Moshik Galanty, Hillel's Israel Arts and Culture Coordinator. "They said *kol hakavod* to have the guts to do this and they are so proud that Hillel is making the campus a better and more comfortable place for them to be."

Naomi Gryfe, a York University student who coordinated the food for all campuses, says "the breaking of bread, which is often symbolic of peace and camaraderie, served to encourage the long awaited beginning of a peaceful atmosphere on campus and a united front against terror."

"We want the students to leave our table with the message that no matter where we live, we will not tolerate the ongoing terror inflicted upon Israel and the world's acceptance of terror through its apathy and silence," says Shames. "Through this campaign, the students are actively declaring that they will not remain silent on this issue any longer and they call upon their fellow students to join them in their petition against the UN."

To build on the momentum of this campaign, Hillel students will continue to have postcards signed on campus and will later visit the Canadian and Israeli delegations at the United Nations in New York to present them with their petition.

Hillel has been instrumental in educating Jewish students about how to deal with anti-Israel intimidation on campus. Student training of this kind is a key platform of UJA Federation

Torontonian helps Israel brush up on its PR

Toronto's Mark Waldman (right) with Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom.

Toronto's Mark Waldman was among experts from North America invited to a recent three-day seminar organized by Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs to coordinate public relations efforts with heads of privately funded Israel advocacy groups.

"Taking into consideration that the public relations budget is continuously on the decline, the fact that groups have sprouted up to help Israel advocacy and provide services worth a great deal of money, is something very welcomed by the Israeli government," says Gideon Meir, the ministry's Deputy Director-General for Public Affairs.

Waldman represented the Canadian Jewish community and CIJA, the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy. He was joined by Jennifer Laszlo Mizrahi from the Israel Project and Larry Weinberg from Israel 21C(www.Israel21c.org). It was a gathering that brought together the ministry's closest partners in the field of Israel advocacy.

The 11 participants attending the seminar met with some of the Foreign Ministry's top representatives, including Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom and Director-General Yoav Biran. Participants also met with other key officials, including Major General Giora Eiland, Head of Strategic Planning for the Israel Defence Forces (IDF), Brigadier General Ruth Yaron, head of the IDF Spokesperson unit, Nezah Mashiah, head of the Fence Project, Ministry of Defence, and Ra'anan Gissin, spokesperson for the Prime Minister.

"I gave the group a presentation on the new Canadian model of advocacy," says Waldman. "They were very impressed by our organized Jewish community commitment to hasbara (public relations) and the corresponding financial allocations. We talked about ways of cooperating in the future by sharing resources amongst the groups and with the Foreign Affairs Ministry."

Mizrahi briefed the participants on how to communicate more effectively with the American media from her recently released *Guide to Proven Pro-Israel Communications* which is based on extensive polling and focus groups data in the US.

"It was incredible to see so many government spokespeople sitting around one table with such a strong desire to improve their communications messaging with the American media," says Waldman.

"The government of Israel appreciates the new importance that the North American Jewish community has placed on Israel advocacy given shrinking budgets," says Amir Gissin, Director of the Public Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the man charged with organizing this meeting. "This is just the beginning of an ongoing process of cooperation between the Israeli government and the North American Jewish community."

San Diego Federation comes to the aid of fire victims

The San Diego Jewish Federation and its Jewish Community Foundation have responded quickly in the wake of that community's worst natural disaster in its history by establishing a Jewish Community Disaster Fund.

Administered by San Diego's Jewish Family and Child Service, the fund will provide immediate assistance to Jewish families and other community members who have been affected by recent fires that raged through the area.

"Federation convened a meeting immediately after the fires began," says UJA Federation of San Diego Campaign Director Barbara Sherman. "There was a complete mobilization of leaders representing every aspect of our Jewish community. It was decided then and there that this was a human problem, not only a Jewish problem. Our community came together and has responded to this tragedy wonderfully. The money will be administered by Jewish Family and Child Service according to need."

The hardest hit area was a neighbourhood called Scripps Ranch in northeastern San Diego, which suffered the loss of almost 300 homes, roughly 10% of which belonged to Jewish families.

In addition, the 20 classroom trailers of the Chabad Hebrew Academy of San Diego were totally destroyed by the fire. An adjacent $25 million building, which is not yet ready for occupancy, was spared, according to Rabbi Yisroel Goldstein. The challenge will be to find temporary classroom space for some 350 youngsters until the new building is ready to be occupied in January.

"We are undergoing the worst disaster in the community's history," says Michael Hirsh, Director Planning and Allocations, UJA Federation of San Diego. "Whereas wildfires in previous years have been confined to rural or fringe suburban areas, the current fires have come right into heavily populated urban areas. We are currently trying to compile lists of other Jewish families who have been affected. A reasonable estimate is that 60 to 100 Jewish families have lost their homes."

San Diego resident Kevin Hsu took this photo of the Cedar Fire that destroyed the Scripps Ranch neighbourhood in northeastern San Diego.

In total, over 1,200 homes have been lost in San Diego County (including those in Scripps Ranch). More than 10% of the surface area of the county has been burned. The fires came within a quarter mile of the Federation building and within a few feet of several synagogues, but fortunately no communal building other than the day school was affected.

"The Jewish community mobilized early on," says Hirsh. "Jewish Family and Child Service and synagogues are providing help to families who need immediate assistance. It is our prediction that there will also be significant needs over the next several months. We are also helping to form a team of attorneys who will assist families in dealing with insurance and other rebuilding issues."

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Greater Toronto Area

Mother, daughter explore their rich Indian heritage

By ABIGAIL TATOR
Special to The CJN

Curry and rice may not at first seem like Shabbat dinner fare, but for thousands of Jews from India, the mix of Indian traditions with Jewish culture is a way of life.

Toronto resident Sabrina Kerbel's parents both grew up in India and moved to Canada a year before Kerbel was born. While she has visited India, Kerbel grew up in Toronto learning of her rich heritage.

India has had a Jewish population for 2,000 years. Its community, centred in Bombay, Cochin and Calcutta, is made up of three distinct groups: the Bene Israel, the Cochin Jews and Baghdadi, Iraqi, Persian and Yemenite Jews. While Kerbel's father's family was from India, her mother's family came from South Africa, Yemen, India and Baghdad.

India's Jewish population reached its peak of 29,000 just before World War II. After Israel's establishment in 1948, most of the population moved there, with about 23,000 people making aliyah between 1948 and 1970.

Today, there are about 5,000 Jews left in India, which has a population of more than one billion. Only two Jewish schools remain and they have had to open their doors to children of other religions due to low enrolment. There are three Jews in the formerly thriving Jewish community of Cochin. Its synagogue has become a museum.

Besides moving to Israel, many of India's Jews settled in England, the United States, Australia and Canada, where the majority live in Toronto and Montreal.

After they left in the 1960s and '70s, they faced discrimination for the first time, Kerbel said.

"They never experienced discrimination in India. The Hindu religion is mostly very tolerant. The Jewish quarter in Bombay was right next to the Muslim quarter and they got along and spent time together," she said.

"They only experienced discrimination when they left India and it was from other Jews. To go out into the world and not be accepted by other Jewish people, having never experienced discrimination, to experience it at the hands of Jews, was disturbing for a lot of people."

Kerbel said these attitudes have improved in recent years.

"You can still get a lot of 'Are you sure you're Jewish? You can't really be Jewish.' But people are much more informed now that there are Jews around the world."

In 1979, Kerbel's mother was one of the founders of Toronto's Congregation BINA, which in Hebrew means reason or understanding. The congregation, which started with five families, now has 120 families.

After holding many posts within the congregation, Kerbel is now president.

"It started with a few families with the same background who wanted to get together to teach their kids and promote their own culture," said Kerbel. "At other synagogues and day schools, children felt different and didn't want to be a part of their Indian heritage. Parents wanted to promote a feeling of well-being and worth to their children."

As one of three Indian Jews at her Hebrew day school, Kerbel said she felt different and wanted to distance herself from her Indian background.

"But [Congregation BINA] worked," she said. "I am very comfortable and I am proud of my heritage."

The synagogue holds High Holy Day services using Sephardi prayer books and traditional Bene Israel melodies. While it does not hold weekly Shabbat services, it celebrates Purim and Chanukah and other social events.

Kerbel said a dedicated building is not possible given the small number of members. The congregation rents the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada building for its services and events.

She described her congregation's style of prayer as similar to that of Sephardi Jews, but with its own melodies and styles. There are no rabbis in Indian congregations.

"In India, we have lay leaders," she said. "The only rabbi they have is at the only Reform synagogue in India."

When Kerbel married her husband Mark, an Ashkenazi Jew, they integrated Ashkenazi and Bene Israel customs into the service. Kerbel had a traditional henna ceremony and the synagogue caterer learned Indian recipes for a meal that was a mixture of Indian and non-Indian food.

As is done in Indian tradition, the congregation sang the *Yigdal* prayer as Mark walked down the aisle.

Mark was hesitant when Kerbel told him that the tradition was for the groom to sing a love poem, *Navah Mikol*, as the bride walks down the aisle. But he surprised Kerbel and sang as she approached the chuppah.

Kerbel and Mark plan to teach both Indian and Ashkenazi traditions to their five-year-old son Mitchell, adopted from Russia.

"It is important for children to get to know their roots so they want to pass it on, to say you can be different and still hold your head high and not worry about what people are going to say," Kerbel said.

Kerbel and her mother, Anne Samson, will talk about their culture and traditions, as well as their experiences as Indian Jews on Wednesday, Nov. 19, 8 p.m., in the Jacob Ulrich Hall of Adath Israel Congregation, 37 Southbourne Ave. Admission is $7.

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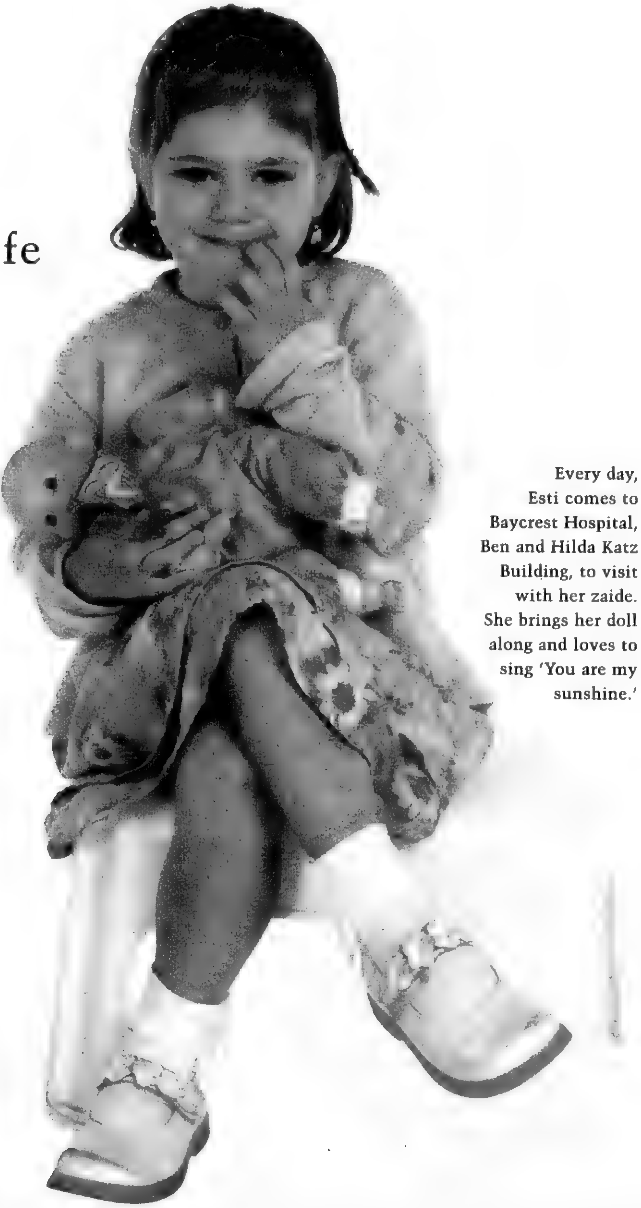

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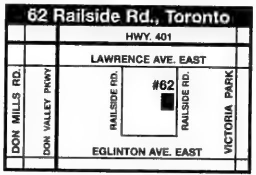

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Memorial service to honour former Toronto rabbi

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Yiddishist Rabbi Gershon Winer, who was raised in Toronto and worked at the Jewish Teachers Seminary in New York City prior to making aliyah in 1970, died in Jerusalem on Yom Kippur. He was 81.

Rabbi Winer, who was a frequent guest lecturer at Beth Tzedec Congregation and for years conducted High Holy Day services at Beth Sholom Synagogue, was born in Widze, Poland in 1922. He was eight years old when his family came to Canada and settled in Toronto.

He attended Harbord Collegiate and received a Jewish education at several local Hebrew schools and yeshivot, including the Brunswick Talmud Torah (later the Associated Hebrew Schools).

He went on to study at Yeshiva College and Columbia University in New York City, and was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1948. He also earned a PhD from Michigan State University.

He met his wife Nechama Levin at Camp Massad in the Poconos and they were married in 1946.

He served as a congregational rabbi in the United States for 14 years, and was dean and professor of Yiddish literature at the Jewish Teachers Seminary in New York for 10 years.

In 1973, he served as Beth Tzedec's interim rabbi for two months and conducted High Holy Day services there, and for nine consecutive years starting in 1974, he returned for one weekend a year to lecture at Beth Tzedec in English, Hebrew and Yiddish.

For many years, he also returned to Toronto to lead one of Beth Sholom's High Holy Day services.

In Israel, he served as city manager for the town of Dimona and as secretary to the Academy of Hebrew Language. He also founded the Yiddish chair at Bar-Ilan University, where he was a longtime professor of Yiddish language and literature, and he organized the Institute for Yiddish and Yiddishkeit for Jewish students in Russia.

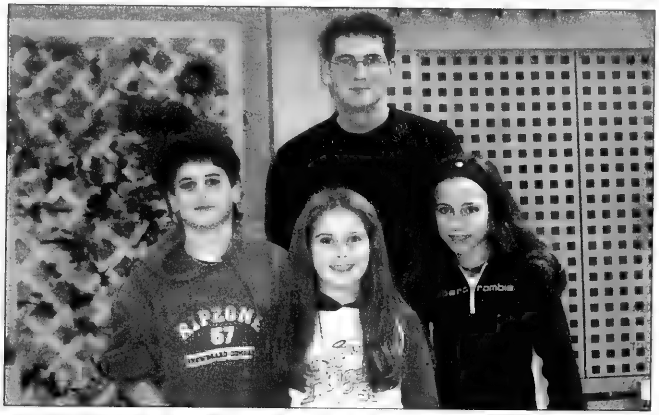
Rabbi Winer wrote a book on Zionism, as well as many articles, and he was a sought-after lecturer.

In her eulogy, his daughter Eudice said her father had three main loves: a love of Eretz Yisrael and the Hebrew language; a love of Jewish tradition; and a love of Yiddish and its culture.

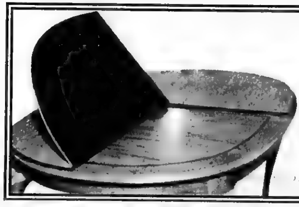
Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg, rabbi emeritus of Beth Tzedec and a colleague and friend of Rabbi Winer, told *The CJN*, "He was a teacher par excellence in every thing he did, and he was one of the most creative people in organizing Jewish life."

Rabbi Winer is survived by his wife Nechama and three daughters, Eudice and Avi, who live in Israel, and Tirza, who lives in Florida.

A memorial service for Rabbi Winer will be held at Beth Tzedec on Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m.



BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION: Grade 6 students from Leo Baeck Day School's Holy Blossom and Atkinson campuses recently enjoyed a talk by Kenneth Oppel, author of the books *Silverwing*, *Sunwing* and *Firewing*, as part of their school's celebration of Canadian Children's Book Week. Pictured with Oppel, from left to right, are Jonah Birenbaum, Jennifer Silverstein and Andi Rosenthal.



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Weinberg helped everyone achieve their maximum

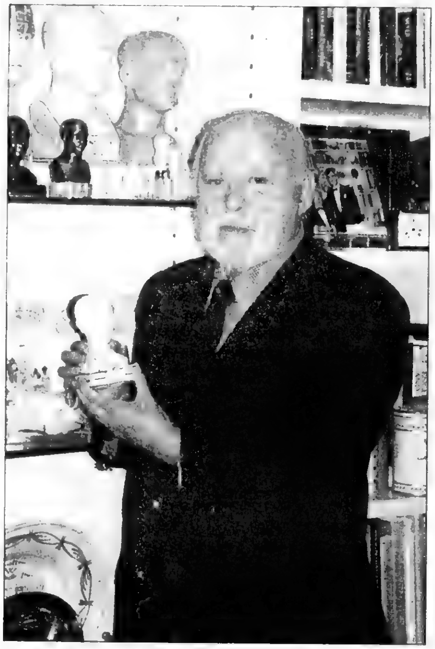
By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

Obituary

Dr. Fred Weinberg, a man who combined his commitment to medicine and Jewish heritage with his passion for family, died last week from cancer at his home in Toronto. He was 84.

The son of Polish immigrants, Rose and Yisroel, who was a founder of the Ostrovitzer Shul at Cecil Street and Spadina Avenue, Weinberg went on to become the first Jewish chief resident at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

In 1976, Weinberg became the associate medical director of the child development clinic in the division of neurology at the Hospital for Sick Children, specializing in matters related to attention deficit disorder.



Dr. Fred Weinberg

In his eulogy, Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg spoke of Weinberg's career as a pediatrician, as well as his love of children, medicine, heritage and Yiddish. His many publications included articles in the *Canadian Journal of Diagnosis*, as well as contributions in Yiddish and English to the *Canadian Jewish News*.

"While he knew a folk Yiddish from home, he took a month to study literary Yiddish at Oxford," Rabbi Friedberg said.

Weinberg's dedication to heritage was also evident in his commitment to his Judaica collection.

He was a major contributor to the Royal Ontario Museum's Judaica gallery and a founder, adviser and contributor of the Beth Tzedec Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum. His collections were diverse, and besides Judaica, included children's artifacts, medical instruments and early Canadiana.

Many people spoke of his love of teaching.

"He knew that people had different levels of understanding and managed to find a common language to impart knowledge," Rabbi Friedberg said.

Dorion Liebgott, the curator of the museum at Beth Tzedec, said Weinberg's voice used to soften when he began to teach.

"He was the most knowledgable person in Toronto about Judaica. You knew that he took the time to educate himself before he spoke on any subject," Liebgott said.

She remembers him being a very generous man, "always the first to put his hand in his pocket when it came to contributing to the museum.

"He was a man that was never satisfied with the status quo and always pushed himself and everyone else to achieve their maximum," Liebgott said.

Most of all, everyone remembers his passion for family. His oldest son, Joel Weinberg, remembered when he was five years old and ready to run away from home.

"It was a pretty cold winter night and I headed out into the driveway with bag in hand when, at the same time, my father pulled in from work.

"He asked where I was going and I explained. Then he calmly suggested it was OK for me to leave, but that tonight was cold and that I should come back into the house and wait till a warmer day."

Weinberg is survived by his wife, Joy Cherry, their children, Joel and his wife Orly Katsav, Barry and his wife Dorra Ennis, Sari and her husband David Binder, Deena and her husband Sandy Sussman, as well as by grandchildren Jacob, Raquel and Justin Binder, and Adam and Yale Sussman, and by his sisters Helen Friedman and Phyllis Pollack and his brother Maurice Weinberg.

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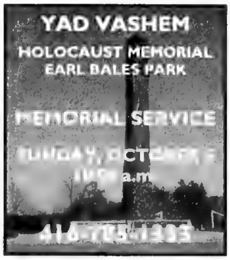

DEADLINE REMINDER

What's New and About People deadlines: Monday, Nov. 17, is deadline for Nov. 27 issue and Monday, Nov. 24, is deadline for Dec. 4. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 416-391-1836, fax 416-391-0829 or e-mail rnadler@cjnews.com.

Thursday, Nov. 13

DIABETES SYMPOSIUM

The Canadian Diabetes Association presents **Dr. Bernard Zinman** on "The Diabetes Epidemic in Canada Today" at its annual symposium at the Science Centre. Other topics include new expectations in diabetes care and an update on research and development. Free. 5:30-9:30 p.m. 416-363-0177, ext.484.

JEWISH MUSLIM DIALOGUE

Temple Kol Ami presents **Rabbi Dr. Jonathan Magonet**, principal, Leo Baeck College, London, England, discussing "Talking to the Other: Jews and Muslims in Dialogue." 8 p.m. at 36 Atkinson Ave. 905-709-2620.

LAYERS OF ISRAEL SERIES

Beth David Synagogue begins its Israel fall lecture series with a talk on "Israel's Future in High Technology" by **Arnold Recht**, national president of Canadian Technion. 8 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 14

PRAYER EXAMINED

Solel Congregation presents **Rabbi Dr. Jonathan Magonet** following services discussing "Prayer: An Internal Journey." Services 8:30 p.m. 2399 Folkway Dr. 905-820-5915.

Saturday, Nov. 15

LONDON FILM FESTIVAL

The London Jewish Film Festival begins tonight with the screening of *Keep on Walking: An Evening with Joshua Nelson* at the Wolf Performance Hall at 7:30 p.m. Sunday screenings will be *Monsieur Batignole* at 2 p.m. and *A Trumpet in The Wadi* at 7:30 p.m. Both at the Rainbow Cinema. Call 519-432-5535.

Sunday, Nov. 16

HEBREW WRITING COURSE

Pride of Israel Synagogue is offering an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of Hebrew writing. 9 a.m. Free. Register: 416-226-0111, ext. 10.

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Solel Cogregation presents Canadian Council of Reform Judaism outreach co-ordinator **Jack Kugelmass** on "How to Create A Jewish Home." All welcome. Babysitting provided. 2 p.m. RSVP and information: 905-820-5915.

FILM: HIDING & SEEKING

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RABIN MEMORIAL

Join the Jewish Agency for Israel and the Toronto Jewish Youth Council for an evening in memory of former prime minister **Yitzhak Rabin**. Keynote speaker will be the consul general of Israel **Ya'akov Brosh**. 7 p.m. at the Lodzer Centre Congregation, 12 Heaton St.

WIERZBNIK MEMORIAL

A memorial ceremony marking the 61st anniversary of the destruction of the Wierzbnik community. 7:15 p.m. at Bnai Brith, 15 Hove St.

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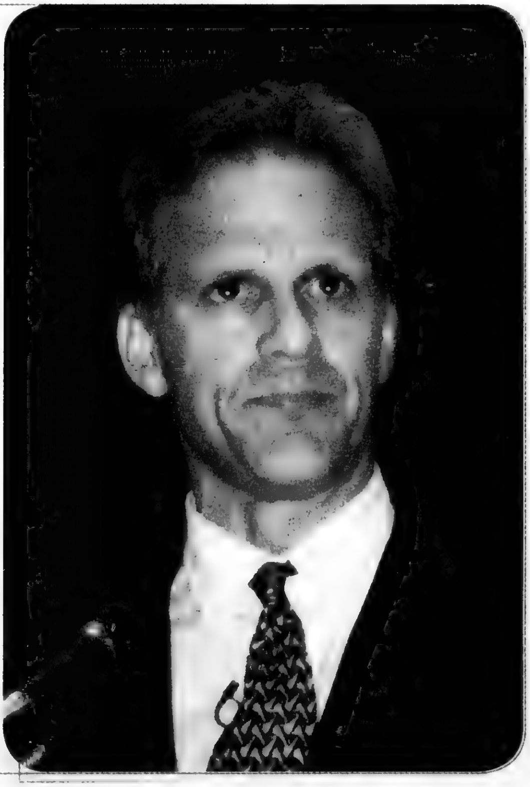

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Monday, Nov. 17

OUR MOTHERS, OURSELVES

Mekorot presents a four-lecture series with **Lori Grysman** called "Our Mothers, Otherselves: An Analysis of Matriachs." Runs Monday nights until Dec. 7 at 159 Almore Ave. 8-9:30 p.m. Register: 416-398-1510.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

ADATH ISRAEL BOOK CLUB

The book *Family Matters* by **Rohinton Mistry** will be discussed at the Adath Israel Sisterhood Book Series with facilitator **Heather Kassel**. 8 p.m. Call 416-635-5340.

DATING & RELATIONSHIPS

Aish 20s presents **Gila Manolson,** author of *Head to Heart*, discussing everything you always wanted to know about dating, relationships and love. The Village Shul 8 p.m. $6. Register: 905 764-1818, ext. 225 or mtaviv@aish.com.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

BEING JEWISH IN INDIA

Adath Israel Sisterhood continues their series "What is it Like to be Jewish in…" with **Sabrina Kerbel** and her mother, **Anne Samson**, talking about being Jewish in India. $7. 8 p.m. All welcome.

LESSON IN GRATITUDE

Learn to recognize and be grateful for the abundance in your life at a workshop sponsored by the Caring Committee of Temple Har Zion with facilitators **Linda Dessau** and **Karen Kofman**. 8 p.m. 905-889-2252.

THE ART OF NURTURING

The Jewish Family Institute presents **Linda and Richard Eyre**, authors of *Teaching Your Children Values*, discussing "The Art of Nurturing" 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. $20. The Eyres are running a workshop, "Teaching Your Children Values," Thursday, Nov. 20, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Village Shul. $36. 416-785-1107.

Other news

JRCC EVENTS

Jewish Russian Community Centre. 416-222-7105.

The Afterlife: Answering Questions About the Soul. 3 sessions beginning Sunday Nov. 16, 8 p.m. 18 Rockford Rd. $15 series; $7 lecture.

Free trip to Israel for young adults 18-26. Check out www.israelexpress.org or call ext. 240.

Sunday Power Breakfast: JRCC Thornhill Woods has just launched an introductory service every Sunday at 9 a.m. Call ext. 244.

Community Shabbaton JRCC Thornhill: Nov. 14–15 with **Rabbi Levi Jacobson**. Reserve at ext. 221.

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The Winchevsky Centre begins a series of classes including "Klezmer Kids" for parents and tots ages 2-5; "Beyond Bagels and Cream Cheese," cooking for ages 16+; "Zitz & Stretch," aerobics for 60+; and "Jewish Story Hour," for parents and tots ages 2-5. Classes begin Nov. 18. Call 416-789-5502.

JWI EVENTS

Jewish Women International-Nagillah chapter, 50+ singles, general meeting at Pride of Israel Synagogue, Monday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m. Fire safety presentation. $2. 416-657-8763 or 416-638-4326.

Elan chapter presents "Doormat to Diva" with **Rebecca Rosenblat**, otherwise known as Dr. Date. Tuesday, Nov. 18, 8 p.m. All women welcome. 416-986-0762.

Unionville chapter meets Wednesday, Nov. 19. New members welcome. Call 905-294-9706.

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Canadian Volunteers for Israel presents "An Evening With Sar-el," Monday, Nov. 24. Israeli buffet 6:30 p.m. followed by a program for past and future volunteers. $8, students $4. 788 Marlee Ave.

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One Family, Two Homes: A 3-session series for families experiencing separation or divorce. Children participate in separate, age-appropriate groups. Thursdays, beginning Nov. 20 at the Promenade Mall, suite 313, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

FOR SENIORS

Association of Jewish Seniors general meeting Thursday, Nov. 20, 9:30 a.m. with Rabbi Michael Skobac at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. Nov. 13, dinner out; Nov. 20, movie; Nov. 27, evening of stories and jokes; **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 416-630-5771.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the boardroom at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Call 416-630-9444 for more information.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Casino Niagara, Nov. 20; Casino Rama Dec. 3. Sunday dance, Nov. 16; Saturday dance, Nov. 22. Bridge every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 1 p.m. Intermediate players wanted. Call 416-395-7881.

Cranbrooke Friendship Club: Lecture and slide presentation "Life Before the War in a Small Yiddish Town in Poland," with artist **Meyer Kirshenblatt**. Monday, Nov. 17 at 12:30 p.m. at 585 Cranbrooke Ave. $10 includes lunch. 416-789-5502.

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Interesting Trials of Recent Years with **Barry Seltzer**, Tuesday, Nov. 18, 10-11:30 a.m.

Israeli Club Etrog for Hebrew speakers meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Nov 18, lunch out; Nov. 25, **Thornhill Community Band**, classical concert. Call **Anna**, ext.110.

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Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211 or www.milesnadaljcc.ca.

Parchment, Canada's Jewish Literary journal, will launch its 12th annual collection of new Jewish writing. **Ken Sherman, Karen Sheinfeld, Anne Dublin, Malca Litovitz, Elana Wolf, Merle Nudelman** and **Rafi Aron** will read from their work in this issue. Light brunch will be served. 11 a.m.

Judaism: The Basics with **Rabbi Yossi Sapirman**, Tuesday, Nov. 18 "Orthodox? Conservative? Reform? Ways of being Jewish." Bring your bag lunch. PWYC, $5 suggested.

Klezmer 101: A Beginner's Guide to Klezmer Music, 5 Lectures: 1 Wednesday of each month begins Nov. 19, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Good Age Club: Nov. 13, **Suzan Hagstorm**, author of *Sara's Closet*. 2 p.m.; Nov. 20, trip to Sunshine Centre.

BATHURST JCC

Bathurst Jewish Community Centre and Koffler Centre of the Arts, 4588 Bathurst St. 416-636-1880 or www.bjcc.ca.

"After the Ecstasy… the Diapers," Jewish spiritual parenting and grandparenting with **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein**. Wednesday, Nov. 19, 7:30-9:30 p.m. $10. No registration required.

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Coast to Coast

New Israeli studies program at U of Calgary

By **JUDY SHAPIRO**
Jewish Free Press

CALGARY — With the establishment of its Kahanoff Chair in Israel Studies, the University of Calgary joins an elite group of only four universities outside of Israel to host a distinguished scholar dedicated to such research and teaching.

Close to 200 Calgarians gathered Oct. 20 to officially welcome the first chair holder, Alan Dowty, who will be in Calgary part-time for the next three years, and to inaugurate the university's new Israel studies program.

Dowty is a distinguished U.S. scholar who spent many years in Israel. A professor in the department of government and international studies at the University of Notre Dame since 1978, he also taught at Hebrew University from 1964 to 1975 and has written extensively on Israel, Arab-Israeli issues, Mideast politics and international relations.

U of C president Harvey Weingarten, said the chair and the new program fit well with the university's commitment to applying the "highest level of scholarship to the analysis and solutions of the significant societal problems facing the world today."

He said he expects the program's interdisciplinary focus to unite scholars from diverse subject areas to "work collectively to raise the level of understanding of Israel in today's world."

Calgary may seem an unusual location for a chair and program in Israel studies, but their founding can be credited to the Kahanoff Foundation, established 25 years ago by Calgary oilman Syd Kahanoff to fund projects in Canada and Israel.

The establishment of the Kahanoff Chair bridges the two foci of Kahanoff's philanthropy, said Jim Hume, the foundation's president. He said the chair and program "will enhance understanding in Canada of Israel" and "shed light on what lies behind the headlines."

The program's director is Shlomit Keren. A former head of the Israeli Defence Ministry's department of historical research and documentation, and of its military museums unit, the graduate of Hebrew U and the University of Minnesota specializes in Israeli defence history and policy.

In his inaugural lecture titled "Israel Studies: Challenge and Vision," Dowty said the lack of attention given to the study of Israel by scholars worldwide "is not consonant to the importance of the subject or to the interest shown it."

Israel is "omnipresent in the media," he noted. Its history is one of the most amazing epics in modern history and it represents a living laboratory of social experimentation with institutions such as the kibbutz.

Its experience in mass immigration, the integration of diverse cultures and the clash of religion and state are all issues that make Israel a worthy subject for academic study, he said.

The weakness of Israel studies outside the country, Dowty said, is counterbalanced by the strength within Israeli academia, where "there is more self-contemplation per square centimetre than in any other literate society."

One of four such programs outside Israel

But almost all of that writing is in Hebrew and doesn't necessarily travel well, he said, and there is a need for outside perspectives.

As well, Israel studies has been "twice orphaned" in academic life, as it is not really welcomed in either of its two natural homes – Middle Eastern studies and Jewish studies.

Although both areas have grown dramatically over the last decades, the study of modern Israel has not been included, he said, because "Israel is too political, too contemporary and too controversial."

Israel studies is now emerging as a distinct field, and U of C will help to develop a new generation of scholars, he said.

U of C will be the next home of the scholarly journal *Israel Studies Forum* and will likely host the 2006 annual meeting of the Association for Israel Studies, Dowty said.

As well as offering courses for U of C students, Dowty plans educational outreach to the general community, and he said he welcomes Palestinian, Arab and Muslim participation in the program, because "when academics can find common ground, there is more hope" for the future and for peace.

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אין לי ספק שתוואי הגדר גורם עוול להרבה פלשתינאים. סורִי גְ'יס! אִם ממשלתכם אינה עושה דבר לעצור את המתאבדים, אנחנו חייבים לעשות את מה שאפשר להגן על תושבי ישראל (יהודים וערבים כאחד). אבל שישאר בינינו.

ביקורת ישראלית

אחד הדברים שהכי מצחיקים אותי בָּאָרֶץ זה לקרוא את הארסיות והזבל שמשתמשים בו מבקרים ישראלים כשהם באים לתאר משהו שאינם אוהבים. אז ככה:

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אפילו צודק היה אותו מר דאום והסידרה היא זבל (והיא באמת לא- ראיתי אותה), כמות הזבל לצעירים היא עצומה פי כמה. הוא אומר את זה בלי בושה-"סדרה לבתי אבות".

למה, מה קרה- אנשים זקנים לא משלמים שָם מיסים! ולא מגיע להם לראות סרטים שמגלמים אנשים בני גילם! הזלזול בישראל בזקנים ובזכויותיהם הוא משהו משהו.

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News media ignore good news from Israel

According to Reports

By
PAUL MICHAELS

On Oct. 29, the Reuters news agency reported on an Israeli high-tech company that has developed a processor capable of computing at the speed of light. Using optics instead of silicon, the processor performs an astonishing eight trillion operations per second, which is 1,000 times faster than a standard processor. The breakthrough will allow a whole range of new multimedia and communications applications.

Unfortunately, few people know about this Israeli development, because few media outlets bothered to carry the Reuters story. (*The CJN* did mention the story last week in its "Week in Israel" column.) It was either crowded out by the familiar political story of the Israel-Palestinian conflict, or it was simply passed over entirely in favour of more "newsworthy" items. Such is what is called "news judgment."

In today's competitive news market, editors admit there is little room for stories from Israel about important developments in science and technology – whether in biotechnology and medical research or computers – even though these are areas Israel excels in, especially given its tiny size and population.

In his Sept. 27 *National Post* column headlined "These days, no news can ever be good news," Robert Fulford wrote about the tendency of journalists, especially in TV news, to magnify bad news "until it replaces the truth."

It is not, we might surmise, that the bad news is itself untruthful, but rather that a constant diet of the negative distorts the broader newsworthy reality. It's like focusing only on a small – albeit sensational – detail of a great painting and assuming it gives you the whole picture.

"On CNN," wrote Fulford, "we see little [about Israel] except soldiers hunting terrorists, politicians driven to desperation by their Palestinian enemies and paramedics trying to save the victims of bombings. But a visitor to Israel discovers that Israelis do what people do anywhere else – work, study, pray, entertain themselves."

And, it should be added, they produce some of the world's most newsworthy scientific and technological achievements, which benefit people everywhere.

In the Nov. 2 *New York Times*, Raymond Bonner, reporting from Baghdad, expressed a similar view. Bonner quoted an aide to Paul Bremer, the chief administrator of Iraq, who complained that the media fail to report the progress that has been made in rebuilding Iraqi civil society, focusing instead only on the negative – the attacks on U.S. troops and others. "There is LIFE here," the aide wrote in an e-mail. "The streets are full of life. There are children playing in the streets with other kids… the markets are bustling."

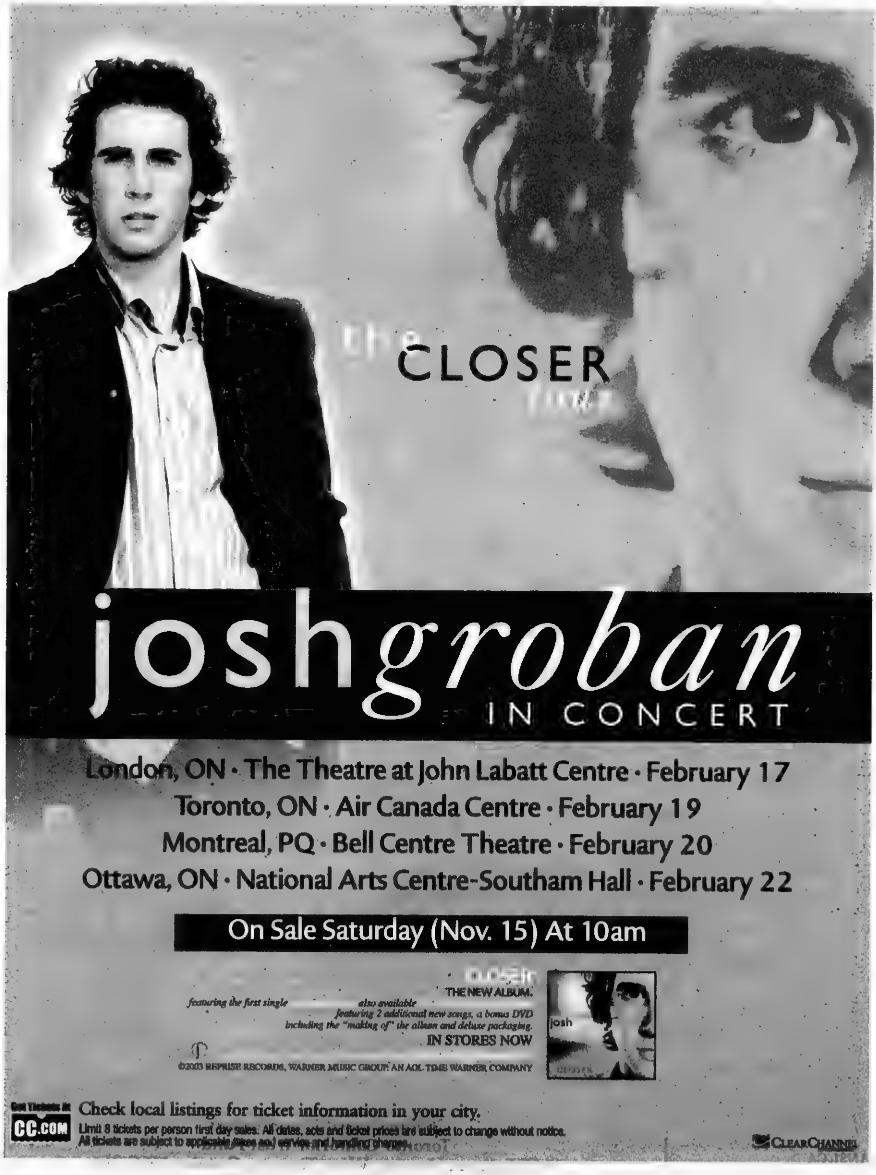
These are important, newsworthy aspects of Iraqi life after the defeat of Saddam Hussein that we rarely see on television news. Their absence parallels the constant diet of the negative news reports from Israel, which has gone on for so long it is little wonder that, in a poll conducted by the European Commission, Europeans ranked Israel at the top of a list of 14 countries, including Iran and North Korea, that they believe pose the biggest threat to world peace

"Particularly in the past three years," Daniel Schwammenthal wrote in the *Wall Street Journal Europe* on Nov. 5, "the Middle East's only true democracy has been systematically demonized, lowered to pariah state level and made exclusively responsible for the ongoing violence in one-sided reporting."

In his column, which should be required reading for all journalism students, Fulford wrote that "a sense of proportion is precisely what the news can't deliver."

Perhaps. Or is it rather that the news media can deliver it, but won't, whether out of laziness or bias – including even occasional malice – or because of intense commercial imperatives? Certainly this is important food for thought.

Paul Michaels is communications director for the Canada-Israel Committee.



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Manitoban wanted to 'bring back Hitler's moustache'

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"It was exciting to know that somebody was interested," said Baron, who visited her brother's grave in 1977. "It's sad when your loved one is buried so far away."

Baron – née Fenster – was the youngest of five children raised on a farm in Edenbridge, Sask. Her brother Philip, born in 1912, left home to attend high school in Winnipeg, living with a married sister. He later established a plumbing business in Flin Flon, where a children's pool has been dedicated in his memory by the Rotary Club.

As a high school student, he changed his name to Foster so he could join a plumbers' union (and earn a higher wage). Students were not allowed to be in the union, Baron said.

The last time she saw him, Foster had returned to the farm to say good-bye. She made him breakfast before he headed off, and when she went to clean the dishes, she found a $10 bill that he had left for her.

"I was like a millionaire suddenly," she recalls. "We really were very poor."

Sitting in Kadin's living room remembering how she cried when her brother left, Baron's eyes filled again.

When war broke in 1939, Foster joined the RCAF, but he was rejected for combat duty because he was considered too old. Nevertheless, he kept trying to make his way to Europe. "He knew it was bad for the Jews [there]," Baron said.

In August 1940, Foster, who had flown a plane in Flin Flon and trained with the RCAF, paid his own way to London after resigning from the RCAF, and wangled his way into the Britain's Royal Air Force (RAF) volunteer reserve.

"They accepted him, even though he was older, because he didn't have to train [as a pilot]," said Baron.

Foster later entered the RCAF as an RAF member, joining the 404 Squadron (a Manitoba squadron) and flying a Bristol Blenheim that he dubbed the "Flin Flon Floosie."

Freeda Baron, left, Charles Kadin and Hanna de Vries Stavland pose beside Kadin's painting of his cousin's World War II plane. [Frances Kraft photo]

Despite being shot down once and suffering a broken back, Foster refused an instructor position and returned to flying. "He wrote me [that] he was going to bring me Hitler's moustache," Baron said.

Baron still balances pride in her brother's successful combat missions with the painful knowledge of the toll they took on others. "People are people," she said, "and it hurts me to know that anyone was shot down."

Foster became a squadron leader and was a candidate to become a wing commander when he died, Baron said.

Based in Scotland at the time, he flew reconnaissance missions over the Norwegian coast, looking for German naval boats. The work was dangerous and required expert flying skills, Kadin said.

On Foster's final mission on May 26, 1942, he was flying over water off Egersund with a gunner and a navigator when he managed to shoot down a German bomber before his own plane was shot down.

Sadly, Foster drowned before he could be rescued, said Kadin, who learned about the events from the log of the lone Canadian survivor.

On a previous mission, Foster damaged another German plane. "Rather remarkable," said Kadin, "when you consider his plane was a medium bomber used for reconnaissance duty and not intended for attacking another aircraft."

De Vries Stavland learned from public records in London, England, that Foster returned from leave early, just before his final mission. "This indicates how eager he was for action in the air," she wrote.

"He was a dedicated person, and very much a dedicated Canadian," said Kadin. "He felt he could contribute, and he wanted to go do it."

Last year, Kadin and his wife visited Norway at de Vries Stavland's invitation. At Foster's grave, Kadin buried a rock he had picked up on a visit to Flin Flon three years earlier.

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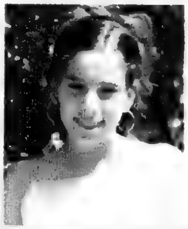

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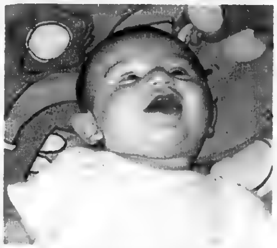

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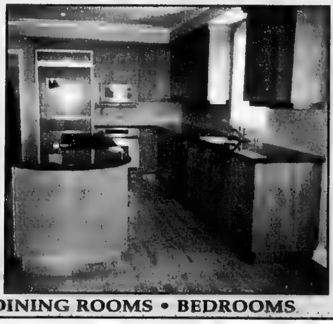

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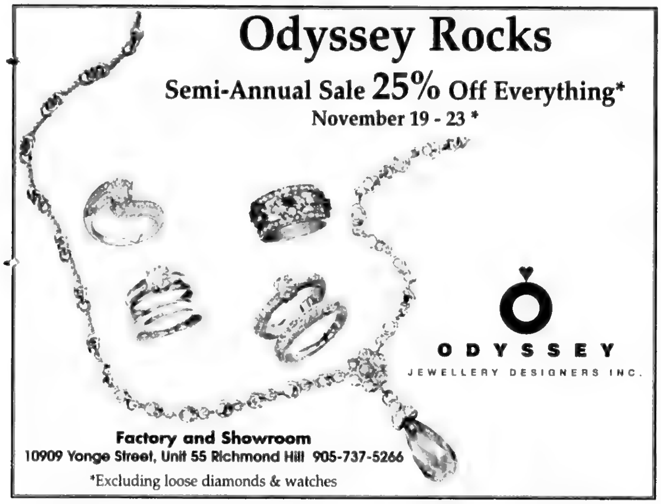

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Dead Sea Scrolls a blockbuster

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL – The recently ended exhibition featuring three fragments of the Dead Sea Scrolls appears to been a major attendance success.

Pointe-a-Calliere, the Montreal Museum of Archeology, recorded a 52 per cent increase in visitors during the exhibition's run from June 15 to Nov. 2 as compared with the same period in 2002, said the museum's media relations director Claude-Sylvie Lemery.

The number of visits recorded during that period was 222,324, she said, but added the museum does not keep track of where visitors go. In addition to "Archeology and the Bible: From King David to the Dead Sea Scrolls," the museum also had another temporary exhibit titled "The Public Market," as well as its permanent collection.

"But we are convinced that most [of the increased number of visitors] went to the [Dead Sea Scrolls] exhibition. We are very, very happy," she said.

Lemery said many were Montrealers visiting who had never before visited Pointe-a-Calliere, which is in Old Montreal. A large number of out-of-towners also took in the show, which museum officials know because of the comments written in the visitors' book, she said.

The exhibition, titled "Ancient Treasures and the Dead Sea Scrolls," will open at the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Gatineau Dec. 5 and run until April 12.

It includes about 100 artifacts dating from around 1200 B.C.E. to the early years of the Common Era. Many have never been seen outside Israel before, and some are the only known material evidence of biblical personalities and sites. The three scroll fragements are from the first scrolls discovered in 1947. The artifacts are on loan from the Israel Museum in Jerusalem and the Israel Antiquities Authority. A few pieces are also from the National Library and Archives of Canada. The exhibition was organized by the Israel Museum, in collaboration with Pointe-a-Calliere and the Museum of Civilization.

McGill principal says she feels 'very Jewish' after 33 years

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL – Thirty-three years after her conversion to Judaism, McGill University principal Heather Munroe-Blum says she feels "very Jewish."

Munroe-Blum was the guest speaker at Choices, a major event of the Women's Campaign of Combined Jewish Appeal held recently at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim.

Addressing the audience of more than 850 from the bimah of the sanctuary, Munroe-Blum, 53, said as a child growing up in Toronto's culturally diverse community, she "had the instinct to embrace Judaism."

Born in Montreal as a Catholic and raised in Hamilton and Toronto as a Unitarian, she married her high school sweetheart Len Blum, a movie screenwriter, at 20, and became Jewish.

The reality of her choice was brought home to her three years later while she was working as a psychiatric social worker at a hospital. Her supervisor, who was Jewish, asked her to take over his caseload when he went on holiday.

"Then out of the blue, he asked, 'Do you feel Jewish?' …Spontaneously, I said, 'Yes, I do.'"

Later, one of her clients, a Jewish man who had insisted that his psychotherapist be Jewish because of the nature of his problems, asked Munroe-Blum four months into their professional relationship, "Are you perhaps a Swedish Jew?"

Munroe-Blum said three people had a major influence on her life because of the choices they made.

The first was her mother, who won a scholarship to McGill but could never fulfil her dream of going to university because her father, an Irish immigrant who worked as a bus conductor in Montreal, didn't think girls needed a higher education.

"She never completely recovered from this choice that had been thrust on her… She stressed to me that it is very important to never let gender or other differences stand in the way of your dreams," said Munroe-Blum, the first female principal of McGill.

Instead, her mother went to "steno school," married and had six children, including Munroe-Blum's five brothers. Her mother, she added, also wanted her to "have the freedom to choose a religion."

Monroe-Blum's second major influence was her physiotherapist, who helped her walk again after a severe bout of polio at age five. The physiotherapist did not subscribe to the conventional view at the time that bed rest was the best treatment, and instead believed in active therapy. Even though Munroe-Blum's mother did not have the means to pay, she took on Munroe-Blum as a patient for a year, after which the girl was able to walk without support.

Monroe-Blum said her third mentor was her Grade 6 teacher at a Toronto public school, Murray Sandler, a Jewish immigrant. "In downtown Toronto [at the time], it was still tough for a Jew to advance in the public school system," she said, adding she admired how he faced this subtle discrimination.

Munroe-Blum, who became McGill's principal and vice-chancellor at the beginning of this year, returned to university to study science after a social work career, earning a PhD and becoming an epidemiologist in psychiatric disorders.

"From my own life experience, I can say it's rare that we don't have a second chance," she said. "Life is a mystery, an ongoing adventure. We have to be open to what is new and unfamiliar. "

Jewish officer ends 27-year police career

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

There are an estimated 50, or perhaps as many as 55, Jewish police officers in Ontario, but their number recently went down by one.

Claude Gelbard, a 27-year veteran of Peel Regional Police, has hung up his badge and locked his sidearm away. Gelbard retired from active duty to take a position with X-Copper Legal Services, a company that provides legal counsel for traffic-related infractions. But he has not severed his relationship with other officers of Jewish background.

Claude Gelbard

While working in Peel, Gelbard, 47, played an instrumental role in networking with other officers and compiling the list of Jewish coppers who meet occasionally at informal get-togethers.

The get-togethers were the vision of Canadian Jewish Congress official Bernie Farber and Al Zunder, a police officer, who were childhood friends.

Gelbard plans to continue his association with the Jewish officers, and he will continue to encourage young Jews to consider a career in policing.

Policing, Gelbard says, "is a wonderful career. I've enjoyed my time as a police officer… It's a wonderful way to serve the community. It's not something a Jewish boy or girl should not do because it's not a Jewish occupation."

During his lengthy career, Gelbard served for seven years as a beat patrolman; he worked in the youth bureau dealing with juvenile crime; he attained the rank of captain in the militia for his work with young military cadets; and he held administrative posts in the records and recruiting departments.

There were times when beat work was routine, he says, but he also faced plenty of dangerous situations.

As a young cop fresh out of police school in the late 1970s and early 1980s, Gelbard drove a patrol car. On one occasion, as he and two other officers responded to a call about a disturbance, they were confronted by an agitated fellow yelling and holding a shotgun. "That was a bit of a shock. It took a lot of time, but we talked him down," he recalls.

It turns out the gun was unloaded and the fellow was mentally unhinged. Luckily, he never actually pointed the gun at the officers.

On another occasion, Gelbard was on patrol with a visiting officer from Britain when his trained eye noticed something odd about a car full of teenagers. Gelbard followed the car into a plaza parking lot and pulled up as the first group of five teens was about to square off in a rumble with another group of teens, each armed with metal objects and knives.

Exiting his car, he pulled out his gun and ordered, in a very authoritative voice, the youths to put down their weapons. "And they did," he says today, shaking his head and not quite believing his own good fortune.

Later, he and his British colleague discussed the incident. When he asked his colleague what he would have done in a similar situation in Britain, where police don't carry sidearms, he was told, "I don't know."

Gelbard regards firearms as merely a tool of the trade, and he recounts that in all his time on the Peel force, he never had to shoot anyone, though he did use his gun in about 12 arrests.

Fistfights, on the other hand, were not at all uncommon. For some reason, troublemakers in the lakeshore area of Mississauga back in the 1970s and 1980s enjoyed a good scrap, and they would resist arrest just so they could get into a tussle with an officer, Gelbard recalls.

It was as though they had to get their aggression out of their system, he says, and once the fight was over, he'd often hear them say it was a good fight and now they were ready to be taken in.

Luckily, his training in the martial arts – as a youngster, he trained in boxing and karate at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre – stood him in good stead, and "I could handle myself in a fight."

But, he points out, that was the exception, not the rule, in policing.

Gelbard says his upbringing also influenced the way he dealt with the public – he was always taught to treat other people with respect.

"Over my career, I'd say more than 80 per cent of the people I dealt with treated me nicely. I like to think that reflected how I treated them, like a gentleman or a lady."

Gelbard's time on the street came to an end in 1992 when he was in a terrible traffic accident – the victim of a drunk driver – that put him off work for two years. When he returned after recovering from head, knee and back injuries, he took an administrative position in the records department and then went into recruiting. The perpetrator, meanwhile, spent nine months in jail and was then deported.

Gelbard says he first realized he wanted to be a police officer at a pretty young age. While in Grade 13, he applied to RCMP and OPP cadet school, but was turned down. He enrolled in law enforcement at Humber College and continued to apply to dozens of forces. He was even willing to move to pursue his career, but police forces were not hiring at the time. Finally, he received a positive response from Peel police.

For Gelbard, policing meant the chance to follow his dream.

"I liked the fact people were helped by police officers. I was very involved in the community at the time, and mom and dad taught me to get involved and help the community."

"But I don't think they really accepted it until I came home in a uniform."

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Montreal MP promises to help caregivers

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL – The public saw another side of Mount Royal MP Irwin Cotler, that of a son caring for his gravely ill mother, when he helped launch Quebec's first annual Caregivers Week at an event at the Jewish Eldercare Centre.

"I would not have the presumption or the pretension to call myself a caregiver, because I have received more from my mother than I have been able to give her," Cotler said, adding that he has been fortunate to have received support that has allowed him to live the way he has, a choice most caregivers don't have.

Fay Cotler is now in the palliative care unit at Mount Sinai Hospital after suffering a stroke 2½ months ago that has severely impaired her speech. Paget's disease, a chronic, progressive condition that she has had for many years, robbed her of her sight and hearing over the last two years.

Cotler said his mother was a caregiver all her life. As a young woman, she cared for her mother, who was left disabled by a stroke. Then, successively, she cared for a brother and a sister who both died of brain tumours. By the time she was in her 60s, she was caring for her husband.

Nathan Cotler spent the last three years of his life at the Jewish General Hospital. "I don't recall a day in those years that my mother did not walk from her home on Carleton Avenue to visit my father," Cotler said.

Cotler believes his mother paid a "physical and psychological price" for the strain of caring for others.

Even in her condition today, Cotler said she still sees herself as a caregiver, rather than a recipient of care. "She strains to speak to us, and the first thing she says is thanks for being there and asks how we are."

Cotler told his story as a way of recognizing caregivers, whom he called "invisible and indispensable to our health-care system. They save the system $5 billion a year. Health care would collapse without them."

Cotler said governments and health-care administrators should seek the input of caregivers on how services are delivered. Caregivers often catch mistakes made by overworked health-care professionals, he said.

He vowed to raise the need for practical help for caregivers in the House of Commons, including reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses, the possibility of continuing to contribute to the Canada Pension Plan while they're out of the labour market, and compassionate-care benefits. He also said the definition of family should be expanded and that there must be greater recognition of caregivers for the chronically ill, and not only for those ill for a temporary period.

Ethel Roskies also spoke about caring for her husband with Alzheimer's full time for the last four years.

"I used to think that the hardest job was raising a child… but I have discovered child-rearing was a cinch," she said.

Caring for a chronically ill person is a journey on a downward slope, she said.

"No matter how difficult a phase a child goes through, it is transitory. But with a person with Alzheimer's, there is no end in sight, except either their death or yours."

Caregiving is also very lonely, Roskies said. While parents can share experiences with others, those caring for the chronically ill are each in an "atypical" situation.

"You may discuss toilet training of your child with friends, but try talking about the toilet problems of a 70-year-old man and you will see your social circle shrink remarkably."

Roskies said caregivers "need more than kind words." They need continuous emotional support, practical help finding resources and respite that is more than a couple of hours a week.

"We need enough time to allow us to pursue a hobby, a course or even a part-time job in order to maintain our own identity."

Above all, caregivers need financial aid, she said. "We hear over and over again how much we save the system. Why not return some of that to us in the form of tax credits or grants?"

Caregivers Week was organized by Professionals Networking for Caregivers, a coalition of 22 health and social services institutions – including most of those in the Jewish community – and non-profit organizations. It was held under the auspices of CLSC Rene-Cassin.

Co-ordinator Lucy Barylak said she would like to see "thousands" marching in the street next year to draw attention to the plight of caregivers. "We have to put the issue on the map… We need your voices, because your voices are what the government will hear."

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In introducing the program sponsored by Na'amat Canada, Machi Steinberg, chair of the book fair, said all the participants "agreed enthusiastically to share their talents, and to charm us with Yiddish stories.

"In this topsy-turvy time when innocents become the victims, we look to our roots for pride and sustenance."

The power of the written word is great, she said, and "we all recognize the importance of this cross-community cultural event."

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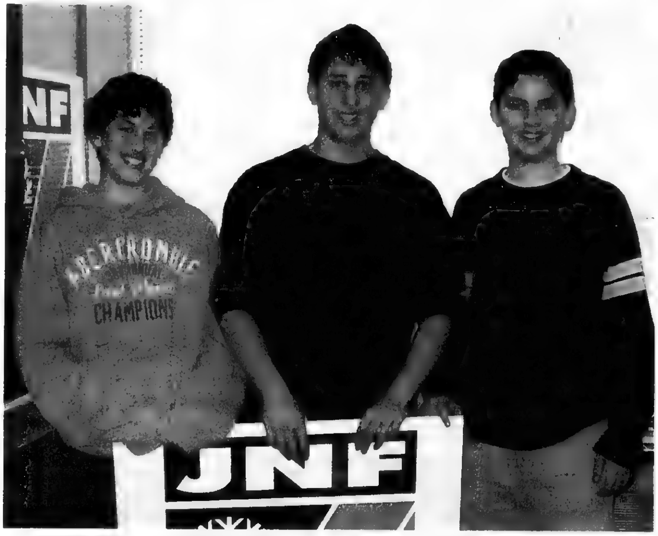

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The rescue team eventually arrived and took me to Rambam Hospital. In the helicopter, I thought about my parents, twin brother and fiancé – wondering if I would ever see them again."

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Israelis back both territorial compromise and Sharon: journalist

By **DAVID LAZARUS**
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL – Israelis would give up the territories in a second for a comprehensive peace, but they will also continue to vote for Ariel Sharon and his tough anti-terrorist policies, says one of Israel's foremost journalists.

Yossi Klein Halevi, best-known as a columnist for his work in publications including the *Jerusalem Post* and *The New Republic*, said he was among the naive, idealistic Israelis who succumbed to the seductions of Oslo a decade ago.

"During the first intifadah [in the late 1980s], I became convinced that the Israeli left was right, that you had to do anything to end the occupation before the next generation," he told an audience of several hundred recently at the Beth Israel Beth Aaron synagogue.

> ***'The concept of a two-state solution has no moral legitimacy to Palestinians'***

As subsequent years passed, Halevi wavered. He voted for the late Israeli prim minister Yitzhak Rabin – "I remember weeping with relief" when he was elected. Then he voted for Benjamin Netanyahu, Ehud Barak and Sharon – twice.

Halevi said a hard truth hit him and other Israelis of like mind who were forever hoping Palestinian leaders would one day make a deal and live in peace with Israel: Palestinians would never accept the "two-state" solution.

"The tragic, fatal mistake of Oslo supporters like myself was [thinking] that Palestinians would have the same conceptual breakthrough of recognizing the Jewish national claim [as we had in recognizing theirs]. It was a matter of accepting dual legitimacy versus accepting only Palestine."

To this day, this has not happened, he said. Halevi was told by a Palestinian moderate that "the concept of a two-state solution has no moral legitimacy to Palestinians."

For years, Halevi said, he compromised his journalistic integrity by ignoring the obvious signs. Soon after the Oslo accords were adopted, PLO leader Yasser Arafat told an audience in Arabic about how the Palestinians would gradually reclaim all of "Palestine" in phases.

"I shoved it aside," Halevi admitted. "You can't accuse Arafat of hiding anything from us."

The position Halevi holds today, he said, is held by many Israelis, who were once polarized between Peace Now on the left and the "Greater Israel" types on the right.

There is now an Israeli "centre," a common middle ground, he said. Those on the left have moved right after being "completely shattered" by the realization they were all wrong about Oslo and trusting Arafat. But the same people have not "embraced the settlements," Halevi said.

Those on the right have moved left, saying they would allow a Palestinian state and give up most of the West Bank and Gaza in exchange for a real, comprehensive, two-state solution and peace. But that is not even close to being on the horizon, Halevi said.

"What do we do today? There is no answer," he said. "You can't even ask the question yet. There is no one in the Palestinian leadership ready to uphold the legitimacy of a permanent two-state solution. They see [the solution] only as interim.

"Oslo also created the reverse of what it was supposed to: a generation of Palestinians less capable of making peace with Israel than the previous generation.

"There is a culture of denial in the Muslim world that says the Jews have no legitimate history. Holocaust denial is now mainstream."

Another factor is that a comprehensive peace would entail "redividing Jerusalem."

Halevi, who wears a kippah, said he would even be reluctantly willing to do that, if it brought about true peace, but it is not an issue that has to be addressed as long as a two-state solution is rejected.

Both sides, he told the audience, "have legitimate claims on all this land," which leaves the two-state solution as the only acceptable compromise.

The only approach right now, Halevi said, is to take things day by day, keep up the war against terrorism, continue construction of the security fence and hope for "miracles."

Halevi was a member of a delegation of 350 Arabs and Jews from Israel and France who visited the Auschwitz death camp last May, an initiative undertaken by Father Emile Shoufani, an Arab Christian cleric in Israel, to "break the psychological abyss."

Halevi said it was "one of the most moving experiences of my life."

The Arab participants were also moved, Halevi said, but one told him he had been advised not to participate. "You will lose your victimization if you do this," the Arab was told.

"What we need from the Arab world is a sense of decorousness," Halevi said. "The occupation has reinforced their sense of backwardness."

Halevi spoke as part of a three-part "Initiatives for Peace" lecture series co-sponsored by the Jewish National Fund and the synagogue. Other sponsors are the Canadian Institute for Jewish Research and FEDERATION CJA's Israel and overseas department.

Food, Scrumptious Food

[Edward Dunbar photo]

Sharing food with friends

About Food

By
NORENE GILLETZ

When I was in New York City recently, I made dinner plans with one of my Internet "panpals," Dalia Carmel. We had "met through the Net" as members of a warm group of foodie-friends called Rinaslist who enjoy sharing recipes and friendship.

Dalia and I had spoken on the phone several times, but had never met in person. She insisted that I come to her apartment to relax after an exhausting day of work. Then we would have dinner at her favourite Turkish restaurant. I asked if I could bring along another foodie-friend.

"Of course!" she replied warmly.

When we walked through the door of her New York apartment, it was like entering cookbook heaven. There were bookshelves of cookbooks lining almost every wall of her apartment – including the entrance hall, living room, dining room, even the bedroom. It was like being in a magnificent library.

Surprisingly, Dalia's kitchen doesn't contain any cookbooks – in fact, there's barely room to make a sandwich! There are three food processors and two blenders snuggled together in one corner. A sturdy pot rack hangs from above, with 20 skillets of all sizes hanging from it. When I asked why she needed so many frypans, she replied "For one egg, two eggs…"

Dalia's cookbook collection is arranged by categories – Italian, Jewish, Middle Eastern, Hungarian, Turkish, Chinese, vegetarian. There are nearly 6,000 cookbooks in her immense collection. Her late husband Herb jokingly said that they must have multiplied at night because every time he looked, there seemed to be more!

Dalia declared, "I am afraid to buy any more. I'm sure the apartment below will suffer from the weight."

Israeli born, she left in 1960. She became curious about cooking while living in England. Although she did not know how to cook, she loved food. When Dalia moved to the United States, she received a mailing addressed to "The Occupant." It was from a cookbook club, offering three cookbooks for a dollar. She chose the three thickest books on the list. Little by little, her collection grew and she was hooked.

Many of Dalia's friends are well-known cookbook authors and she is also an accomplished photographer. Several of her photos grace the covers of cookbooks.

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'The angel of American food writers'

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When we took a cookbook tour through the various rooms of her apartment, Dalia reached into a shelf and handed me a small book. "This is a gift for you." It was a copy of *Ravensbruck 1945, Fantasy Cooking Behind Barbed Wire* by Edith Peer, a Holocaust survivor.

Peer had gathered recipes from the women prisoners of Ravensbruck. Then, with the help of close friends, she had the first edition of 500 copies translated and printed. Her plan was to donate the books to a Jewish charitable organization to use as a fundraiser. Her generous offer was refused because the book contained many non-kosher recipes; both Jews and non-Jews in the camp had shared the food fantasies that helped sustain them. One copy went to the Jewish Museum in Sydney, Australia, where it went on display. Peer stored the unsold copies in her apartment.

Meanwhile, Dalia was instrumental in the publishing of another Holocaust cookbook memoir, *In Memory's Kitchen, A Legacy from the Women of Terezin*, edited by Cara de Sylva. Through de Sylva's Web site, Dalia learned that a similar cookbook was on display at the Jewish Museum in Australia, but the person didn't elaborate. She volunteered to act as a sleuth and track it down.

Dalia discovered that Edith Peer had moved to a smaller apartment, so she had to get rid of the unsold copies. She gave them to a friend, who threw everything away, except for 10 copies. Dalia bought them all. She donated one copy to Yad Vashem, and several others went to specialized Judaica cookbook collections. Apparently, there are quite a few collections at Yad Vashem in various languages.

Ingredients and instructions were vague and incomplete; women of that generation expected the reader to know how to cook. There are recipes for all sorts of delicacies, including Cheese Dumplings, Marrow Dumplings, Stuffed Veal Steak, Chocolate Marquise, Viennese Slice and Special Wedding Cake. There are copies of handwritten recipes in Yugoslavian in the centre of the book.

From the Foreward of *Ravensbruck 1945* by Peer: "It was bitterly cold, our spirits and bodies broken. We shivered, not only because of lack of proper clothing, but because of our empty stomachs; we were desperately hungry. There was nothing to warm our emaciated bodies after the infamous 'Appel' (rollcall) twice a day.

"So we started to talk about glorious food, food that was served around the family table during better times. I was able to gather some paper and pencils and asked my fellow inmates to write down their recipes in the hope that, if the unbelievable miracle of freedom ever eventuated, I would be able to feed my feeble body with those gourmet dishes. Many of these recipes were incomplete in that they did not specify the quantity of the ingredients required for that particular dish; nevertheless, they give enough guidance for an experienced cook to be able to prepare them.

"Looking back now, I think that our preoccupation with these recipes reflects the degree to which civilized people had been degraded by an inhuman system and the solace we found in our fantasy dishes."

Claudia Roden refers to Dalia Carmel as "the angel of American food writers, because she makes her gigantic library of cookbooks available to all who ask." This Syrian version of a marvelous red pepper paste in Roden's *The Book of Jewish Food* comes from Dalia Carmel. Enjoy.

DALIA'S MUHAMMARA
Walnut and Roast Pepper Paste

4 large red bell peppers
1 hot chili pepper
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1½ cups shelled walnuts
1 garlic clove, crushed in a press
3 tbsp. pomegranate concentrate (molasses)
juice of 1 lemon
1 tsp. sugar
½ to 1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cumin (optional)
½ cup extra-virgin olive oil, or more if necessary
3 or 4 sprigs of flat-leafed parsley, finely chopped, to garnish

Roast and peel the peppers. Choose fleshy peppers. Put them on a baking sheet under the broiler, about 3½ inches from the heat (or grill them on the barbecue). Turn them until their skins are black and blistered all over. Put them in a pan with a tight-fitting lid or in a brown paper bag and twist it closed. Leave for 10 to 15 minutes. When cool enough to handle, peel them and remove the stems and seeds.

Put all the ingredients except the parsley in a food processor and blend to a thick creamy paste. Serve sprinkled with the parsley. Serves 8 to 10.

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'Palestine Week' held at University of Waterloo

By **FRANCES KRAFT**
Staff Reporter

WATERLOO, Ont. — Jordan Sheldon, a third-year student at the University of Waterloo, says he felt like "a dagger" had gone through his heart when he entered the university's Student Life Centre and saw the Arab Student Association's Palestine Week display.

"What is my university supporting?" he asked himself as he looked at anti-Israel literature and posters of Israeli soldiers with guns apparently pointed at young Palestinian children.

Sheldon said he feels there should be a fact-checking and approval process before such displays are allowed at an institution of higher learning.

Of particular concern to him is the number of students who have minimal knowledge of Judaism and Israel, "and the first thing they're introduced to is propaganda. They're hearing a very one-sided view that doesn't include all the facts."

He said many UW students are from small-town Ontario and are "less worldly" than their counterparts from big cities.

Sheldon – a member of the Jewish fraternity AEPi, as well as the Jewish Students Association (which serves an estimated 350 students at Waterloo and nearby Wilfrid Laurier University), and a new Israel advocacy group called the Waterloo-Israel Political Affairs Club (WIPAC) – said that "basically, all we can do is show up and tell people the truth."

Although he would like to be more knowledgeable, he said he "tried to offer an overview" to the best of his ability at the Palestine Week event. He also pulled out the necklace that he was wearing inside of his shirt, to ensure that the Chai (the Hebrew word for "life") was visible.

Sheldon said he hasn't seen much anti-Semitism on campus, although controversial anti-Israel professor Norman Finkelstein spoke at Waterloo this past summer, and Matthew Plant, president and founder of WIPAC, attended a similar lecture last year.

Plant's group, which has about 30 active members, is in the midst of an appeal process to be granted club status and is involved in building a national coalition of Zionist campus groups.

Plant said he was disgusted by the Palestine Week display. "They have an interesting portrayal of history. It's quite twisted in their favour. A lot of the information has no basis whatsoever. It's just designed to inflame."

The more objectionable displays at the Student Life Centre had been removed by last Wednesday, said Plant.

"This is just one incident in the bigger picture," said Bill Chernin, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region's director of campus services for western Ontario. "What's been going on [at Canadian campuses] is very alarming."

Plant said WIPAC was planning to hand out Canada-Israel Committee information sheets condemning Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat for abuse of international aid at a lecture last Thursday evening by Waterloo professor Fadle Naqib on the economics of the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.

"We'll be there, prepared to ask questions and confront," Chernin said on Thursday afternoon. He has organized advocacy training for the students this year, because "too often, when there's something like Palestine Week or a speaker, it's a piecemeal effort to counter it… You have to be proactive."

Waterloo is "certainly no Concordia," Chernin said, referring to the Montreal campus where violence by pro-Palestinian students in September 2002 prevented former Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu from delivering a planned lecture. "Generally speaking, relations [at Waterloo] are good."

Finkelstein's talk was "sort of an eye-opener," Chernin said. "It was very alarming to the left-wing Jewish students, who found that left-wing groups were not receptive to their concerns."

Such matters are complicated by the preponderance of co-op students at Waterloo, Chernin said. "There are three terms in a year, and we're dealing with different student governments and different student groups every term."

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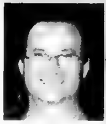
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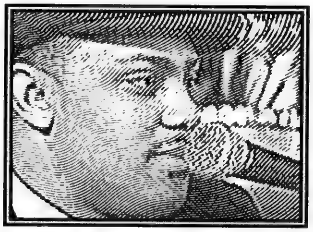
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Nasrallah: No prisoner swap without Samir Kuntar

By GIDEON ALON and YOAV STERN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom responded Monday to a Hezbollah demand that a proposed prisoner swap would go forward only if Israel freed jailed terrorist Samir Kuntar.

"Kuntar is not on the list" of over 400 Arab prisoners Israel has agreed to release in exchange for businessman Elhanan Tannenbaum and the bodies of three soldiers held by Hezbollah since 200, Shalom said.

Hezbollah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah said the prisoner exchange deal, narrowly approved in an Israeli cabinet meeting on Sunday by a margin of 12 to 11, would not be carried out without the release of Kuntar, jailed in Israel since a 1979 attack in Nahariya in which he murdered three members of the same family and an Israeli policeman.

"Hezbollah's conditions have become clear and defined, and we are sticking to them in all circumstances," Nasrallah said in a statement.

But Shalom said Monday that after clear statements by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, Israeli chief negotiator Ilan Biran and Shalom himself, "Hezbollah knows explicitly, and we said throughout the recent negotiations, that Kuntar is not on the list. The prime minister took this decision, which in my view is courageous and important, and has stated it in the clearest possible terms."

Hezbollah officials have been quoted as saying they have a letter from Israel stating that Kuntar would be part of a future prisoner release. Asked if past Israeli governments had explicitly or implicitly agreed to free Kuntar as part of a swap, Shalom said, "Hezbollah knew very well what the the present government of Israel's position was in connection with Samir Kuntar. There were no surprises here.

"Regarding Kuntar, who killed an Israeli family, from our standpoint this is a principle. We have not freed Palestinians, or nationals of other countries, with blood on their hands."

Shalom said it is time Hezbollah realized that Israel has bottom-line demands of its own. "Anyone who hears the terms of the deal might well think that we've gone crazy, giving hundreds of Palestinians, as well as dozens of Lebanese, people from Syria, Morocco, Sudan and Libya, all in exchange for Elhanan Tannenbaum and the three abducted soldiers. But this is exactly what distinguishes us from all the others."

Bassam Kuntar, Samir's brother, told Arab media outlet Al-Jazeera that Hezbollah leader Sheikh Nasrallah promised him the deal would not be carried out without his brother's release, Army Radio reported.

"Nasrallah was very clear when he said there would be no exchange without Samir, and Nasrallah never reneges on his promises," Kuntar said, the Al-Jazeera Web site reported.

Hezbollah has yet to release an official reaction to the Israeli cabinet's decision, saying it would wait for an official confirmation by the German team mediating the deal, Lebanese newspapers reported Monday.

Under the terms of the deal, Israel would release some 400 Palestinian and 20 Lebanese prisoners, including Lebanese militants Hezbollah leader Sheik Abdul Karim Obeid and Shi'ite activist Mustafa Dirani, in exchange for the return of Tannenbaum and the bodies of Israel Defense Forces soldiers Adi Avitan, Omar Suwad and Benny Avraham.

Tannenbaum was kidnapped by Hezbollah from an Arab country in October 2000, shortly after the three soldiers were ambushed and abducted on the Israel-Lebanon border. The three have since been declared fallen in action.

The families of the three soldiers expressed satisfaction at the decision, while the attorney for the family of missing Israel Air Force navigator Ron Arad called the vote politically motivated.

The Arad family has been lobbying against the inclusion of Obeid and Dirani in the deal, arguing that they were captured by Israel specifically as bargaining chips for information on the missing navigator. Dirani is believed to have been Arad's captor.

The proposal voted on by the cabinet Sunday included a section in which Sharon appointed a special team to seek information about Arad, who has not been heard from since he bailed out of his plane over Lebanon in 1986.

With files from JTA.

Israel likely to talk with new Qureia cabinet

By ARNON REGULAR and ALUF BENN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Israel is likely to open a dialogue with Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia's new government once it is sworn in, despite the fact the cabinet's composition leaves Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat in charge of the PA's security services, government sources in Jerusalem said Sunday.

Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom said Sunday the new Palestinian government "will be judged by its actions," but added that "leaving security authority in Arafat's hands is not promising."

That Arafat will retain effective control of security became clear earlier this week when he and Qureia agreed to appoint Hakam Balawi, a member of Fatah's Central Committee and one of Arafat's close associates, as the new interior minister.

The Interior Ministry oversees three of the PA's eight security forces: the preventive security service, the police and civil defence.

Balawi's appointment was a clear victory for Arafat. Qureia had been trying for weeks to get his own candidate, General Nasser Yussef, into that slot.

As of last Saturday, Palestinian sources had been predicting that Balawi would only receive responsibility for the ministry's civilian functions. But Sunday's decision gives him authority over its security functions as well, turning him into one of the most powerful men in the PA.

Balawi will also serve as secretary-general of the PA's National Security Council, which is responsible for the remaining five security services. The council is chaired by Arafat. Its other members include Qureia, Finance Minister Salam Fayad and the heads of the various security agencies.

The rest of the 24-member cabinet, which Arafat and Qureia finalized Sunday, was presented by Qureia to the Palestinian Legislative Council for approval Wednesday. Key appointments include Fayad as finance minister, Saeb Erekat as minister in charge of negotiations with Israel and Nabil Qassis as planning minister.

The new cabinet will include eight members who have never served in any government before.

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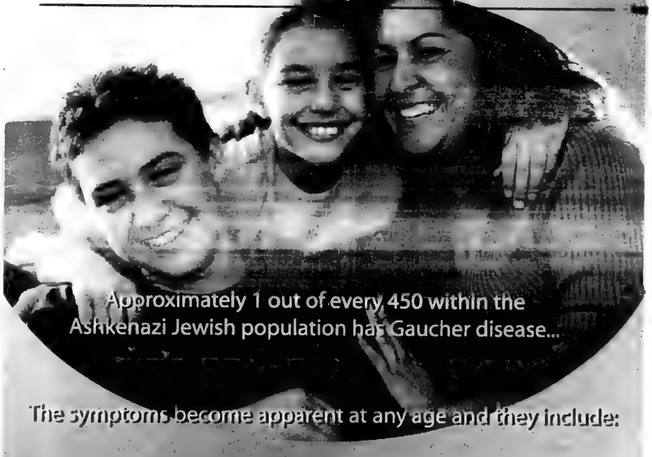

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Fighting for kosher slaughter in Britain

By ANDREW MORRIS
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LONDON — A campaign to repeal laws that guarantee the right to practise kosher slaughter (*shchitah*) has prompted a show of unity among Britain's Jews.

Currently all animals slaughtered for food in Britain must be stunned before their throats are cut, except for those killed by kosher and halal (Muslim ritual slaughter) methods.

Both religions forbid stunning, which they believe causes unacceptable suffering to the animal. And both have been the target of a campaign by groups that say religious slaughter is inhumane.

The leaders of the newly formed Shechita UK, which brings together representatives of the groups fighting to keep *shchitah* and the kosher meat it produces legal, say they intend not just to defend the practice against the stunning recommendations, but to prove that the kosher method of slaughter is as humane as the methods practised in non-religious slaughterhouses, if not more so.

"Together we will not just protect *shchitah*, but promote it," said Henry Grunwald, president of the Jewish Board of Deputies and honorary chair of the new group.

It is a battle that Shechita UK will have to fight vigorously. In Europe, religious slaughter is often seen by the wider public and by many animal rights groups as cruel and unnecessary.

"There has been a groundswell of interest by the public in animal rights issues, but little is known or understood about the Jewish method of slaughter, and the perception of *shchitah* needs to change," said Chanoch Kesselman, vice-president of the Campaign for the Protection of Shechita, one of the groups, along with the Board of Deputies and the National Council of Shechita Boards, that is part of the new umbrella group.

When *shchitah* was last seriously threatened in 1985, the government had to deal with a number of different Jewish organizations – an approach that Shechita UK says weakened the community's effectiveness.

"We now speak with one voice, one educated voice," Kesselman said.

Organizers hope that a London-based public relations firm will help them persuade animal rights groups, lawmakers and the public that *shchitah* is a humane method of slaughter.

The team is led by Shimon Cohen, who is aware from his involvement in previous attempts to outlaw religious slaughter in the United Kingdom that simply defending the right to practise *shchitah* will not guarantee its place in law.

"The days of merely reacting to the threat to *shchitah* are over," Cohen said. "What we are going to put out is a positive message, not just a defensive one."

Cohen said he wants Shechita UK to argue that there is no contradiction between the animals' welfare and kosher slaughter.

British legislation on slaughterhouses enshrines the principle that "it is an absolute offence to cause or permit an animal avoidable excitement, pain or suffering."

Both sides are adamant that humane treatment of animals is sacrosanct to their method of slaughter.

Shechita UK points to the fact that a number of scientific studies, most of them American, have concluded that stunning, which is meant to make the animal unconscious before cutting the throat, can sometimes cause great distress. The studies also say that *shchitah*, in draining the blood quickly by a precision cut, minimizes pain, since consciousness is lost rapidly.

Convincing the Farm Animal Welfare Council (FAWC), the government-sponsored advisory body that wants to outlaw religious slaughter, will be no easy task. Judy MacArthur Clark, chair of FAWC, told JTA her organization's support for stunning is solid.

"There is absolutely no evidence to prove that *shchitah* is a more humane method of killing an animal than the pre-stunning," said MacArthur Clark, who rejected the validity of the U.S. studies favourable to religious slaughter.

"How can you consider that cutting all the major tissues in an animal's throat will not cause great pain to an animal?" she asked.

So far, the government has not responded officially to FAWC's recommendations – which, although they carry significant scientific and political weight, do not have the power of law.

Nonetheless, MacArthur Clark said she is confident that the authorities would take FAWC's opposition to religious slaughter very seriously.

Another adversary of *shchitah* is Vegetarians International Voice for Animals, a lobbying group that supports FAWC's stance and recently launched its own campaign against religious slaughter.

The group's associate director Tony Wardle described *shchitah* as "barbaric."

"It is appalling that in this day and age, a group can defend a medieval practice that has been shown overwhelmingly by scientific study to be inhumane," Wardle told JTA.

Although the animal welfare activist said he would be interested in seeing kosher slaughter in person – an initiative Shechita UK hopes to promote among Jewish and non-Jewish media and activists alike – Wardle said he had seen a video of *shchitah* that made him "want to vomit."

The British Veterinary Association has also welcomed the FAWC recommendations.

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Arafat worth more than a billion: CBS

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The CBS program also said that Arafat had accumulated another $1 billion through Israeli bank accounts in which the government of Israel had deposited tax monies it owed the PA under the terms of the Oslo agreements.

According to the program, *Forbes* magazine has ranked Arafat in sixth place on the list of wealthiest kings, queens and despots.

In related news, the BBC reported last week the PA is transferring up to $50,000 a month to members of the Al-Aqsa Brigades, the military wing of Arafat's Fatah group. A minister in the previous PA government, headed by Mahmoud Abbas, told the BBC the payments were an attempt to prevent Al-Aqsa Brigade members from carrying out suicide bombings.

Abed Al Fatah Hamail, the former PA minister of sport and youth, said he implemented the payment policy, and that Arafat was aware of the transfers, although he did not initiate them. He also said that some terrorists, who worked for the security forces, received and continue to receive salaries, but the cabinet decided over the summer to pay living expenses for terrorists who do not receive salaries to support their families.

When asked how the PA could be certain the money was not being used for terror attacks, Hamail said the sum sent to each activist – $250 – was too small for buying weapons.

In spite of the monetary transfers, Zakaria Zubaydi, an Al-Aqsa Brigades leader interviewed by the BBC, said the organization had not officially declared a ceasefire. Zubaydi said Arafat would not instruct the organization to stop attacks until Israel stops its "assassinations."

With files from CJN news services.

WJC poised for organizational overhaul

By AMIRAM BARKAT
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

NEW YORK — The World Jewish Congress (WJC), an umbrella organization for Jewish communities and groups from 88 countries, is set to undergo a restructuring.

Canadian philanthropist Edgar Bronfman, the president of the WJC for the last 22 years, announced the appointment of a committee, headed by former Tel Aviv University president Prof. Yoram Dinstein, that will make recommendations for organizational and constitutional changes.

The purpose of the reorganization, Bronfman said, is to bring about "democratization and transparency in the [congress'] decision-making process."

The WJC, which was founded in 1936 in Switzerland, has suffered in recent years from a conflict-ridden and complicated image. But the immediate reason for the restructuring is the public furor that broke out over Bronfman's call in a letter to U.S. President George W. Bush last August to pressure Israel on the issue of the security fence.

Following the letter, Bronfman's deputy, Israeli industrialist Izzy Liebler, demanded Bronfman's resignation, and the spate of mudslinging that ensued caused damage to the organization's prestige.

Elan Steinberg, a committee member, told *Ha'aretz* Sunday that Bronfman recently announced his intention to complete the reform of the WJC before his planned retirement in 2005.

Britain's Conservative Party selects its first Jewish leader

By RICHARD ALLEN GREENE
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LONDON — A former hard-line government minister has become the first Jew ever to lead a major British political party.

Michael Howard, 62, was declared the leader of Britain's opposition Conservative Party last Thursday. No one came forward to challenge him after Tories dumped their previous leader, Iain Duncan Smith, last week.

Geoffrey Alderman, a historian of British Jewry, said Howard's candidacy carried symbolic importance for Britain's Jews, but probably would not bear tangible benefits.

Actually, Alderman said, having a Jewish prime minister could be detrimental to the Jewish community, expressing a concern not unlike those voiced by some U.S. Jews during the 2000 vice-presidential run of Senator Joseph Lieberman.

If Lieberman had become vice-president, Alderman said, some Jews worried he would have had to "bend over backwards on the Middle East" to prove that his religion was not a factor in determining U.S. policy.

"Michael Howard would also be under such pressures" if he became Britain's prime minister, Alderman said. "It is of more benefit to Anglo-Jewry to have a prime minister who represents a Jewish constituency than to have a prime minister who is a professing Jew."

Alderman cited the example of former prime minister Margaret Thatcher, who represented the heavily Jewish London constituency of Finchley.

"She made friends with the Jews and she never looked back," he said. At one time, Thatcher had five Jews in her cabinet – "more than anyone before or since," Alderman said.

Stuart Polak, director of the Conservative Friends of Israel lobbying group, rejected Alderman's suggestion that Howard might be constrained by his Judaism.

"It happens to an extent, but the bottom line is that Michael Howard is someone who will never sell the issues that affect the Jewish community or Israel down the river," he said. "We have somebody who understands the issues affecting the Jewish community better than most."

Sir Malcolm Rifkind, a widely respected former foreign secretary and a possible future Conservative Party leader who is also Jewish, said he, too, did not think Howard's religion would affect a premiership.

"The issue doesn't arise," Rifkind said. "As prime minister, Michael Howard will do what is in the interest of the U.K. There are constraints, but they are national and political, not personal."

The Tories have had an ethnic Jewish leader before, the great 19th-century prime minister Benjamin Disraeli. But Disraeli was baptized a Christian long before he entered politics.

In Disraeli's day there were serious constitutional questions about whether a Jew could be prime minister, Alderman said, since the prime minister advises the monarch on the appointment of Church of England bishops.

After Disraeli, there were no Jewish Conservative lawmakers for generations.

But the anticipated selection of Howard to lead the party more than 120 years after Disraeli has raised no apparent concerns.

The British press has noted his immigrant background – his father came to Wales from Romania in 1939, and one of his grandmothers died in Auschwitz – but it has had little to say about his Jewishness.

Some British Jews, however, say they detected a hint of anti-Semitism in an Oct. 30 story about Howard in the *Daily Mail*, a solidly Conservative newspaper that supported Howard's candidacy for party leader.

In the story, Edward Heathcoat Amory wrote that Howard "would like to be seen as the very model of that virtually extinct animal, the proper English gentleman. His enemies would complain that he is… bent on passing himself off as something he isn't."

Jewish television personality Vanessa Feltz responded in the next day's *Daily Express* – the Mail's arch-rival – whose owner, Richard Desmond, is Jewish.

"Heathcoat Amory does not use the 'J' word. He does not come out and call Michael Howard a Jew," Feltz wrote. "What he does instead is to introduce the concept of Michael Howard's Jewishness by stealth. It is articles such as this that give unwitting succor to racists and anti-Semites."

For his part, Howard has made little of his religion, neither hiding it nor making overt displays of it.

In September, he told the *London Jewish Chronicle* that he "accepted those Jewish values I was brought up with. They are still an important guide and influence on my life."

He is a member of St. John's Wood Liberal synagogue, one of London's flagship Liberal synagogues.

A member of Conservative Friends of Israel, he has opposed efforts by pro-Palestinian lawmakers to demonize the Jewish state.

But the former lawyer is far better known in Britain for his skepticism of the European Union, his conservative fiscal thinking and his law-and-order stance than for his foreign policy positions.

As home secretary – Britain's top law-enforcement official – under John Major from 1993 to 1997, Howard introduced private prisons and pushed for tough sentencing standards.

When Tony Blair – then campaigning to be prime minister – vowed to be "tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime," Howard famously replied, "I know what causes crime: criminals."

That stance will not necessarily harm him among British Jewish voters, who tend to split roughly evenly between Conservative and Labour.

Howard refused to make Holocaust denial a crime when he was home secretary, arguing that to do so would make martyrs of Holocaust deniers.

Howard has vowed to lead the Tories "from the centre," but few political analysts predict he will take the party to victory in the next election, which is expected within two years.

The Tories trail Blair's Labour government by a huge margin in Parliament, and some analysts say Howard's role is to shore up the party and give it a fighting chance to win the election after next.

If Howard does bow out after an election defeat, the Tories may replace him with another Jew – Rifkind or the rising young star Oliver Letwin.

The
Week in
Israel

Nov. 3

- An Israeli was indicted on charges of assisting the enemy in a time of war. Hanan Yadgarov, nicknamed the "Jewish bomb engineer," was arrested after selling a bomb to an undercover police officer. Yadgarov attempted to kill himself while in custody, but guards intervened.

Nov. 4

- Israeli media reported that Britain is planning to send up to 200 young adults to Israel on the first Birthright Israel trip from the United Kingdom. It will run from late December to early January.

Nov. 5

- A leading Palestinian moderate is boycotting the Palestinian Authority's interim government to protest PA President Yasser Arafat's policies. Salam Fayyad, a former International Monetary Fund official who has also served as PA finance minister, told reporters that Arafat's refusal to approve a new cabinet for the PA is illegal.

Nov. 6

- Thousands of Palestinians from the Gaza Strip came to work in Israel after the Israeli government decided to let in 15,000 workers and merchants.

Nov. 7

- The Histadrut labor federation and the Finance Ministry accepted a compromise offer drafted by the National Labor Court putting off the threat of a general strike until this week. Until then, the two sides were to formulate their positions on the treasury's pension fund reforms.
- Israeli soldiers killed a 10-year-old Palestinian boy and three suspected terrorists in the Gaza Strip. An Israel Defence Forces source said soldiers opened fire at three suspicious figures handling an electric cable in an area where explosives are often planted against troops.

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Russian Jews cool on Sharon's call

By LEV KRICHEVSKY
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

MOSCOW — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon brought a message to Russian Jews when he visited last week: Israel needs you.

But for some Russian Jewish leaders, the message seemed a bit out of step with the times.

During the visit, Sharon's third since becoming prime minister, Sharon met with President Vladimir Putin and other top Russian officials for talks covering the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, international terrorism, Iran's nuclear program and the postwar reconstruction of Iraq.

Sharon and Putin appeared to get along well. Putin acknowledged Israel's desire for peace, and Sharon called Putin a friend of Israel and invited him to visit.

But Sharon's message to 200 Russian Jewish leaders and tycoons at Moscow's Marriott Grand Hotel got a mixed reaction.

Sharon opened his speech with an emotional call for Russian Jews to immigrate to Israel.

"Make aliyah to Israel," Sharon said twice, urging listeners to remember that part of his speech. He also said that those who were not ready to make the move themselves could send their children to study in Israel.

Some of those at the meeting said that, beyond the importance of aliyah, they expected Sharon to mention the successes and needs of the Russian Jewish community, but he didn't touch on any of these topics.

"The audience was expecting to hear something different, not only slogans," said Yuriy Raskin, executive director of the Russian Jewish Congress, which brought 90 community and business leaders to the meeting with Sharon. About the same number of guests were invited to the meeting through the Federation of Jewish Communities of Russia, another umbrella organization.

"To the best of its ability, the Jewish community of Russia is demonstrating its solidarity with the people of Israel," Raskin said. "But what we heard sent us back to the early 1990s."

During the 1990s, hundreds of thousands of Jews moved to Israel from Russia and the other former republics of the Soviet Union. In the past few years, that aliyah has slowed considerably.

"Nothing was said about how, in the view of the prime minister, those who decided to stay in Russia could help Israel," Raskin said. "Many people told me they felt it was a serious mistake. This was quite unexpected."

Sharon also referred to a split in the Russian Jewish community, saying it needs to be united "from within" in order to "take over all our enemies."

Some attendees said it appeared Sharon was less interested in courting Russian Jews than he had been on previous visits.

A top Russian business executive who attended the meeting but did not want to be named said, "Israel is no longer interested in Russian Jewry's political and financial resources, but is only interested in the aliyah numbers."

Others at the meeting disagreed.

"I don't think there was anything in the speech that should be taken as an offence" to Russian Jews, said Tankred Golenpolsky, founder and editor of the *International Jewish Gazette* in Moscow. "Sharon is drawn so much into the current difficult situation in Israel that there was no need to repeat things that go without saying."

In his speech to the Jewish community leaders, Sharon preferred not to discuss details of his talk several hours earlier with Putin.

Experts agreed that the three-hour meeting with Putin and the talks with Sharon's Russian counterpart, Mikhail Kasyanov, and Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov were successful, and foretold closer co-operation and better understanding between Moscow and Jerusalem.

The annual volume of bilateral trade between the countries has soared in the past decade and now exceeds $1 billion (US), and could reach $1.3 billion by the end of the year, Kasyanov said.

Putin told Sharon that the recent arrest of the Yukos oil company's top manager – a prominent Jew – was not motivated by Mikhail Khodorkovsky's ethnic background.

Putin also told Sharon that Moscow would like to play an active role in mediating the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Responding to Israeli concerns, Putin promised to review a Russian proposal to make the UN Security Council the primary address for the "road map" peace plan. Israel considers the United Nations biased toward the Palestinians, and feels more comfortable letting the United States drive the process.

Putin also indicated that Russia would review its traditional alliance with Arab countries at the United Nations. He also said he would press Syria to rein in Hezbollah, Damascus' proxy in Lebanon, according to media reports.

Russia's promise to review its stand on the road map is important, Golenpolsky said.

"It still remains an open question how it will be reviewed, but the fact that Putin heard and responded to Sharon's concern may well be the most important outcome of this visit," he said.

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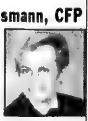

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Better late than never, Romania moved to confront Holocaust past

By RUTH E. GRUBER
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

ROME — The recent establishment of a historical commission to investigate the Holocaust in Romania is part of a belated effort by the government to clean up its act before entering NATO next year.

It also is the fruit of close co-operation between the Romanian government, Jewish organizations and Holocaust research and memorial centres in Israel and the United States.

President Ion Iliescu announced the formation of a Holocaust Commission at a news conference in Bucharest on Oct. 22. The international group of historians, Holocaust survivors and other experts will be headed by Romanian-born Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel, who has written widely on his experiences in the Holocaust.

"I am aware that your assignment is hard to accomplish, since there are people who believe that the Holocaust is too sensitive and too complicated an issue to be researched in objectivity, while others respond negatively and allergically to the very idea of the Holocaust," Iliescu told members of the new body.

He also announced that Romania would observe a national Holocaust Remembrance Day, and that efforts would be strengthened to educate Romanians about how, why and where hundreds of thousands of Romanian Jews were killed in the Holocaust.

The commission hopes to offer "to all teachers, students, to all Romanians, as well as historians and international public opinion, documents, studies and other materials needed for knowing and understanding the Holocaust in Romania," Iliescu said.

Romania was allied with Nazi Germany during World War II, and about half of its pre-war Jewish population of about 800,000 was murdered.

In recent years, the anniversaries of pogroms in the northern city of Iasi and in Bucharest have been marked by official commemorations, and several Jewish research centres and education programs have been set up. Relations with Israel are close.

But the deportation of some 240,000 Romanian Jews to concentration camps in what is now Ukraine have largely been ignored. What's more, right-wing nationalist publications spout anti-Semitic rhetoric, and the pro-Nazi World War II leader, Marshal Ion Antonescu, is venerated in some quarters as a Romanian patriot.

Romania is one of seven post-Communist states due to join NATO in May. It also hopes to join the European Union in 2007. That has put its ambiguous record under heightened scrutiny.

"Confronting the Holocaust-era past figured prominently in the NATO accession discussions, certainly in the bilateral exchanges with the U.S.," said Rabbi Andrew Baker, the American Jewish Committee's director for international Jewish affairs.

At one point last year, the U.S. NATO Committee chairman told a Romanian newspaper that right-wing nationalist extremism, anti-Semitism and open nostalgia for the Antonescu regime could hinder Romania's efforts to enter NATO.

In response, the government passed tough legislation last year against the Antonescu cult, and it adopted property restitution measures that addressed both private and communal claims.

"Political leaders in Romania – especially those with an eye on U.S. and international audiences – were aware of the importance of acting and speaking properly on these matters," said Baker, who closely monitored the NATO talks and was part of a team that helped prepare the new Holocaust Commission.

Still, he added, "the sort of open and critical examination of the Holocaust-era past that was taking place in other former Warsaw Pact countries" failed fully to materialize in Romania.

Efforts in other countries included historical commissions in the Baltic states and government legislation and commissions that addressed property claims in Slovakia and the Czech Republic.

In Poland, revelations three years ago that Polish Catholics butchered their Jewish neighbours in the village of Jedwabne touched off nationwide debates on Poland's role in the Holocaust.

Ironically, Baker said, "in some cases where there was a strong ethnic community in Israel that did not look warmly on the present government – for example, Lithuania – the Jewish state could be mobilized to press these issues quite strongly. But in other cases, where the bilateral relationship was a warm one – as was the case with Romania – Israel was far less likely to press Holocaust-era concerns."

The Center for Monitoring and Combating Anti-Semitism in Romania called the government moves against racism and anti-Semitism superficial ploys designed "to recruit Jewish support in the effort to push Romania's interests forward without Romania truly accepting its share of responsibility in the extermination of 20 to 50 per cent of the Jews living in Romania before the war."

Matters came to a head last June, when the government issued a statement that appeared to deny the Holocaust had occurred on Romanian territory

The Foreign Ministry quickly retracted it, but Iliescu himself re-ignited the controversy with comments to the media, including an interview in July with Israel's *Ha'aretz* in which he appeared to call into question the uniqueness of the Holocaust.

The confusing series of statements and counter-statements prompted an outcry from Israel and the Jewish world and gave impetus to moves aimed at creating the Holocaust commission and other initiatives.

Romanian officials worked with Jewish representatives, including Baker and B'nai Brith International's executive vice president, Daniel Mariaschin – as well as Radu Ioanid, an expert on the Holocaust in Romania at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum – to formulate goals and parameters.

Yad Vashem provided additional input in drawing up concrete guidelines and a work schedule for the commission.

Wiesel agreed to serve as chairman, Baker said, "conditional on key elements – the independence of the commission, unfettered access to all archival material, our or his approval of all designated historians and a commitment to widely disseminate the commission's findings and recommendations."

The commission will hold a conference every six months in Jerusalem, Washington, D.C., or Bucharest, and a summary report will be submitted by the end of 2005.

"We would like to give Romania a clear picture of what the Holocaust meant, with rigorous analysis, data and photos," Ioanid, who will be vice president of the commission, told Reuters.

"The public will understand what happened in the past if the findings of the investigation are properly disseminated."

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The centre was launched with consultants Lorraine Sandler and Dr. Karen Oster. Sandler, former Pre-School Principal at Holy Blossom for 17 years, and Oster, a development psychologist, founder of Play and Learn, brought a wealth of experience to the project. Year one involved the consultants familiarizing the teachers with tracking and assessment tools; encouraging literacy and numeracy through class play; and providing support for flexible grouping of children based on their individual learning styles.

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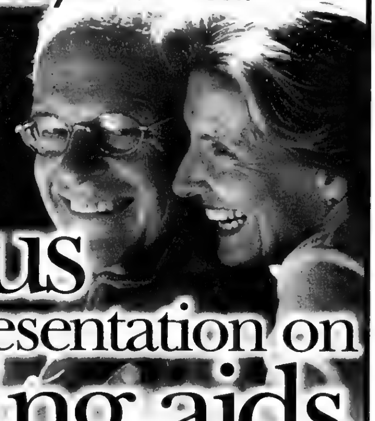

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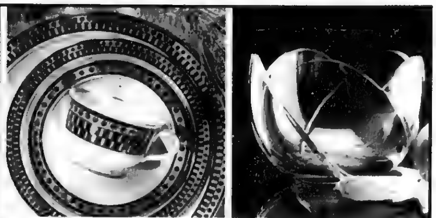

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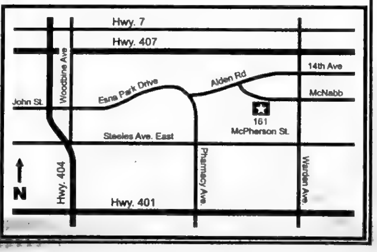

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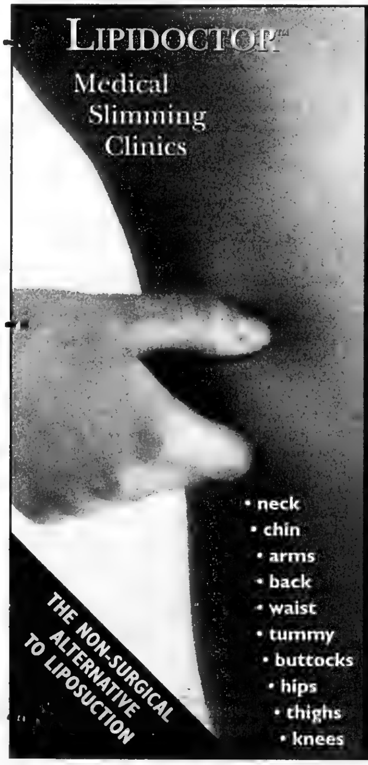

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Helen Freedman's recipe for...

Haligonian Ginger Snaps

¾ cup Crisco shortening
1 cup sugar
1 egg, unbeaten
¼ cup molasses
2 cups all-purpose flour
1½ teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon ground cloves
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1½ teaspoon ground ginger
1 tablespoon sugar, scant

Preheat oven to 350. Cream shortening. Add sugar, cream thoroughly. Add egg and molasses and beat until smooth. In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking soda and spices and sift into creamed mixture. Mix well. Roll dough by hand into balls (¾ to 1" in diameter); dip the top of each ball in sugar. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet for 16 minutes. Makes 48-56 cookies. Cookies will crinkle on top – and look like "bought" cookies.

Helen Freedman is most passionate when she's talking about two things -- community service and food. At the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, she has combined her passions for both.

Originally from Halifax, Helen, 83, holds a degree in home economics and lived in Montreal for most of her married life. There, she worked for B'nai Brith and other organizations, writing and publishing recipes and food articles, publicizing events and lecturing on food-related subjects.

In the 1960's, with Noreen Gilletz, she was among the original editors of the highly successful Second Helpings, Please cookbook.

When Helen and her husband, Harvey, moved to Toronto in 1991 to be near their two daughters, she found herself missing her active life. Harvey had no problem, she says. "He's a computer bug ... and he collects miniature trains." But Helen needed a community connection, and in 1992, she found it at the Betel Centre.

Intrigued by weekly Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) lectures and events like Literary Luncheons and Current Events, Helen found her niche right away. "I immediately became a member of the LLI committee, and helped with organizing special functions, especially events with food."

In 2000, she was elected chair of the food services committee, making her part of the decision-making of the Betel Centre. She works closely with Chef Daniel Bresca on all food-related issues.

Helen says Bresca is responsive to member suggestions. "He's now offering salads, chicken sandwiches" in the cafeteria. His baked apples are a highlight, she says, but his salmon, available every Wednesday, "is out of this world."

Helen is also the dynamo behind Café Europa, a monthly program for Holocaust survivors, jointly sponsored by Jewish Family and Child Service and the Betel Centre. She co-ordinates volunteers and food, while JF&CS arranges entertainment. "Last year," Helen says, "we went from [serving] 35 to 70 people, offering a social environment ... complete with a full-course meal and entertainment."

Helen always has a special smile for children, and loves intergenerational workshops with students. She recently received her 10-year pin from North York General Hospital, where she is a play therapy volunteer with sick kids. "That is a fun thing," she says.

At home, Helen enjoys cooking for family events and holidays. She's known for her brisket and for "booboo beer," a French-Canadian chicken ragout, but they all have a sweet spot for desserts like her ginger snaps and apple cake. And she always tries to add a down-East Haligonian (person from Halifax) flair. "They're very good cooks in the Maritimes."

It's a long drive from her Don Mills home, but Helen says she gladly drops by the Betel Centre several times a week to visit friends, participate in meetings or take in an LLI event. After renovations this summer, she finds even more reasons to make the trip. "Now that the Centre is fixed up, I can't stop raving about it."

Always up for new challenges, Helen has already registered for a January computer course in the senior-friendly Computer Learning and Re-source Centre. "I'm looking forward to it," she grins. "Working on state-of-the-art computers, instead of my husband's hand-me-downs.

"Joining (the Betel Centre) was one of the best things that could have happened to me," Helen says. Ever the food buff, she describes her immediate connection in food terms: "Everything 'gelled.' I've made wonderful friends. It's a delight to come here."

Andrew Cohen bestseller in running for GG prize

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

In his recent book *While Canada Slept: How We Lost Our Place in the World*, Ottawa writer Andrew Cohen examines what he calls "our three D's" – defence, diplomacy, development.

He presents irrefutable evidence of our declining influence and reputation in these spheres, and he suggests that it's time for us to regain some of this lost ground.

Andrew Cohen

The book's persuasive arguments, political insights and solid historical perspective have earned it a place on national bestseller lists. But it also earned a much rarer distinction when it was recently nominated for a Governor General's Award for non-fiction, one of only five books short-listed from more than 200 submissions. The winner is due to be announced this week.

An associate professor at Carleton University's school of journalism, Cohen is a columnist for the *Ottawa Citizen* and a former reporter for the *Globe and Mail*. A Montreal native, he attended McGill University and later concentrated on international studies at Cambridge University in England.

Much of his book focuses on what he calls "the golden age of Canadian diplomacy" – an age defined by the contributions of three particular diplomats, Hume Wrong, Norman Robertson and Lester Pearson. Cohen calls them "the finest of their generation, blessed with an imagination and ambition that defined their country in the eyes of the world in the middle decades of the 20th century."

Through their collective effort, these men helped Canada reach a zenith of influence and importance in the international sphere in the 1950s and 1960s. *While Canada Slept* documents the country's slow and steady decline in the intervening years.

Canada, besides being a leading peacekeeper, was a leading military power after World War II, with the fourth-largest armed forces in the world, Cohen points out. Today, we contribute fewer soldiers to the United Nations than Portugal, Ghana, Nepal and Bangladesh, and our defence budget has been slashed. Canada's foreign service and foreign aid contributions have also decreased, according to Cohen, who assigns a significant amount of blame for this to the government of Prime Minister Jean Chrétien for the slide.

"There's a focus on Chrétien in this book," he told *The CJN*. "I call him the most parochial prime minister since the early Mackenzie King, since I think that he was essentially not engaged in foreign policy at all."

(As for Chrétien's recent readiness to shake the hand of an anti-Semitic foreign head of state, the recently retired Malaysian prime minister Mahathir Mohamad? "It was unwise," Cohen said. "He seems to not understand the meaning of these things.")

Fortunately, Cohen, 48, does see some light at the end of the tunnel.

"I'm hoping that we'll start talking about foreign policy again," he said, "and that we'll find the money and the country will once again find our place in the world… It will take a great deal of contemplation and resourcefulness to be the people we can be."

A recipient of many distinguished awards, Cohen wrote a 1990 book on the Meech Lake Accord and co-edited a collection of essays on Pierre Elliott Trudeau. *While Canada Slept* grew out of a presentation he made to the House of Commons standing committee on foreign affairs and international trade in the aftermath of 9/11.

The 220-page hardcover book is published by McClelland and Stewart and sells for $31.99.

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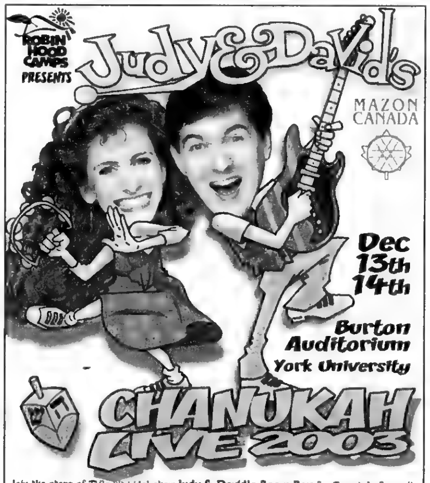

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Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

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Parchment, the journal of contemporary Canadian Jewish writing, launches its 12th annual collection with a free program of readings and a free light brunch. Editor **Adam Fuerstenberg** hosts this event with readings from **Ken Sherman**, **Rafi Aron**, **Malca Litovitz**, **Elana Wolf**, **Merle Nudelman**, **Karen Shenfeld** and **Anne Dublin**. Miles Nadal JCC, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). Sunday Nov. 16, 11 a.m. 416-924-6211.

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Art at Holy Blossom: Ot, a series of Judaica paintings by Toronto artist **Myriam Nafte**, derives its name from the Hebrew word for letter, which also translates as wonder and revelation. The exhibition opened this week and remains on view through Dec. 30. Holy Blossom Temple, Cecile and Harry Pearl Gallery, 1950 Bathurst St. Nafte lectures and discusses her collection, Dec. 15, 10:30 a.m.

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What's Doing at Israel's: Adele Reinhartz, award-winning writer and professor at McMaster University, launches her latest book, *Scripture on the Silver Screen*, about how Hollywood, despite its reputation as a secular medium, makes ample use of the Bible. Reinhartz reads and presents clips. Israel's Judaica, 897 Eglinton Ave. W. Refreshments, free admission. Sunday Nov. 16, 8 p.m.

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Art Fair Gala: The preview gala of this year's four-day Toronto International Art Fair offers a chance to mingle in a cocktail setting and to preview and purchase works from galleries around the world. Proceeds to benefit the Art Gallery of Ontario. Tickets $175. Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Thursday Nov. 13, 6 to 10 p.m. 416-979-6608.

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Theatre Notes

• *Job, the Hip-Hop Saga*, a musical written and performed by Montrealers Jerome Saibil and Eli Batalion, combines two previous shows. $24-$18. Tarragon Extra Space, 30 Bridgman Ave. Nov. 18 to Dec. 14. 416-416-531-1827.

• DVxT Theatre Co. presents the world premiere of *Mosley and Me*, a new play by **Adam Pettle**, "a triple twisting poker thriller about two new friends, one old bagel shop and a risky gambling scam." With **Randy Hughson** and **Alex Poch-Goldin**. CanStage-Berkeley downstairs, 26 Berkeley St. $30-PWYC. Previews start Nov. 22, runs Nov. 26 to Dec. 13. 416-368-3110. www.dvxt.com.

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Names in the News:

• Professional hypnotist **Mike Mandel**, who runs a company called Brain Software and consults with police on communication tactics, performs at the Sanderson Centre in Brantford, Saturday Nov. 15. For tickets, call 800-265-0710.

• The Syracuse University Press has recently published two very different works translated from the original Yiddish by Toronto-based translators **Miriam Dashkin Beckerman** and **Michael Wex**. Beckerman translated **Konrad Charmatz**'s *Nightmares: Memoirs of the Years of Horror Under Nazi Rule in Europe* into English, while Wex has given us *The Wishing-Ring*, a novel by **S.Y. Abramovitsh**, better known as the much-beloved Mendele Moykher Sforim • Former Canadian Jewish Congress official Edmond Y. Lipsitz has just published a new *Canadian Jewish Directory*. The 174-page compendium costs $19.95 and shipping charges are $3. Call 416-785-7941 or e-mail jesl@rogers.com to order a copy.

• Montreal-based author **Norman Ravvin**'s long-awaited novel *Lola By Night* was published this month by paperplates books of Toronto. The small independent publisher is co-managed by Toronto novelist **Cary Fagan**, whose own latest opus, *The Mermaid of Paris*, is a fresh offering from Key Porter. Both are high on this column's must-read list.

• Renowned tenor *Ben Heppner*, a British Columbia native, gives a rare Toronto recital Nov. 27 at Roy Thomson Hall as part of a three-city Canadian tour that includes Vancouver and Montreal.

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Arts in Brief

• Recently returned from a brief Holland tour, musician **Brian Katz** performs with jazz guitarist **Rob Piltch** at Mezzetta, 681 St. Clair Ave. W. Nov. 12, 9 p.m. Reservations, 416-658-5687. He also performs and gives workshops for classical and jazz guitarists in Kingston, Nov. 16 & 17. 613-329-5890.

* "Klezmer 101: A Beginner's Guide to Klezmer Music" is a series of five monthly lectures on Wednesday evenings by musician **Jordan Klapman**. Series fee $75 (Nadal JCC members $60); individual tickets available. First lecture, "Klezmer's Roots," is Nov. 19, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Miles Nadal JCC, 750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211.

* Opera Mississauga presents *Nabucco*, a Verdi opera set in ancient Jerusalem featuring King Nabucco (Nebuchadnezzar) of Babylon. Nov. 13 to 22 at the Mississauga Living Arts Centre, Nov. 25 to Dec. 6 at the Toronto Centre for the Arts. 905-306-6000 or 416-872-1111.

* The Winchevksy Centre presents Klezmer Kids and Jewish Story Hour for children as two of four Jewish-themed classes beginning the week of Nov. 18. Fees $20 to $60. 416-789-5502.

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Out of Town: Ira Robinson, professor of Judaic studies at Concordia University, presents "Early Dilemmas of Jewish Orthodoxy in Canada: Rabbi Judah (Yudl) Rosenberg," an illustrated lecture sponsored by the council of the Jacob M. Lowy Collection and Library and Archives Canada. Robinson addresses the unprecedented challenges encountered by Orthodox immigrant rabbis in Canada from the 1890s to the 1920s. A book signing and reception follow, and a selection of Rosenberg's works will be on display. Auditorium, Library and Archives Canada, 395 Wellington St., Ottawa. English, free admission. Sunday Nov. 16, 2 p.m.

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Film explores life of surrealist painter

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Samuel Bak is a painter whose Holocaust experiences have greatly influenced him as an artist.

A child prodigy from Vilna, Bak is a surrealist whose works examine the themes of cruelty, morality, memory, loss and uprootedness.

Christa Singer's empathetic documentary, *Samuel Bak: Painter of Questions*, will be broadcast by TVOntario on Thursday Nov. 20, at 10 p.m. and repeated on Sunday, Nov. 23, at 1 a.m.

The 60-minute film is a portrait of a sensitive, gifted man consumed by the searing event that altered his life and caused the death of his loved ones.

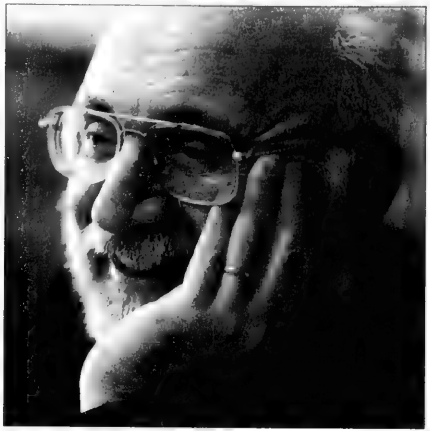
Bak, who brings a classical sensibility to his work, was already a budding painter at the age of three. Fortunately for Bak, his parents encouraged him to develop his talents.

When he was eight years old, he and his mother were dispatched to the squalor of the Vilna ghetto. They escaped and found refuge in a Benedictine monastery. After eight months, they returned to the ghetto, a fact that goes unexplained in the film.

In the aftermath of the war, Bak lived in a displaced persons camp in Landsberg, Germany.

After leaving the camp, Bak lived in Israel, Switzerland, Italy, France and the United States. He currently lives in Weston, Mass., near Boston.

In the film, the importance of his paintings are explained by Boston art gallery owner Bernard Pucker and Holocaust scholar and survivor Lawrence Langer. Bak's works reflect not only the wretched human condition, but they also conjure up "the shadows" of his family in Vilna, we're told.



Samuel Bak is a surrealist whose works examine the themes of cruelty, morality, memory and loss.

The highlight of the film turns on his return visit to Vilna after a very long absence.

At first, Bak refuses to consider the idea of going back home. "Absolutely impossible," he staunchly maintains. But at the urging of a Lithuanian colleague, he returns, accompanied by his wife and three daughters.

Once in Vilna, he presides over a retrospective exhibit of his work and visits the Ponari forest, where his father and grandparents perished.

Samuel Bak: Painter of Questions leaves several aspects of his life unexplored – deliberately so, one suspects. But on balance, this is a finely-crafted film about a talented painter whose spiritual wounds have never really healed.

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New spa location

By ELAINE COHEN
Special to The CJN

MIAMI BEACH — Two weeks before Gerda Rosner's Spa Connection was to return to Montreal from Miami in April 2003, Rosner and her group learned the Lido Spa Hotel had been sold.

When Abbey Berkowitz, who runs the Saxony Hotel & Resort on the ocean in Miami Beach, got word of Rosner's quest, he made her an offer she couldn't refuse.

"At the Saxony, we will enjoy all the amenities we had at the Lido Spa Hotel and more," said Rosner. " Here we will be able to take advantage of the beach and boardwalk right at our door. Spa-goers will be able to book facials, massages and hot packs. Besides, guests can take advantage of all the existing activities and attractions available at the Saxony Hotel."

The Saxony has 400 guest rooms and can seat more than 1,000. Rosner's Spa Connection entourage will be seated together in the dining room.

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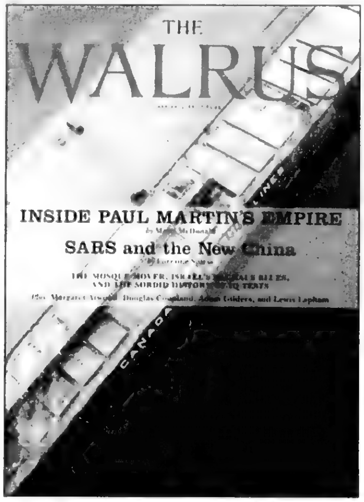
Rosner will stay at the Saxony Hotel & Resort from November 23 to mid-April. Special prices are available for Rosner's Spa Connection from November 23 until late January, when prices change. Once again after March 3, specials are scheduled. The Saxony Hotel & Resort is situated at 3201 Collins Avenue. For info call 1-866-489-4148.

Walrus editor savours magazine's strong debut

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

The Walrus, Canada's newest magazine, is David Berlin's dream come true.

The Israeli-born Berlin is the co-founder and editor of *The Walrus*, hyped as the Canadian equivalent of such high-brow American publications as *Harper's* and *The Atlantic Monthly*.



Indeed, *The Walrus* boasts an impressive roster of writers, including such literati as Margaret Atwood, Canada's pre-eminent woman of letters, and *Harper's* editor Lewis Lapham.

The Toronto-based magazine debuted at the end of September, and Berlin says he is thrilled with the reception to its maiden issue.

"It's amazing how well it's been received. We've got 25,000 subscribers and we sold out the first week. For one issue, that's amazing."

In response, he says, publisher Ken Alexander has increased the print run of the second issue, which hits the newsstands Nov. 14.

Like a proud father Berlin, can't stop smiling when he talks about *The Walrus*. This baby was conceived in the course of many late-night marathon discussions with co-founder Alexander.

Each man dreamed of creating a Canadian cultural and political magazine that would attract highly acclaimed writers from Canada and elsewhere. For his part, Berlin even went so far as to seek support from Lapham in New York.

Berlin and associate publisher Bernard Schiff, a retired University of Toronto psychology professor, had been exploring the possibility of establishing a Canadian edition of *Harper's*. But the project took on an independent identity once Berlin and Alexander connected.

Berlin's sister-in law told a friend about Berlin's idea. The friend happened to know about Alexander's interest in starting a similar type of magazine, and a *shidduch* was quickly arranged.

Not only was this a meeting of like minds, but Alexander was able to raise money for the project, Berlin says. "I was incredibly lucky to have found Ken."

Alexander applied to the Chawkers Foundation, which was established by his father Charles in 1988. Chawkers gave the fledgling magazine a $5-million grant over five years.

The Walrus also received funding from the George Cedric Metcalf Foundation for a student intern program headed by Schiff.

For Berlin, the financial war chest gives the magazine the resources to publish investigative stories with extensive research. He cites the cover story of the first issue as an example.

He says the 12,000-word exposé on Canada Steamship Lines – which Liberal leader-in-waiting Paul Martin built into a company with $700 million in assets before transferring ownership to his sons to satisfy opposition conflict-of-interest charges – created a lot of buzz in Ottawa. Politicians of all stripes were requesting advance copies because much of the information in the article was new.

In fact, the *National Post* quoted the article in one of its news stories, he adds. "We sold out because of that Paul Martin piece."

Berlin says it's a prime example of the high-quality research and investigative work readers can expect from *The Walrus*.

"There's more respect in this country for bold honesty than one would think. That's the lesson we're learning."

The left-leaning Berlin – he ran for the federal NDP in the 2000 election – stresses the magazine does not reflect his political views.

"We have complete respect for the reader. We don't tell people what to think. We let them draw their own conclusions.

"The most creative place is down the centre, with left and right weighted down with equal power. That's a difficult line to tow."

But political stories are just part of the magazine's mix, which also includes arts, culture and humour, reflecting Berlin's own varied background.

A former editor of the *Literary Review of Canada*, Berlin has a master's degree in philosophy and political science from York University, and he's done graduate work at the University of Chicago on its Committee for Social Thought. He's also run several businesses and is still involved in an innovative cardiac clinic in North York.

"For a guy like me, being editor of *The Walrus* is the best job in the world. I'm an eclectic thinker with interests in medicine, music, the arts. And I'm a political animal by nature.

"With the diversity of the subject matter in the magazine, I don't have to parse myself."

The job satisfaction can be measured on many levels, he says.

"It's amazing how everything has come together. I'm working with great people. I have a great staff.

"And Ken is extremely dedicated to the project. It's most extraordinary. He shares my vision of *The Walrus*."

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Post-traumatic stress disorder common in SARS' workers

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Health-care workers who have dealt with SARS have a higher incidence of post-traumatic stress disorder than journalists who have covered a war zone, says the director of infection control at Mount Sinai Hospital.

"There is still a great deal of anxiety and fear amongst [these] workers. The impact of SARS has been enormous," says Dr. Alison McGeer, also infection control consultant at Baycrest Centre and Scarborough Hospital.

McGeer was speaking at a recent panel sponsored by the health issues committee of National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section. Also on the panel was Dr. Barbara Yaffe, director of communicable disease control for the City of Toronto, and microbiologist Michael Brodsky.

She said North York General and Scarborough Grace hospitals have been absolutely devastated by the outbreak, and that the tourism industry has been greatly affected with a huge number of jobs lost.

"It is going to take a long time to recover."

Health officials have learned from the SARS outbreak that they were simply not ready to manage the outbreak of a communicable disease, she said.

"We didn't have adequate systems in place in the hospitals or in the community, and our emergency departments were not built in a way as to prevent the spread of disease.

"[While dealing with SARS], we took a huge hit in our ability to care for non-SARS patients. We had so many people focused on controlling the outbreak that we were not organized for other issues."

'We didn't have adequate systems in place to prevent the spread of disease'

A network is urgently needed to deal with such an issue on a global level, she said.

"The people in China knew about the outbreak, but they didn't talk about it. They did not see what the impact would be."

Yaffe said the amount of manpower that went into dealing with SARS was unprecedented. "We had 700 people working full time for 3½ months. There has never been an emergency that has lasted that long."

In that time, she said, they received more than 300,000 calls to their hotline with a one-day high of 47,567 calls.

Another lesson learned from the outbreak, Yaffe said, is that there is desperate need for a better information-technology system.

"We need active surveillance for this type of illness. We need a mechanism for rapid reporting, and we need to disseminate timely information properly."

Group helps frum parents with at-risk kids

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

A support group for Orthodox parents with at-risk children – an offshoot of the Association of Parent Support Groups of Toronto – is marking about three years of supporting the needs of the frum community.

Group spokesperson Stephanie Wagman explained that while several Orthodox participants had belonged to the secular association, many felt there was a need for a support group geared to the problems they face, where advice would conform to halachah and they could interact with people with the same worldview.

The problems facing these parents are beyond the normal kinds of acting-out by teenagers, Wagman stressed.

Some have run away, some refuse to obey their curfew or the rules of their homes – "They are rebelling against their parents, and using religion to do it," Wagman said – and some have turned to drugs.

One of the more dramatic examples Wagman cited was of two young teenage girls from haredi families in New York City who headed to Arizona in clothing that is unacceptably revealing in their community. Fortunately, they were found safe and returned to their families.

Wagman said participants in the Toronto support group discuss how others have coped with similar problems, and they share information on professionals who are available to help. They also exchange phone numbers and are available to help or comfort each other any time of the day or night.

Dealing with an at-risk child is "a very isolating experience," Wagman said, citing the fact the Orthodox community can be very judgmental and parents tend to be blamed for a child's problems.

Orthodox families face unique problems in such situations, she said, as difficulty with one child can affect a family's standing in the community, and can even have an impact on marriage prospects of siblings and other relatives.

Every week, six to 12 people attend group meetings at the offices of JACS, a support and information group with offices at Bathurst Street and Sheppard Avenue. (The group operates independently of JACS.)

While both men and women are welcome, Wagman said "men don't reach out as easily."

It is important "to have a safe place to talk," Wagman said, adding that the group stresses confidentiality.

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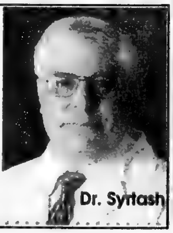

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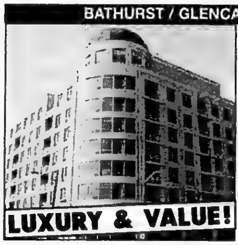

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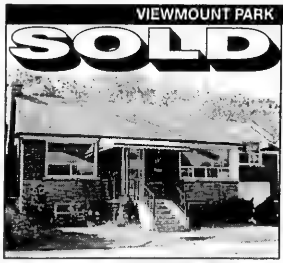

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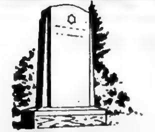

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Bone-crunching blueliner back after injury

By **ELI SHUPAK**
Special to The CJN

Jake Heller won't be found anywhere near the top of the Ontario Hockey League's scoring charts this season, but opposing skaters will surely remember who the hulking defenceman is the next time they venture into the Erie Otters' end of the ice.

The 6-3, 215-pound blueliner is once again throwing his weight around, delivering crunching bodychecks and generally using his size to his advantage as much as possible.

> ***Heller models his game after Chris Chelios, a player he idolizes for his robust game***

It's something the 18-year-old is going to enjoy after being sidelined for all but the final 10 games of last season while recovering from a lacerated kidney.

Heller suffered the injury in a game when he took a cross check to the back. He underwent two surgeries, including one to remove a fluid sac around his kidney that was compressing it.

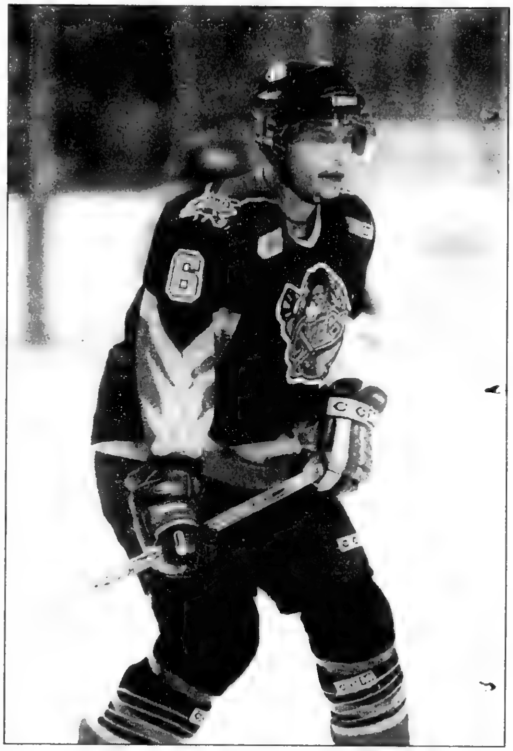
Any type of physical activity was forbidden while he recovered, but Heller hung around with the team in Erie, Pa., anyway, bonding with his teammates and gaining valuable experience as part of the club.

"It was tough for me last year, but I just had to do it," he says. "It's something I had no choice in. Being with the team was good for me, but it feels really good to get back out there."

He finished up high school while recuperating and is currently taking a couple of courses at Edinboro University to keep himself busy outside of hockey.

A native of Skokie, Ill., a Chicago suburb that's home to many Jews, Heller started skating at age four and has been playing shinny since he turned five.

He says he tries to model his game after former Blackhawks and now Red Wings defenceman Chris Chelios, a player he idolizes for his robust game.



Jake Heller

During a four-game holiday recall as a 16-year-old from his Wellington Dukes bantam club during the Otters' 2001-02 championship season, he played so well that Erie managing partner Sherry Bassin touted him as a possible future NHLer.

Heller's Dukes won the Tier II Junior A Conference Championship in 2001-02. He was acquired by Erie as the 80th selection overall in the 2001 OHL Priority Selection. He's just now in his draft-eligible year.

"Jake would have definitely been with us if the rules were what they are now," Otters coach Dave MacQueen recently told the *Erie Times-News*, referring to a stipulation that at the time limited rosters to two underage players. It has since been changed to allow three 16-year-olds on a team.

Expected to be a regular on the blue line last season, Heller sat out the first 58 games and probably wished at the time that he had sat out one more. His season debut on Feb. 24 was an 8-0 loss to Windsor.

Though he says he's still getting used to the speed of the game after a prolonged absence from the lineup, he is pain-free and feeling a little bit better every day.

While the club has struggled to a 6-9-1 start, last in the OHL's Midwest Division, Heller has a goal and is near the team lead with a plus-3 rating – pretty good for a team that has given up seven more goals than it's scored.

"I'm not really an offensive-minded guy," he said. "I stay back, try to keep [the other team] from scoring. I think [plus-minus] is a pretty important stat for me the way I play. It shows what you're doing on the ice."

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New Argos owners have strong ties to Jewish community

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

The new owners of the Toronto Argonauts are not only successful entrepreneurs and longstanding fans of three-down football, they've also been intensely involved in the Jewish community.

Developer Howard Sokolowski, CEO of Tribute Communities, and David Cynamon, head of KIK Corporation, were named last week as new owners of the storied CFL franchise.

In addition to their success in business, both have also played key roles in community fundraising efforts.

Sokolowski, 51, served as co-chair of the United Jewish Appeal's 2003 "Israel Emergency" campaign, which raised an unprecedented $65 million. The campaign was Toronto UJA's most successful yet and ranked third among North American Jewish communities last year, said UJA Federation spokesperson Wendy Lampert.

Cynamon, 40, served as co-chair of the UJA's goods and services division. "He's a very, very strong supporter of the Jewish community," Lampert said.

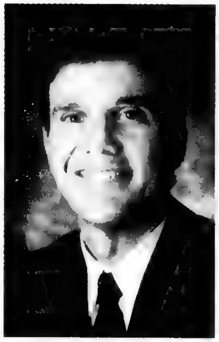
Three years ago, Sokolowski pulled a full-page ad from the *Toronto Star* as a protest against its coverage of the Middle East conflict. At the time, Sokolowski told *The CJN*, "whether it was successful or not, we wanted to make a statement.

"I'm uncomfortable with a lot of the coverage the *Star* has given the Middle East situation. I'd settle for them being impartial. I see them as pro Palestinian."

In announcing their acquisition of the Argos last week, the two said they would focus on the long-term health of the franchise.

"There's no question that we have love for the game, that we are fans first and foremost, but make no mistake about this, we're not here for the short term, we're here for the long term," Sokolowski said.

"We do believe there is an opportunity, a very strong opportunity, as a business or else we would not be as interested," he added.



Howard Sokolowski

The ownership announcement set off a round of media speculation, with pundits suggesting a new stadium, built near York University or on the Exhibition grounds, is key to the team's future success.

The Argonauts are believed to have lost $50 million since 1991, and while terms of the purchase were not announced, it was rumoured the team was acquired for a $2.5 million franchise fee and a $10 million assurance.

At a news conference announcing their conditional purchase of the team (it takes effect after the Grey Cup), Cynamon stressed the pair's local roots. No owner of the team has been locally based since 1981.

Sokolowski is founder and CEO of Tribute Communities, one of the largest home builders in Canada, with more than 20,000 built to date. The award-winning company is also a strong supporter of community charities. It has raised more than $500,000 for the Ajax-Pickering Hospital and supports other medical and community facilities.

Sokolowski is a member of the Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation's board of directors and a board member of the Rouge Valley Health System. In 1999, he was a member of the consortium that purchased SkyDome.

Cynamon, a native of Edmonton, was hired by his father-in-law, the late Gerald Pencer, founder of Cott Corp., to turn around KIK, which at the time was a struggling company manufacturing private label bleaches and detergents.

Cynamon acquired a network of producers and signed up a roster of important clients, including Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Albertsons, Publix, A&P and many others. KIK is now North America's largest producer of private label bleach and a leader in the liquid household cleanser category.

Cynamon has been named Canadian entrepreneur of the year by Ernst & Young and KIK has been twice recognized as one of the Canada's 50 best-managed companies.

Cynamon also sits on the board of the Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation and played university football for the York University Yeomen in the mid-1980s.

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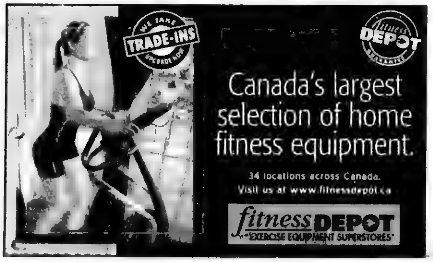

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WINNING FINISH: Israeli skaters Galit Chait and Sergei Sakhnovski finished in fourth place in the dance category at the Skate Canada competition last week.

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יוני נכשל במבחנים, עבודתו מאוד איטית וכתב ידו אינו קריא. "הילדים" הוא מספר, "בטוחים שזה מפני שאני עצלן ותינוק... אני ממש לא יכול לסבול את זה. כל פעם בשעורים אני חושב על זה ואומר לעצמי: זה לא נכון, זה פשוט לא נכון!"

עדו, הילד היחיד מבני הכיתה שגר בשכונה של יוני, מתנכר לו. שלש פעמים בשבוע יוני לומד בכיתה טיפולית. בנוסף לבעיות בקריאה וכתיבה, יוני מתקשה גם בפעילויות נוספות, כמו משחק כדור סל למשל. המורה גוערת בו לעתים תכופות, הילדים לועגים לו ואפילו הוריו משוכנעים שלו אך יתאמץ יותר, ישפר השגיו.

בעיקרו של דבר הספר הוא מעין מונולוג של ילד דיסלקטי, מתוסכל, כעוס ומבוהל. כילדים אחרים במצבים דומים, יוני מפתח מנגנוני בריחה מהמציאות. ביום עצוב באופן מיוחד, כאשר יוני חש השפלה קשה על כך שאף אחד מהבנים לא רצה בו כשחקן כדור סל בקבוצתו, יוני מדמיין לעצמו חבר סודי בשם נוסנוס. "נוסנוס הוא החבר הכי טוב שיש לי, החבר היחיד שלי והוא תמיד בא לעזרתי." לנוסנוס מראה חיצוני משונה; איש קטן, עם כרס וקרחת כשבקצוות מבצבץ שיער שיבה אפור וארוך. עיניו כחולות, קורצות בשובבות.

מדי פעם עושה אמו של יוני מאמץ לעודד את בנה. היא מספרת לו על כל מיני אנשים מוכשרים ומצליחים כמו צ'רצ'יל ואדיסון שבילדותם סבלו מדיסלקציה. בעצם גם יוני יודע שהוא איננו חסר כישורים; "אני לא תלמיד איום. אני יודע ומבין כל מה שלומדים בכיתה. הכל. רק שבכתיבה ובקריאה אני חלש... אפילו לא יודעים כמה אני טוב בחשבון. בלוח הכפל אני זריז כמו שד." וליוני אף זכרון מצויין. אלא שסביבתו החברתית של יוני רואה בו כשלון ובה אין יוני מוצא תמיכה. עד כדי כך גדול כאבו שהוא מקנא בילד נכה ששמו יובל. יובל נפגע בתאונת דרכים ומאז הוא משותק ברגליו אלא שליובל אף אחד לא לועג. המום של יובל גלוי לכולם; "את הבעיה שלי לעומת זאת, אף אחד לא רואה." אף אחד, חוץ מנוסנוס.

ככל שבדידותו של יוני מעצימה כך מגיח נוסנוס בדמיונו לעתים תכופות יותר. ההזדקקות הגוברת לנוסנוס היא ביחס ישיר להחרפת מצבו של יוני.

בסופו של דבר ובהדרגתיות יוני זוכה לתמיכה ושיקום הן באמצעות הכיתה הטיפולית, מורה מסורה, הורים אוהבים ומר פוגל. יהיה זה מר פוגל שימצא את ההזדמנות המתאימה להסביר לכמה בנים מבני כיתתו של יוני מאיזו מגבלה סובל יוני. בתבונה מסבירה אורית רז לקוראיה (הורים, מחנכים וילדים) שתהליך הטיפול הוא ממושך והדרגתי. האבחון והמודעות לבעיה הם אך חלק ממורכבות התהליך.

אני לא מה שאתם חושבים מאת אורית רז איננו ספר מתח הרפתקני. זהו ספר דידקטי שכתוב בצורה שתעניין ילדים. מן הסתם לבטח יבטא הסיפור את עולמם של ילדים רבים, לאו דווקא דיסלקטים, המתמודדים על מקומם בחברה ההשגית שבה אנו חיים.

Sweet Potato Soup w/Buttered Pecans

3/4 cup finely chopped onion
1 cup chopped leek
2 garlic cloves, minced
3 large carrots, sliced thin
1 bay leaf
3 tblsp. butter
3 large sweet potatoes, sliced thin
1 baking potato, sliced thin
5 cups broth
3/4 cup dry white wine
1 1/2 cups water

Buttered Pecans 3/4 cup chopped pecans 2 tblsp. unsalted butter

In large pot, saute onion, leek, garlic, carrots, bay leaf in butter over moderate heat, until vegetables are softened. Add potatoes, broth, wine and water. Simmer covered for 15-20 mins. Discard bay leaf. In blender puree mixture in batches until it is very smooth, add additional broth to thin soup if desired. Season with salt and pepper

In skillet saute pecans in over moderate heat, stirring occasionally, for 10 mins. Transfer to paper towels to drain.

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Money Matters

Rabbi Jay Kelman

Jewish law has long recognized the right of workers to form unions. One of the basic rights of a union is the right to strike. Without it, a union effectively ceases to have any power to protect its workers. But modern authorities dispute the extent to which Jewish law recognizes this right. Where contractual obligations or even customary amenities are being ignored, all agree a strike would be allowed. However, striking for such things as higher wages or increased benefits is prohibited, according to many authorities. In such situations, a union may only demand binding arbitration.

Rabbi Moshe Feinstein rules that in a situation where a strike is allowed (which, in his opinion, includes striking for higher wages or increased benefits), unionized workers may actually prevent, through peaceful means, the hiring of replacement workers. He bases his ruling partially on the negative feeling people have toward "scab" labour.

Workers in essential services, such as hospitals and public safety, are prohibited to strike. From a Jewish perspective, there is no greater essential service than students having the opportunity to learn. This is especially true regarding Torah study. Our sages declare that "the world exists only because of the speech of students in school." Denying students the right to learn is tantamount to destroying the world.

Furthermore, Rabbi Feinstein notes that Jewish law requires teachers, in theory, to perform their sacred task for free. They are paid "opportunity cost," a salary equivalent to what they could have earned had they applied their talents elsewhere. Since they are not paid for teaching per se, striking for higher wages would not be allowed. Rabbi Feinstein does say that in situations where teachers are paid "starvation wages," a situation that unfortunately was not uncommon in years past, they may be permitted to strike "for a day or two."

In my opinion, the prohibition of teacher strikes would also apply to extracurricular activities, as these are vital to the development of balanced children. While one may not be required to become a teacher, those who choose to do must agree to sacrifice some of the rights enjoyed by others. Hopefully the rewards will make it worthwhile.

Comments may be addressed to rabbi@byad.org.

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Crossword Puzzle

(Answers to the crossword are on page 62.)

Oh, Brothers!
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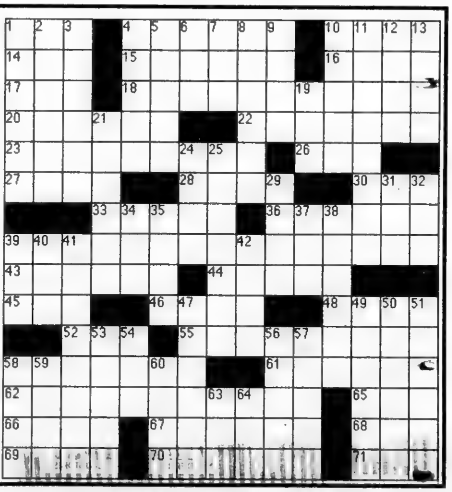
Across
1. Song refrain syllable
4. Soccer star Luis Fabian _____
10. Theater district signs
14. Succ., Chan., or Tu-B'shv.
15. Peruse again
16. Nature, in Netanya
17. Airport abbreviation
18. First brothers (2nd name in Hebrew transliteration)
20. Condemned to Sheol
22. Drooping inflorescences, as in oak
23. Rock great Roy ____-son, followed by the British record label that produced his 1976 album
26. Salt, in St. Tropez
27. Hardy heroine
28. Expression of suprise followed by a greeting
30. U.S. pollution control agency
33. Early 20th century composer Erik
36. Wobble
39. Nephew and his uncle, Isaac's father
43. Future, in France
44. Guiness commercial
45. Day in Grenada
46. Bd. members
48. Shoe size options: E ______
52. Prison inmate
55. Geode discovery
58. With 62 Across brother, Joseph's sons
61. Note by the fire marsh., referring to an object's combustibility
62. See 58 Across
65. Nigerian tribesman
66. What Jacob shed on hearing of supposed fate of his favored son, one of 12 brothers
67. Author Danielle
68. National nurses orgn.
69. Phoenix team
70. Let build up, as wrath
71. Standardized schl. test

Down
1. "You forgot ___ before 'com'"
2. To turn about, in Turino
3. "I saw ___ Ear in the garden," she said, noting only one
4. Bow of light flew tween electrodes
5. Walter ____ Hospital
6. Prefix for three
7. Chret-___ De Troyes
8. Mother of Absalom, Solomon's half brother
9. St. Vincent Millay
10. Land claim
11. Detesteth
12. Kitchen mainstay
13. Mineo and hepatica
19. Watcha get when you're far under
21. Passover's month
24. Shekel or quarter
25. College sorority member's painting?
29. "Let ____", Beatles song and film
31. This and others were under the princess' mattress
32. Limb
34. I, in Ayelet Hashachar
35. Short for late
37. Hebrew girl's name, for light
38. Slightly not on the mark
39. Housman's A Shropshire ___
40. Hebrew name meaning 'my father'
41. Tel Aviv sands, with word for shore in English
42. Tambien or aussi in English
47. Russian chessmaster declaring victory?
49. Bothering
50. Empower
51. Cyrano's author Rostand
53. Mr., Ms., Miss, _____ (options)
54. Scot's negative
56. ___ Ivey, of WNBA's Indiana Fever
57. Waterfall or slope, in Hebrew
58. Dines
59. Matic starter
60. Your car needs this twice a yr.
63. Kenned. or Clint.
64. Part of a tennis match



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If enthusiasm and dedication are a prerequisite for heading up the Leadership Sinai Centre for Diabetes, then Dr. Bernard Zinman has what it takes. As Director of the Centre, Dr. Zinman has two goals: the first is to provide care to people with diabetes, the second is researching the causes and health implications of this rapidly growing problem.

"Diabetes is the epidemic of the new millennium," says Dr. Zinman. "It is a serious condition that causes disabling, long-term conditions. By the year 2025, an estimated 280 million people worldwide will have diabetes."

In addition to his duties as Director, Dr. Zinman also holds the Sam and Judy Pencer Family Chair in Diabetes, is a Senior Scientist at the Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute at Mount Sinai Hospital, and is a Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto. His research program has several themes including unraveling the basic causes for the long-term complications of diabetes, developing strategies to prevent diabetes in susceptible individuals, exploring new therapies for diabetes, and understanding the recent epidemic of diabetes in native communities.

People interested in participating in diabetes research can call Debbi at (416) 586-4447.

Dr. Bernard Zinman

The Rebecca MacDonald Centre for Arthritis and Autoimmune Disease opens

From back L to R: Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation President Nicholas Offord, Mount Sinai Hospital President and CEO Joseph Mapa, Mount Sinai Hospital Board Chair Lawrence Bloomberg, Philanthropist Rebecca MacDonald, and Rheumatologist Dr. Ed Keystone

Staff and friends from the community gathered at Mount Sinai's Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Building on October 15th to celebrate the opening of the Rebecca MacDonald Centre for Arthritis and Autoimmune Disease. Arthritis and autoimmune diseases are among the most common health problems today. Nearly four million Canadians or one in six adults suffer from rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, lupus or one of the other 110 forms of arthritis.

The one-of-a-kind clinical research and outpatient facility will serve more than 15,000 patients annually. The development of the Centre was made possible through the generosity of Rebecca MacDonald. Ms. Macdonald, Chair, President, and CEO of Energy Savings Income Fund, is one of the only patients in the world known to make a complete recovery from rheumatoid arthritis and remain off medication. She attributes her recovery to her determination to 'get better' and willingness to try novel therapies.

"I'm confident that our collaborative research program in genetics, outcomes, and therapies will have a major impact on the future health care of Canadians and people worldwide," said Rheumatologist Dr. Edward Keystone, Director of the MacDonald Centre for Arthritis and Autoimmune Disease. "The Centre will integrate clinical patient care and research in arthritis and autoimmune disease which will provide patients with the most advanced care and treatment options."

The Auxiliary Celebrates Fifty Years

On October 20th, close to 260 Auxiliary members and friends were on hand as the Auxiliary kicked off its 50th Anniversary year with an afternoon Tea at the Windsor Arms Hotel. The wonderful afternoon was organized by Co-Chairs Harriett Bomza and Gail Gerstein together with Vice President Ofra Menkes and their committee. The venue was made available thanks to Windsor Arms President George Friedmann. Large collages which hung from the hotel's columns chronicled the Auxiliary's history and provided opportunity for the guests to reminisce on the last fifty years.

"It is the camaraderie, teamwork, and enthusiasm that make the Auxiliary so special," said Auxiliary President, Heather Gotlieb. She announced the recent establishment of The Rose Torno Chair in Obstetrics and Gynecology, in honour of the late Rose Torno, visionary and founder of the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary wishes to thank the many generous supporters of the event including: **Church Street Flowers, Eat My Words, Mark J. Mooney and Associates Limited, vintagecouture.com by Lynda Latner, Windsor Arms Hotel, and Flower Workshop.**

The Auxiliary's Past Presidents

From L to R • front row: Selma Eisen, Tannis Silverstein, Heather Gotlieb, Dr. Reva Gerstein, Harriett Bomza
From L to R • standing behind: Tobie Bekhor, Elaine Culiner, Penny Offman, Hinda Silber, Libby Hoffman, Marlene Borins, Queenie Nayman, Rosalind Witkin, Sandra Hausman, and Julia Paisley Absent: Fran Binder, Carole Herman Zucker, and Barbara Kerbel

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Holiday Gift Ideas

The Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary has some helpful hints to assist with your gift giving ideas!

Holiday Greeting Card Program

These cards are great for corporations and individuals to send out as seasonal greetings, Chanukah greetings, and Holiday good wishes. There are several versions you can select from or you can create your own message. You may imprint your company name and logo or personalize the cards for your private use.

Of course, our regular Donation Cards are always available for sending on any special occasion as well as for Chanukah greetings and Holiday wishes.

Sharing Secrets Cookbook is the compilation of more than 200 recipes from members of Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary and their mothers, daughters, family, and friends. These 'secrets' are sure to make any holiday meal a success and make a wonderful gift!

The Galaxy of Hope pins, designed in partnership with Birks Jewellers, is a collection of 18K gold and sterling silver pins in a star shape. These pins are ideal for recognition of achievement, birthdays, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, Chanukah, Christmas, a token of friendship, and more.

For more information on these wonderful holiday ideas and how to order, please e-mail the Auxiliary at *auxiliary@mtsinai.on.ca or (416) 586-8290 or order online at www.mtsinai.on.ca/auxiliary*

Upcoming Event

Living with Diabetes

Thursday, November 20th, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
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Canadian solidarity mission salutes Israel

By MIRIAM SHAVIV
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מגבית הפדרציות היהודיות בקנדה

Canadian children with upcoming bar and bat mitzvahs met last week with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon at the Palmachim Air Force base near Tel Aviv. ***[Isranet photo]***

Canada's largest mission to Israel since 1996 began last week at Palmachim air force base near Tel Aviv with a star-studded celebration of the ties between the two countries.

The "Canada Salutes Israel" event was attended by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, Canada's Ambassador to Israel Donald Sinclair and Air Force Maj.-Gen. Dan Halutz, as well as 700 Canadian mission members from across the country, 50 Canadian Birthright Israel participants and 700 Israeli air force personnel.

"Israel puts itself on the line for us every day of the week, every week of the year," said Stephen Goldhar, co-chair of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's B'yachad (Together) Mission, which alone accounted for some 300 of the 700 Canadians.

"We wanted to say thank you and show our solidarity, and this is the most tangible way to show Israelis we're here for them."

The evening was marked by a sense of camaraderie, as Sinclair noted.

"It's an honour to welcome everyone to a family event," Sinclair said. "I feel like everyone here knows each other," he said to laughter from the audience.

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Relationship with China flourishes

First in a series

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

BEIJING — Israel's bilateral relationship with China, the world's most populous nation and an emerging superpower, has blossomed since the establishment of formal diplomatic relations in 1992.

But the eruption of the second Palestinian intifadah and Israel's cancellation of a major arms deal with China seems to have dented Israel's burgeoning ties with the Chinese.

Compared to a generation ago, when China considered Israel an illegitimate pariah state and a western lackey and cultivated ties with Arab states and the Palestinians, Israel's relations with China are now on a solid footing.

Before the 1980s, Chinese foreign policy was driven by Marxist-Leninist rhetoric, and China was so hostile to Israel that it supported its destruction.

But in the late 1970s, after Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping introduced sweeping reforms to its economy and launched a massive modernization program, China gradually adopted a more pragmatic attitude to Israel.

In the early 1980s, Israel reportedly formed quiet but lucrative defence ties with Beijing as China sought to upgrade its armed forces, particularly its tank corps.

There was a further thaw when China subsequently granted Israeli tourists visas and then allowed the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities – the precursor of an embassy – to open a permanent office at Beijing's World Trade Center.

以色列 和 中国.

Israel and China as rendered in Mandarin script

After the 1991 Madrid peace conference, China, albeit belatedly, recognized Israel. Shaul Eisenberg, an influential Israeli businessman with interests in China, was partly instrumental in facilitating these breakthroughs.

Beijing thought official relations with Israel would be useful. It viewed Israel as a source of, if not an avenue to, modern military technology. It believed a Chinese embassy in Tel Aviv would help it improve its bonds with the United States. And in keeping with its desire to be a major player on the international stage, it wanted a role in the effort to defuse the Arab-Israeli conflict.

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CANADA

BB Hires Ex-MPP

TORONTO — Former Thornhill MPP Tina Molinari has joined B'nai Brith Canada as president of its fundraising arm, the B'nai Brith Foundation, the organization announced last week. Molinari, who was defeated in last month's Ontario election, was a strong backer of the Equity in Education Tax Credit. Liberal Premier Dalton McGuinty has vowed to repeal the credit, which gives tax relief to parents of children in private schools.

More Groups Banned

OTTAWA — Canada has banned three more Palestinian terrorist groups. The federal government last week outlawed the Palestine Liberation Front, the PFLP-General Command and the Marxist-Leninist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The new additions bring to 34 the number of organizations banned under Canada's Anti-Terrorism Act. The move prohibits fundraising in Canada for the groups and requires financial institutions to freeze their assets. It also outlaws belonging to or having contact with the groups.

ISRAEL

Film Ban Overturned

JERUSALEM — Israel's Supreme Court overturned a ban on a documentary-style film accusing the Israeli army of atrocities in a 2002 battle in Jenin. *Jenin, Jenin*, directed by Israeli Arab actor Mohammed Bakri, was banned by Israel's Film Ratings Board after complaints by families of soldiers killed in the West Bank refugee camp in April 2002. The court agreed with Bakri's appeal that the ban violated free speech legislation. A UN probe determined that no massacre took place in Jenin and found no evidence that would support the charges in Bakri's film.

Canadian Lays Wreath

JERUSALEM — Donald Sinclair, Canada's new ambassador to Israel, laid a wreath in Yad Vashem's Hall of Remembrance last week to mark Remembrance Day and his first official visit to the Holocaust memorial.

Rival for Suez Canal?

TEL AVIV — Israel will build a railroad linking Ashdod and Eilat that could compete with the Suez Canal, Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said last week. Speaking at an investment conference, he said the railroad would allow Israel to transfer goods from Eilat, its southern port, to Europe.

Law Blocked

TEL AVIV — Israel's highest court last week ordered the government to explain why it changed a law which gave automatic citizenship to Palestinians who marry Israelis. The court also temporarily blocked the state from deporting Palestinian spouses of three Israeli citizens. The decisions came in response to a petition from Arab and Meretz Party MKs and civil rights groups.

WORLD

Gas Maker Bankrupt

BERLIN — The company that produced the gas used at Nazi death camps has filed for bankruptcy. In World War II, an IG Farben subsidiary produced Zyklon B gas, which was used in Nazi gas chambers. The pre-World War II chemical company also built a plant on the outskirts of Auschwitz in Poland to produce artificial rubber and synthetic gasoline, mostly using slave labourers from Auschwitz.

Fights at Memorial

VIENNA — Clashes erupted at a ceremony here commemorating the 65th anniversary of Kristallnacht after protesters at the event waved Palestinian flags and yelled anti-Israel slogans. The ceremony marked the night of Nov. 9-10, 1938, when Nazi-inspired rioters set synagogues and Jewish stores ablaze in Germany and Austria.

Italians Cool on Israel

ROME — More than two-thirds of Italians believe Israel has a right to exist, though more than half have little sympathy for it, a new poll says. Some 22 per cent also say Jews aren't "real Italians" and 51 per cent said Jews have a different mentality than Italians.

Pro-Circumcision Study

SYDNEY — Male circumcision has major health benefits for both men and women, a new Australian study says. Circumcision protects men from HIV and lowers the chance of cervical cancer in their partners, researchers at Melbourne University said. After a report from the Royal Australasian College of Physicians that said there was little benefit but potential harm in circumcision, the rate fell to 10 per cent of males born in Australia.

Deadly Formula Not Available in Canada

TORONTO — An infant formula sold in Israel that has been linked to the deaths of two babies and damaged the central nervous systems of at least 13 others is not available in Canada's two main Jewish centres.

Spokespeople for the Sobey's and IGA grocery chains, the main carriers of kosher products in Toronto and Montreal respectively, say Remedia Super Soya 1 is not sold in their stores. A check of Toronto's smaller kosher food retailers and of the Kashrut Council revealed the same finding.

Israeli officials have launched a criminal investigation into the Remedia affair. Lab tests found the formula lacked vitamin B1, also known as thiamine, whose deficiency in infants can cause vomiting, diarrhea, seizures and loss of appetite. The resulting disorder of encephalopathy, or beriberi, can cause irreparable damage and death.

The product, which has been pulled off Israeli supermarket shelves, was sold mainly in haredi neighbourhoods because it bore an Orthodox Eida Charedi kosher certification.

The *Jerusalem Post* reported last week that a "small number" of Jewish infants in New York have been hospitalized with neurological symptoms after being fed the formula.

Also last week, Humana, the German company that manufactures the milk substitute, admitted it had accidently omitted vitamin B1 from the product. Prosecutors in Germany also confirmed reports that an employee of Humana is under investigation for manslaughter in relation to the affair.

Thousands of worried parents have called an emergency hotline set up by the baby food company and Israel's health ministry. Several lawsuits, including one class-action suit, have been filed in Israel against Remedia, which imports the formula. In the United States, H.J. Heinz, which owns 51 per cent of Remedia, has contacted leading Jewish groups about the matter.

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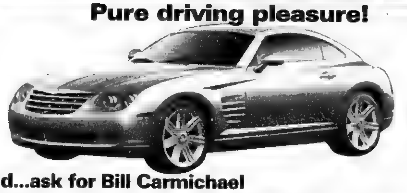

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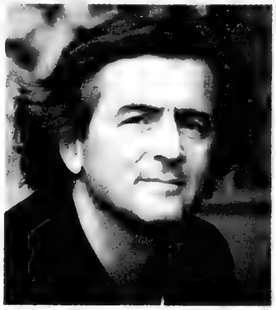
Daniel Pearl murdered for his secrets: author

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

American foreign correspondent Daniel Pearl was kidnapped and brutally murdered because he was a Jew, an American, and "knew too much."



Beranrd-Henri Levy

And the man who supposedly killed Pearl in January 2002, Ahmed Omar Sheikh, the British-born son of Pakistani immigrants, was an agent of Pakistan's military secret service, the Inter-Services Intelligence, known as I.S.I.

Bernard-Henri Levy, the author of a new international bestseller, *Who Killed Daniel Pearl?* (Melville House Publishing), made these comments in an interview last week during a brief visit to Toronto.

A 55-year-old prominent French intellectual and one of France's leading philosophers, he was also here to deliver a speech at Holy Blossom Temple.

Levy, whose book originally appeared in French, said he wrote it to pay tribute to "a great man, a great Jew" and an exemplar of tolerance and open-mindedness.

"The people who killed him hated everything he represented," said Levy, a tall, elegant man who visited Pakistan five times to gather material for *Who Killed Daniel Pearl?*

Levy said that Pearl, a *Wall Street Journal* reporter, jeopardized his life by venturing into the dark depths of Pakistan.

As he put it, "Pakistan is a country where to be a Jew, in certain circles, is not an identity or a religion, but a sin, a crime. Pearl was, in their eyes, such a criminal."

His murderer, a person who had been exposed to western values as a British citizen, was a rabid Islamic fundamentalist.

Sheikh murdered Pearl because he had established an incriminating link between I.S.I. and Al Qaeda, was closing in on the controller of convicted British "shoe bomber" Richard Reid and had discovered a connection between senior Pakistani nuclear scientists and Al Qaeda.

Suggesting that I.S.I. is a dangerous organization, Levy said it played a central role in the installation of a Taliban government in Afghanistan, and maintains close ties to Al Qaeda.

I.S.I. also channelled funds to Mohammed Atta, one of the Sept. 11 terrorist plotters.

Asked if I.S.I. operates independently of the Pakistani government, Levy said, "That's a good question."

Pakistan's president, Pervez Musharraf, is aware of I.S.I.'s relations with Al Qaeda, but lacks the authority to break that connection.

Nor does he have full control of Pakistan, Levy observed.

Certain shadowy figures in I.S.I. want to establish an Islamic fundamentalist state in Pakistan, and believe that Islam is on a collision course with the West.

They are strongly anti-American, as well as anti-Semitic, he noted.

"To them, Jews and Americans are identical. Islamic fundamentalism in Pakistan is strong and is blooming."

Levy called on the West to support the forces of democracy and moderation in Pakistan.

But he acknowledged he does not know how strong they are, or whether they can prevail.

According to Levy, Islam is currently embroiled in a historic internal dispute, pitting moderates against radicals.

He does not believe that Islam, per se, seeks a confrontation with the West.

"It's a battle between Islam and Islam, not Islam against the West," he said.

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Poetry, prose and music

From the editor's desk

This week, I take a respite from commenting upon politics and politicians, and from bleak outlooks. Arts and culture occupy this column.

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The first book-length collection of poetry in English by acclaimed Israeli writer, dramatist and translator Meir Wieseltier has just been published by the University of California Press. It is called *The Flower of Anarchy* and it is a small, shining gem.

The 62-year old Wieseltier is regarded by many observers to be the master of Israeli poetry. He has published 12 collections of poetry in Hebrew and has translated the works of Shakespeare, Virginia Woolf, Charles Dickens and E.M. Forster. He has received a number of awards, including the Prime Minister's Prize for Literature, the Bialik Prize and Israel's most prestigious award, the Israel Prize, in 2000.

Wieseltier's style is very distinctive: earthy and piquant, biting and brusque, and at times, tender and poignant.

He is no sentimentalist. His work glosses over none of the searing emotional pain that has accompanied 55 years of unceasing war.

"Two helicopters kissed midair./ Out of that kiss fell seventy-three corpses" begins *On The Seventy-Three*, a deeply felt, angry response to the tragic helicopter accident in the northern Galilee in 1997 in which 73 soldiers met their deaths.

But Wieseltier's anthology is by no means a political one. Indeed, it covers a melange of different subjects, from his earlier days in the '60s to the present. Nevertheless, as translator Shirley Kaufman – a gifted poet in her own right – points out, "love is a well-explored theme" throughout the slim collection of 150 pages and some 80 poems.

Kaufman's introduction to the book is itself an exceptional contribution. She helps to burnish our understanding of the poet, his poetry and the unique challenge of translating Hebrew.

"In Hebrew, [Wieseltier] is a master of word games, extended metaphor, alliteration, onomatopoeia and rhyme, often juxtaposing biblical archaic Hebrew with the colloquial. Every translator of Hebrew poetry faces the impossible task of transferring the freshness, the emotional precision, the poetic skill, the layering of meaning in the Hebrew words and the three root letters that make up the words, into another language – into poetry, with the original passion and meaning."

The Flower of Anarchy rings with lasting poignancy. For the scholar and lay reader alike, it is a worthwhile read.

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A continent away, in New Jersey, the colourful American author, Curt Leviant, has just published two novellas: *Ladies and Gentlemen, the Original Music of the Hebrew Alphabet* and *Weekend in Mustara* (The University of Wisconsin Press).

Leviant, too, is an award-winning author and the recipient of several national and international literary fellowships for his work.

The two novellas are rich in imagination. As in Leviant's five previous novels, the signature trademark is boldness and humour.

His storylines are daring excursions into Jewish history and cultural folkways. They are also lessons in the wanderings and the travails of the Jewish people. There is nothing predictable that he fleshes out from his love of the Hebrew language and his understanding of the fragility of the human psyche.

Music of the Hebrew Alphabet tells of the encounter between a musicologist and a survivor who claims to be in possession of one of the ancient secrets of the Jewish people. *Mustara* also tells the tale of an academic who stumbles upon a historic and cultural treasure of the Jewish people.

The stories move very briskly. At their conclusion, the reader is happy to have travelled with the author.

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Seldom, if ever, have I heard at the decorum-conscious performances of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra an audience stand up, cheer, hoot, shout and whistle their appreciation and delight for a performance and a performer.

Yet two weeks ago, after the 34-year-old Moscow-born pianist Boris Berezovsky completed the final movement of Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 30, led by guest conductor Thomas Dausgaard, the audience would not let him go.

Shouts of "bravo" and "more" echoed throughout the newly wood-panelled chamber for more than 10 minutes after the tall pianist had completed his brilliantly interpretation of this very demanding work.

Berezovsky is held in very high regard around the world and considered by critics and musicians alike to be one of the finest pianists in the world, with a reputation as a musician of insight and sensitivity.

In 1988, the *London Times* described him as "an artist of exceptional promise, a player of dazzling virtuosity and formidable power." In 1990, he won the Gold Medal at the 1990 International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow.

Since then, his skills have grown. The full house at Roy Thomson Hall last week were very appreciative beneficiaries of those skills. —***MBD***

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JNF SHLICHIM: **Joe Rabinovitch, third from left, executive vice-president, JNF Canada, with the five JNF shlichim from across Canada, pictured left to right: Eli Shenhav, education shaliach, national coverage; Yossi Darr, British Columbia; Rami Kleinmann, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta; David Harnik, eastern Canada; Eitan Glaser, Toronto. The shlichim become "ambassadors" of Israeli life and culture while they are in Canada. Currently, there are five shlichim in various parts of the country, bringing a special flavour of the Jewish homeland to the thousands of Canadians they visit every year. Each shaliach devotes a great deal of time making presentations to community organizations, synagogue and cultural groups, schools and donors. Special emphasis is placed on helping school administrators develop curriculums which will provide students with the most up-to-date knowledge of Israel.**

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Olmert paints optimistic picture of Israeli economy

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

Israel's tourism industry has taken a major hit in recent years, but the dropoff in this sector does not in itself account for the country's recession, says Ehud Olmert, Israel's Minister of Industry, Trade, Employment and Communications.

Ehud Olmert

Israel's economic recession "has relatively little to do with the political situation," Olmert said, referring to the Palestinian intifadah that has prompted thousands of visitors to cancel their trips since it began in 2000.

Olmert, who served for seven years as mayor of Jerusalem, was speaking at a VIP briefing in the Toronto law offices of Heenan Blaikie. His lunchtime address was sponsored by the Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada and State of Israel Bonds.

While the drop in tourism "creates a feeling of despair" among Israelis, the real reason for the country's economic slowdown is the bursting of the high-tech bubble, he said.

"The crisis in high tech has nothing to do with the intifadah. It collapsed in North America and elsewhere," Olmert said.

A dynamic speaker with a commanding presence, Olmert painted an optimistic picture of Israeli economic prospects. "Israel exports high-tech products of greater than $16 billion (US) and I expect that in the next seven years, Israel's total exports of goods and services will go to the level of $36 billion per year," he said.

"It is possible. It is within the range of our reach and reflects the scope of our high-tech infrastructure that is not matched anywhere in the world except the United States."

Illustrating his analysis, Olmert pointed to a takeover during the high-tech boom of an Israeli startup (Chromatis Networks, a fibre-optic company) by the American giant, Lucent. Lucent paid between $5 billion and $6 billion for the startup, even though it was not yet in production. That single amount is greater than the entire Israeli tourism industry, he said.

High tech, Olmert said, plays a greater role in Israel than it does in other western economies.

"This is where we have a relative advantage. We can compete with the whole world," he said.

The high-tech industry is beginning to experience a turnaround "and we feel it in the State of Israel."

"[T]here is unlimited opportunity for high-tech investment… We're trying to improve the business environment to revive it to full-scale activity like it was" before the intifadah, he said.

The government is encouraging direct overseas investment in Israel and it is promoting exports through creation of special funds. Israel has improved its climate for business by improving its research and development policies and by changing its tax laws to encourage investment, he said.

In fact, Olmert said, the entire structure of the Israeli economy is changing. Israel has shed its socialist economic roots and is moving rapidly to become a free market economy. Part of that includes the privatization of such government-held icons as El Al Israel Airlines and the country's ports.

Bezeq, the country's telecom provider, will be privatized and licenses are being granted to cable companies to provide telephone service to compete with Bezeq.

"Israel in these areas is moving forward rapidly no less than America or Canada and other countries of the world," he said.

Israel is also investing heavily in upgrading the country's infrastructure, laying down a new highway that will span the country and will have a major impact on citizens' quality of life. The highway will permit residents of Jerusalem to drive to Carmel in 70 minutes, he said.

"Fast track" rail services are planned for the Jerusalem to Tel Aviv corridor as well as to Beersheva and Eilat.

The 20 billion shekel investment ($5.8 billion) "opens up a lot of opportunity for the private sector to get into Israel," he added.

Turning to the political situation, Olmert said the government remains open to diplomatic progress with the Palestinians, but he predicted little can be accomplished with Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat in control. Arafat commands no trust, is unreliable, and lacks integrity and judgement, he said.

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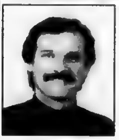

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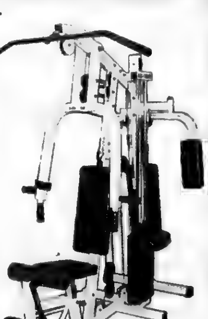
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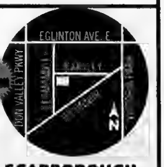

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Holocaust Education Week

Veterans, survivors remember as program ends

BY ADAM SEGAL
Special to The CJN

Stirring speeches, emotional music and a candlelighting memorial captured the message of remembering the past to make a better future, at a Remembrance Day ceremony held at Adath Israel Congregation last week.

Veterans bedecked with poppies and army berets, and Holocaust survivors with their respective children and grandchildren, were among the hundreds of people who attended the ceremony, bringing the 23rd annual Holocaust Education Week to a touching conclusion.

Adath Israel's Rabbi Steven Saltzman, MP Irwin Cotler and the highest-ranking Jewish officer in the Canadian Forces, Maj.-Gen. Edward Fitch, gave passionate speeches.

"To find meaning in what happened," Rabbi Saltzman said of the Holocaust, "we must live with hope."

While Rabbi Saltzman explained the importance of remembering the past, he focused on the need to build on that memory in order to move forward.

"If you dwell on the memory of what it was like in Egypt, then you become warped," he said.

"Let's focus on the exodus."

In between the speeches, veterans marched to the tune of bagpipes, and the Adath Israel Professional Choir led by Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum, sang several songs including *Av Harachamim* and *Mizmor L'David.*

Six memorial candles were lit to pay tribute to those who perished in the Shoah and to Canadian Forces who lost their lives in war and peacekeeping missions.

Fitch, a recipient of the Golden Jubilee Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal for his service in the former Yugoslavia, lauded the military contributions Canadian Jews made during World War II.

He noted 17,000 Jews joined the forces, fully 10 per cent of the entire Jewish population of Canada at the time.

"This was the highest percentage of any community," Fitch said, adding that his father was among the troops who participated in the liberation of Belgium in 1944.

Fitch emphasized Canada's crucial role in the current war on terrorism and in peacekeeping operations across the globe.

"You need to know that we are… fighting tyranny and terror," he said.

"We are in a constant battle for peace, harmony and mutual respect."

Familiar with the dangers of peacekeeping from having served in the Balkans, Fitch spoke about the challenges Canadian troops face overseas.

"There's a very fine line between war and peace operations," he said, adding that Canada's army is at times hamstrung by equipment shortages and challenged by a dependence on volunteers.

But Fitch said operations in Afghanistan and elsewhere has sparked a greater appreciation for remembrance.

"I sense there has been a resurgence of remembrance in Canada," Fitch said.

He urged young people in particular to learn the lessons of war.

Montreal Mount Royal MP Cotler, a renowned human rights activist and law professor at McGill University, garnered a standing ovation with his stirring words promoting remembrance and condemning anti-Semitism and all forms of racism.

He praised his fellow MPs for unanimously voting in favour of making Yom Hashoah an official day for commemorating the Holocaust across Canada.

Speaking at length about anti-Semitism, Cotler warned the age-old scourge continues to rear its ugly head.

"We are witnessing… a new, lethal anti-Semitism, grounded in Zionism is racism," Cotler said.

"The new anti-Semitism is the denial of the rights of the Jewish people (to live) as equal members of the family of nations."

He also discussed the disproportionate number of indictments against Israel at the United Nations, such as at the annual meeting of the UN Human Right Commission where five indictments were made against Israel, the most levelled against any country.

While some are dismissive of the perpetual UN bias, Cotler noted its importance.

"The UN does matter," Cotler said. "It's held as an idiom for Canadian foreign policy."

Moreover, negatively targeting Israel jeopardizes, "the credibility of the UN, for "anti-Semitism is an assault on the human dignity of all persons…While it may begin with Jews, it doesn't end with Jews."

Cotler concluded by calling on Jews and all Canadians to act against intolerance.

"The time has come… to come together to stand up and be counted against racism and hatred," Cotler said.

"What we need now is a culture of human rights, in place of a culture of hate."

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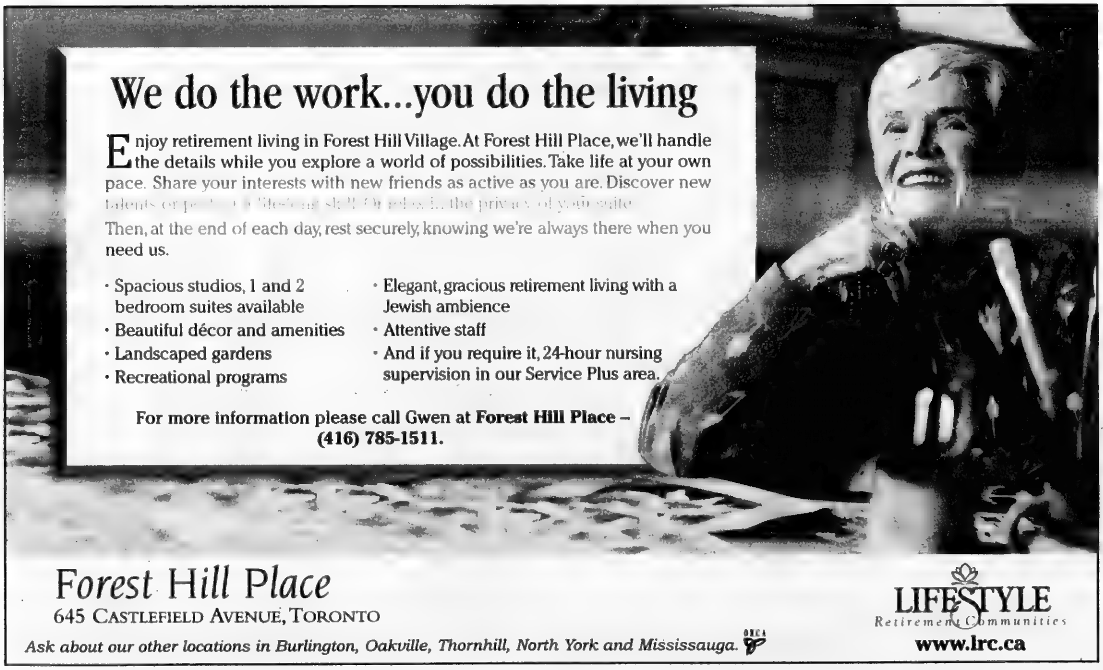

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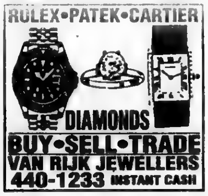

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Families maintain lawsuit for autism funding

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

Despite a pledge by Dalton McGuinty during the election campaign that his Ontario Liberals would support funding treatment for children with autism beyond age six, 29 families found themselves back in court last week to force the province to do so.

The trial began April 28 in Superior Court as part of a lawsuit seeking what the families say is essential medical treatment and educational services for their children. They had hoped to force the former Tory government to provide a special program for children with autism as they progress through the school system. The case was adjourned over the summer.

In a Sept. 17 letter sent to Nancy Morrison, a parent of a child with autism, McGuinty, then leader of the opposition, said, "I also believe that the lack of government-funded IBI [intensive behavioural intervention] treatment for autistic children over six is unfair and discriminatory."

McGuinty promised that "in government, my team and I will work with clinical directors, parents, teachers and school boards to devise a feasible way in which autistic children in our province can get the support and treatment that they need. That includes children over the age of six."

Last week, the families resumed their case in Superior Court and Morrison said she is still waiting for the new minister of children's services, Marie Bountrogianni, to return her calls.

McGuinty's office referred inquiries about the case to Bountrogianni's office.

Peter Taylor, a spokesperson for the Ministry of Children's Services, said the minister is still being briefed on the issue.

Taylor said the government is committed to looking at what might help children with autism transition to school after they turn six. However, he would not comment on the current court case.

Eventually, the parents are hoping that IBI (also known as applied behavioural analysis, or ABA) will be available for all children with autism through the publicly funded school system. The parents are also arguing that the program now available to children five and under is inadequate and fails to provide any assistance to the many autistic children on long waiting lists.

McGuinty's letter states that currently "there are only about 500 children in the province receiving government-funded IBI treatment. It is alarming and unacceptable that there are almost twice as many on a waiting list."

Morrison's son will be five on Nov. 24 and has been on the list for two years.

"He may be aged out before he ever gets any publicly funded help," Morrison said. In the meantime, she has been paying almost $30,000 a year for a private provider at home.

"It's killing us," she said.

In April, Ontario Supreme Court Justice Arthur Gans issued an injunction requiring the Ministry of Community, Family and Children's Services to continue funding IBI treatment until the case is decided in Superior Court.

(In a separate, similar action filed earlier this year with the Ontario Human Rights Commission, some 100 families are seeking to end what they call discrimination against their children.)

Autism is a neurological disorder that typically affects a person's ability to communicate, form relationships with others and respond appropriately to their environment.

IBI is an intensive program that helps children learn to modify certain behaviours through the use of rewards. Since autism affects certain areas of the brain, therapists, consultants, parents and educators work one-on-one with the children so children can learn to utilize other parts of their brain to master small skills a little bit at a time. With IBI, children with mild cases of the disorder can learn to become highly functional.

McGuinty promised to support funding for treatment

Therapy can cost up to $50,000 per year. There are an estimated 3,000 children under the age of six in Ontario with autism, making the estimated cost to the province $150 million.

Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich, spiritual leader of Beth Sholom Synagogue, whose daughter with autism just turned six, said that until now "the province has done a half-measured job dealing with the issue."

The problem has been passed back and forth between social services and health care and "very quickly lands in the twilight zone of indifference," Rabbi Flanzraich said.

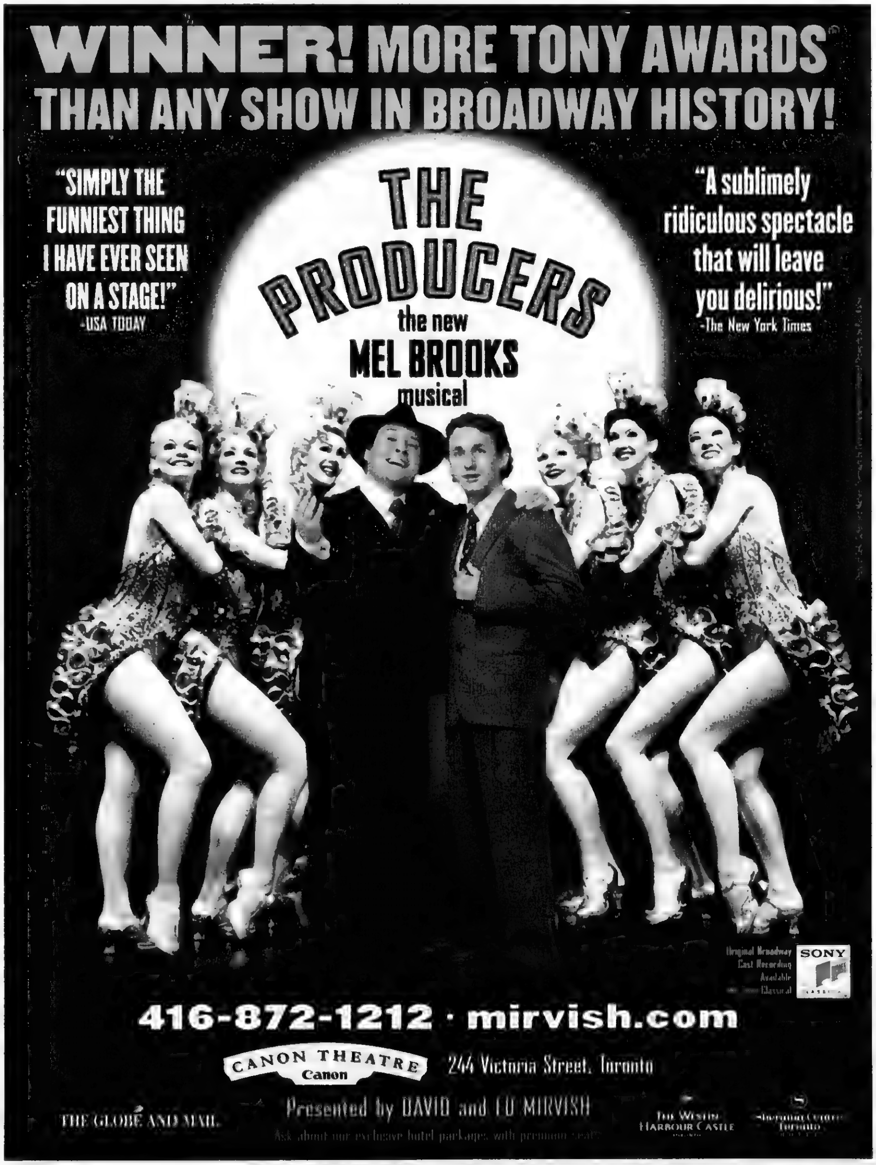
In the meantime, he added, "it has developed into a profound humanitarian crisis."

One of the parents involved in the Superior Court lawsuit, Tammy Starr, took her daughter out of Zareinu Educational Centre because when she was younger there was no IBI program at the school. (Zareinu has since started a program.)

Starr's daughter, Carly, goes to public school during the day, where she has an IBI-trained teacher's assistant who has received 100 hours of training at the family's expense. Carly also receives IBI training at home.

Starr said she wonders why the province and the families are in adversarial positions in court at huge expense to everyone when McGuinty agrees the current situation is discriminatory.

"That's exactly what we're claiming," Starr said. "It doesn't make sense."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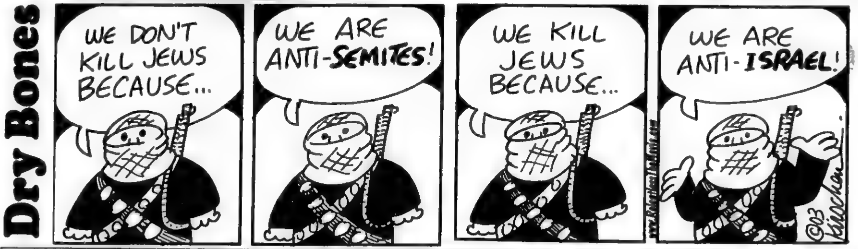
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The monster has risen

On Friday, the headline on the page 1 story of *Ha'aretz*, read: "There is a fear that Islamic anti-Semitism is evolving into terror against Jews." Alas, the author of the story, Amiram Barkat, was more prophetic than he had wanted to be.

On Saturday, two synagogues in Istanbul, Turkey, were bombed. At least 23 people were killed and more than 300 wounded. Grotesque carnage was the result. As of this writing, it is not certain who the murderers were. A shadowy group that calls itself the Great Eastern Islamic Raiders Front first claimed "credit" for the attack. But most experts believe the attack was too sophisticated in its planning and in its execution to have been the work of a small band of thuggish terrorists. The method of the murders bore the characteristic signature markings of a much larger group, and the list of possibilities is quite familiar to us all.

Over the weekend, in a separate act of terror, a Jewish school outside of Paris was set ablaze. Thankfully, no one was injured. French authorities attributed that particular act of terrorism to racists and anti-Semites.

These two violent expressions of anti-Semitism are but the ugly offspring of the more casual, non-violent expressions of anti-Semitism that have emanated from Europe recently. As Barkat pointed out in his article, the incidence of anti-Semitism in the past month in Europe has been unprecedented. Among a number of examples, Barkat cited the attitudes towards Jews disclosed in the recently released European Union opinion poll and the vulgar statement by renowned conductor-composer Mikis Theodorakis that the Jews are "the source of evil."

Israel's minister for Diaspora affairs, Natan Sharansky, hosted a forum last week for Foreign Ministry and Jewish Agency colleagues on the very worrisome phenomenon, especially in Europe, of the surging scourge of anti-Semitism. Sharansky defined the monster that has risen anew in Europe as having three heads: classical, new and Islamic anti-Semitism.

The musings of Theodorakis, Sharansky said, fell into the first category. The excessive, disproportionate, one-sided criticisms of the government of Israel, he suggested, fell into the new category. The finding that 59 per cent of Europeans believed Israel was a threat to world peace was a symptom of the new anti-Semitism.

Having incessantly been fed only negative, hateful images of Israel, the Europeans are disgorging the result. The most immediately dangerous form of anti-Semitism, Sharansky warned, is its Islamic iteration, because it targets all Jews, wherever they are. It does not distinguish between its campaign against the State of Israel and the Jews of the world.

The craven, bloody acts in Istanbul are but the latest proof, although German authorities recently foiled attempted attacks by cells of Islamic terrorists against Jewish institutions in Berlin and Dusseldorf.

Without a doubt, the government of Israel and international Jewish bodies have important roles to play in the struggle against worldwide anti-Semitism. But the monster is indiscriminant. Hatred and the terrorism that feeds on it are that way. It will harm, and has already harmed, entire societies. The struggle, therefore, is that of the entire civilized world.

LET OUR PEOPLE GO...

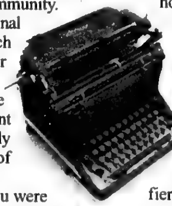
MIAs: Ron Arad, Zachary Baumel, Tzvi Feldman and Yehuda Katz. **KIDNAPPED:** Elchanan Tannenbaum.

Question was outrageous

In his Rabbinic Reflections column ("Could we follow the example of Abraham?" *CJN*, Nov. 6), Rabbi Aaron Mitnick poses a question he calls "uncomfortable": Could we follow Abraham's example – namely, would we be among the majority of Palestinians who support suicide bombings if we had been brought up as Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza?

The question is not uncomfortable. It's outrageous.

Suicide bombings perpetrated against Israelis are criminal acts of murder. They are pre-meditated, illegitimate, designed to kill and maim without regard to the identity, nationality, position of or consequence to the victim or the community. To suggest that we would support such horrific criminal activity if we were Palestinians sounds pretty much like rendering the criminal act "understandable," or worse, "acceptable" or "legitimate" in context.



I do not impute anything to your columnist more than an unfortunate turn of phrasing. Yet you did print his column, and what it says to those who are rightly sensitive is that we would support the same type of conduct.

Perhaps Rabbi Mitnick is simply saying, if you were raised as a mafioso or a Nazi, wouldn't you also support criminal or anti-Jewish activity? In that case, he isn't saying anything.

If he is suggesting suicide bombings are understandable because "we would be no better," I think we have a big problem. The problem is the Jewish community is becoming used to terrorism and buying the Arab and European sentiment that we asked for it.

The individual Jew does not have to rise to the level of Abraham to know a crime when he or she sees it. A person with the least bit of moral fibre would not only back away from even thinking about supporting such activity, but would "*lech lecha*," or quickly take leave, as the parshah advises. The sad and dangerous fact that the Palestinian majority supports suicide bombing should stimulate a more salient question: how do you deal with neighbours who think it is perfectly acceptable to blow up you and your house?

Lazar Sarna
Montreal

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Prime minister failed

Much has happened since the creation of the State of Israel in May 1948, but anti-Semitism still reigns supreme in Arab countries and elsewhere.

Arab leaders are so preoccupied with their own domestic situations that they always attempt to distract attention from their policies by blaming, defaming and inventing false allegations against the Jews. A large number of Muslim leaders also continue to make cruel and lethal diatribes against the Jews.

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien felt it was inappropriate to rebuke the Jew-baiting former Malaysian prime minister Mahathir Mohamad. It was left instead to the officials of Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs Bill Graham to call the Malaysian High Commissioner to Canada and register a formal protest.

Albert L. Stal
Toronto

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Survivors not alone anymore

If silence could talk, the mysteries of many lives would awaken to tell their stories, sometimes to frighten, sometimes to impress, sometimes to fascinate. When the sun goes down in fiery red, it is like a land after a battle. Thousands fought, few returned. Millions left, a small number returned. Homes were destroyed, lands parched and people killed. Stones and bricks. Stay or go, rebuild or leave. A little bent-over women sits on a stone, her hair shaved, dressed in a grey striped dress, her eyes red, tears cannot come anymore. Where to go? No home, no family no children. Were are the children? God says, "We sinned." The children, too? Where to go now? I paid for sins that were never mine.

Stones and bricks, the remnants of life.

What is your name? A voice is heard. Are you talking to me, my God? Yes, I am talking to you, but I am not God. I am, as you, alone. Come let's go together. There is a demolished house. One wall is still standing. We can sleep there tonight. Look the sun is coming down. Look, it is fiery red. But it is going down. That fire will not hurt you. Come, we will lean on the broken wall and we will think of tomorrow. We will lie down and warm our broken bodies. Maybe it's God's will. Sixty years have passed. We are not together anymore. I am again alone, remembering. The children have grown up, have lovely families. They are good children. Somebody is at the door. Hello mother how are you today?

Look ma, the children are here. They love to see you. I am not alone.

Blanka Kronenberg
Toronto

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Lauds Canada's position

I welcomed Canada's vote on the mid-October UN resolution that called on Israel to dismantle its security fence, both as a Canadian and as a Jew ("Canada condemns Israel's security fence," *CJN*, Oct. 30).

As your story noted, Canada and countries in the European Union ensured the resolution included condemnation of other recent horrific suicide bombings and terrorist attacks. The security fence causes severe hardship – a different form of terror – to Palestinian villagers by seizing substantial amounts of Palestinian land, dividing people from their fields and even separating villages from their schools. These are undeniable facts, as are the bombings.

If it were being built on Israel's recognized border, Canada's UN ambassador would not have said, "Canada considers the expropriation of land to facilitate the construction of this barrier to be unacceptable."

In response, the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC) repeated its empty mantra: "Israel was compelled to build the barrier in response to terrorism." But the CIC does not respond to all the facts, because it knows it cannot justify Israel's behaviour.

I applaud Canada's position on such unjustifiable actions, as well as its condemnation of terrorist attacks.

Bernard Katz
Toronto

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Claims Conference is on trial

By ELI PFEFFERKORN

As the deteriorating medical and financial situation of aging Holocaust survivors has made its way to both the Jewish and general press, leading Jewish institutions have finally come to recognize the predicament of the survivor community.

The group responsible for alerting the press and the Jewish leadership to this crisis is the Holocaust Survivors' Foundation (HSF), an umbrella organization comprised of 35 local organizations across the United States. HSF activists have relentlessly taken the survivors' case before the officials responsible for distributing Swiss bank monies and unclaimed insurance monies. But the thrust of their protest has been against the Conference on Jewish Material Claims against Germany (known as the Claims Conference). They have been in contact with Claims Conference officials over a long period of time in their attempts to improve the conditions of ailing and poverty-stricken survivors. Alas, so far they have met with little success.

The Claims Conference has created a formula that allocates 80 per cent of restitution monies for survivors' welfare and the remaining 20 per cent for education and research. This is a diversionary tactic intended to frame the dispute between the Claims Conference and the HSF, demonstrating the former's supposed historical responsibility and the survivors' shortsightedness, notwithstanding the fact that it was the survivors who first initiated the education campaign.

But the heart of the dispute is not the 80-20 division. It is that great sums of money are funnelled into non-Holocaust enterprises, both in education and welfare, while some survivors live in poverty.

I met the HSF activists for the first time in New York on July 6. Weatherworn faces, the endurance of their experience lodged deeply in their eyes, they gathered to bear witness, this time not to their agonizing experiences, but to the suffering of their fellow survivors. Now in their mid-70s and early 80s, retired and financially secure, they have dedicated their lives to righting an awful wrong.

Responding to their call, the United Jewish Communities, an umbrella organization for the Jewish Federation, appointed an ad hoc Holocaust Survivor Service Committee that met July 7 to air the dispute between the activists and the Claims Conference. I was invited to represent Muted Voices United, a recently formed group of university students and graduates in Canada.

The HSF representatives described the lamentable situation of their fellow survivors. Bed-ridden and wheelchair-bound elderly men and women receive insufficient nursing hours; even those still up and about need help with shopping and household chores. A significant number of survivors, who are in reasonably good health, are still managing, but they're anxious about what might happen to them when their health begins to fail.

Gideon Taylor, the conference's executive vice-president, assured me that "the anxiety of survivors regarding their future is what drives the work of the Claims Conference." Rabbi Israel Singer, the conference's president, professed to share Taylor's concern for the survivors whose welfare preoccupies his time. But the sad pictures described by the survivors suggest otherwise.

Admittedly, there is no malice or invidiousness involved in the Claims Conference's policy allocations. But then why is it that good intentions yield so much misery and anguish? Why is there such a wide gap between intention and fulfilment?

The answer to this question lies in the philosophy that underlies the conference's activities: the sanctioning of individual sacrifice on the altar of historical necessity, or, the sacrifice of individual welfare for the sake of the greater good of the nation. Resting on the assertion that the entire Jewish people were the targets of the Final Solution, the Claims Conference deduces that klal Yisrael, the entire Jewish people, are the inheritors of restitution monies.

Instructed by historical responsibility, Rabbi Singer is calling for the establishment of a Jewish fund whose purpose "would be to create a new future for the Jewish people. This restitution should be used to rebuild the Jewish soul and spirit," presumably destroyed by the Holocaust.

In this klal Yisrael calculus, the significance of the survivor factors in marginally. Meanwhile, as Ruth Sinai reports in *Ha'aretz* (May 6), incontinent survivors in Israel cannot afford diapers.

The Claims Conference's allocation policy fits into Singer's view of history by which, in its Holocaust manifestation, the survivor becomes an abstraction, despite Singer's rhetoric to the contrary.

David Schaechter, HSF's president, charges that "large amounts of funds recovered in the name of Holocaust victims are not necessarily used for survivor needs. They have become a source of 'world-wide Jewish philanthropy,'" obviously serving Singer's grandiose vision of the Jewish future. Sufficient circumstantial documentation exists to prove Schaechter's charges.

At the close of the July 7 meeting, Mark Talisman, an advocate for the survivors, suggested that the dispute between the survivors and the Claims Conference touches the entire Jewish community. Indeed, the humaneness of Jewish institutions is being put on trial and how they react to this wrong will be a test of their moral being.

Eli Pfefferkorn is a Holocaust survivor who lives in Toronto.

A woman in Auschwitz. **[Encylopaedia Judaica photo]**

Conference aids survivors, preserves Shoah legacy

By SAM E. BLOCH

I am a survivor of the Holocaust. I and my fellow survivors are the witnesses who emerged from Nazi hell with a special message and a sacred legacy of remembrance and justified claims of restitution.

It is crucially important that Holocaust restitution funds and other resources within the Jewish community are used to assist my fellow survivors who need social services they cannot afford. These are brave men and women who are elderly now and need homecare, medical care, financial aid and other assistance. They may not be able to meet the costs of these services. The scars left by the past affects their health and their entire existence. Funds from Holocaust restitution and from Jewish organizations must be used to help them live out their days in a measure of dignity.

The plight of needy survivors has only recently come to the attention of the wider Jewish community, but the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (known as the Claims Conference) has played a pivotal role for a decade in providing assistance to them. Its funds for this assistance derive primarily from its recovery of unclaimed Jewish property in the former East Germany.

The Claims Conference fought to recover this property at the same time as it safeguarded the right of heirs to stolen Jewish property to file claims for it. If the organization had not fought to recover this property, it would have reverted back to the state or to postwar non-Jewish owners – a simply unthinkable outcome.

The Claims Conference has used most of the sale proceeds from, or compensation for, that property to fund specialized care for Holocaust survivors in more than 30 countries. The needs are great and diverse and assistance includes homecare, medical care and equipment, hot meals, winter clothing, rent payments, nursing beds and emergency cash grants.

The needs of many Holocaust survivors, who have endured so much hardship in their lives, should be of permanent concern to the entire Jewish community and to all Jewish federations, not only to the Claims Conference.

But the Claims Conference has come under criticism of late for its allocations that support Shoah education, research and documentation. Faced with the imperatives of caring for elderly survivors and ensuring that the lessons of the Shoah are preserved for generations to come, the Claims Conference has done both. It has used a small portion of the funds from the recovery of German Jewish property to fulfil an obligation to preserve the memory of those who perished.

These grants for education and documentation projects amount to 20 per cent of Claims Conference allocations, which makes up only one to two per cent of the entire Claims Conference budget. The vast majority of that budget is composed of direct compensation payments to survivors.

It is not enough to repeatedly sound the slogan "Remember." When we sound this command, it should be directed primarily to the world around us, to those who were not in Treblinka. And this is where grants for education, research and documentation are vitally important. Restitution funds must also be used for this purpose.

Claims Conference allocations in this area are also used for Shoah educational programs and teaching materials, as well as efforts to document, archive and preserve irreplaceable documents, pictures, artifacts and first-hand survivor accounts of the Holocaust.

These funds come from the assets of those who perished. Using a small portion to preserve their memory is fully justified. And it is gratifying. These efforts must be continued so that the legacy of the Holocaust remains with the world long after the survivors are gone. This summer, the Claims Conference's board of directors – which includes many survivors – voted unanimously to retain the current distribution of funds.

It is my firm belief that any survivor who needs social service assistance should receive it. Those who emerged from the camps, ghettos, forests and hiding places have already endured more than any human being should. In their last years, they are entitled to care and comfort, and it is the responsibility of the Jewish community to supplement the efforts already being made in this area with restitution funds.

But restitution funds have many worthy uses, among them ensuring that the names of the six million are recorded for all time. Those who perished wished to be remembered. We must honour their last wish.

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Walking up the down escalator

I hear these stories while standing at the bar at simchahs, sharing a l'chaim with the grandparents of the bride or groom or bar or bat mitzvah. As these proud grandparents are chatting and smiling, I'll notice that they have an unusual glint in their eye, a look of pure glee mixed with pure defiance. And they'll whisper to me: "You know I shouldn't be alive… they should have got me, but what happened was…" They then proceed to tell me their stories of how a remarkable convergence of persistence and luck allowed them to survive, rebuild and celebrate simchahs.

Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz in Montreal

Nowadays, the generation of Holocaust survivors is once again battling the angel of death, and I often hear these stories while preparing a eulogy. Each time a survivor dies, I am reminded that without them, the Jewish world would be smaller, weaker and duller. Their families, their communal involvements and the fact they are a living link to eastern European Judaism have all contributed immeasurably to reconstructing the Jewish world after the Holocaust.

But to me, the survivors teach more than history. They teach character. Many survived due to incredible, impossible adventures. In each of these adventures, the survivor's character is critical. They did the impossible because they had chutzpah, tenacity and optimism. Their stories have taught me the importance of determination, a lesson that's significant for anyone who has ever faced failure and disappointment.

It's easy to give up. Our society's wonderful overabundance of comforts comes with an unfortunate side effect: it has made people soft. We've become so used to success that we are unable to cope with adversity. Personal, relationship and business difficulties often end with people giving up, because we are easily discouraged.

For survivors, quitting wasn't an option.

I remember a survivor telling me, "You know, I just wanted to live." It may seem like a pointless comment, since everyone wants to live. But when a survivor makes this remark, it speaks volumes about personal determination. This man refused to give up in the face of overwhelming odds. Many others simply surrendered. Some even walked into electrified fences in order to end their suffering. But survivors persevered, clinging to life even when it seemed absurd. To me, endless determination is their greatest legacy.

I once heard a speaker remark, "Life is like walking up the down escalator." Despite our wealth and success, this is true of all of us at one time or another. We all have disappointments that pull us down. The survivors climbed up an impossible escalator, and somehow they made it to the top. Because of their accomplishments, they remain an inspiration to all of us struggling our way up the escalator of life.

Active versus passive leadership

Leaders have always wondered how active or passive they should be. The active leader risks exacerbating problems by tackling them; the passive leader risks being overwhelmed by problems that fester unchecked. Peace, order and good government are noble aspirations, but they should not dictate passivity in a treacherous world. Sometimes, the only way to achieve peace, order and any kind of reasonable government is to be proactive, even aggressive.

Gil Troy in Montreal

These days, Americans and Canadians can witness two clashing approaches to this dilemma. U.S. President George W. Bush has become a surprisingly activist president, especially in foreign policy, while Prime Minister Jean Chrétien's prolonged goodbye has only exaggerated his tendency to ignore problems or let them solve themselves.

Since Sept. 11, Bush has become the kind of engaged foreign policy leader he never dreamed he would be. A "compassionate conservative" committed to keeping government small and constrained, Bush used to mock former U.S. president Bill Clinton's hyperkinetic foreign policy. But Osama Bin Laden's mass murders transformed him. In embracing the notion of preemptive war, Bush has emerged as a bold, unconventional leader, for better or worse.

Iraq is proving to be treacherous ground for testing Bush's proactive strategy. The president chose to play a high- stakes game in addressing a challenge he could have ignored. If his approach is successful, it will resonate across the Middle East and intimidate terrorists. If he fails, it could be tremendously destabilizing.

Despite claims of victory from Republicans and of defeat from Democrats, the reconstruction of Iraq will take years, not months. Although polls show most Iraqis believe that eliminating Saddam Hussein improved their lives, news coverage suggests the invasion has stirred a hornet's nest. Caricaturing Bush as a heavy-handed ideologue who made a bad situation worse, critics who tend to minimize the former Iraqi dictator's firepower nevertheless claim that Saddam's fall disbursed dangerous weaponry throughout the world. They minimize the damage Saddam imposed on his own people, downgrade the risk he posed to world peace and have prematurely declared Bush's Iraq policy a failure. Had CNN or CBC scrutinized the reconstruction of Germany or Japan in the 1940s with such impatience, they would have pronounced those failures, too.

At the same time, with a deficit of half a trillion dollars looming at home, it is regrettable that Bush is not as aggressive and, dare we say it, progressive in tackling his domestic problems, while a little more caution and a lot more planning would have helped in Iraq.

By contrast, Chrétien has so retreated into his shell he lacks the gumption to address corruption at home or Islamic fascism and anti-Semitism abroad. Bush is supposedly captive to business interests, yet his Republican administration has remained relatively scandal free, while Chrétien's Liberal government has advanced new frontiers in feather-bedding and expense-account padding with nary a cross word from the boss. Last month, Chrétien could not even be bothered to condemn Malaysian Prime Minister Mahatir Mohamad's anti-Semitic rant. He followed diplomatic protocol rather than the call of conscience, proving once again that while he might be angling for a United Nations or international development job, inclusion in an updated version of *Profiles in Courage* is not in his future. While the Canadian prime minister – leading a nation that prides itself on multiculturalism – shook hands with the Malaysian bigot, Bush said wild conspiratorial charges about Jews dominating the world were "wrong and divisive," and such racism "stands squarely against what I believe in."

During his ultimately tragic presidential campaign, Robert Kennedy said, "If you're not part of the solution, you are part of the problem." Chrétien has followed a policy that suggests that if you choose not to be part of the solution, you should simply ignore the problem. Kennedy typically ended his 1968 speeches with the George Bernard Shaw comment, "Some people see things as they are and say, 'Why?' I see things that never were and say, 'Why not?'"

How ironic that Bush, the conservative, has embraced this activist liberal teaching in response to the threat of totalitarian terror and anti-Semitism. Historians looking back on this era will wonder how the consciences of Chrétien and many other self-styled liberals went AWOL and how their nerves failed them at this critical crossroads. Bush may stumble, but his moral vision ennobles his country and inspires his fellow citizens. By contrast, Chrétien's final lap as the incredible shrinking prime minister, a moral pygmy who hears no evil and sees no evil, diminishes his country and demeans his fellow citizens.

A democratic Middle East?

"Sixty years of Western nations excusing and accommodating the lack of freedom in the Middle East did nothing to make us safe." This sentence, spoken recently by George W. Bush, is about the most jaw-dropping repudiation of an established bipartisan policy ever made by a U.S. president.

Daniel Pipes in Washington, D.C.

Not only does it break with a policy the U.S. government has pursued since first becoming a major player in the Middle East, but the speech is audacious in its ambition, grounded in history, and programmatically specific. It's the sort of challenge to existing ways one expects to hear from a columnist, essayist, or scholar – not from the leader of a great power.

Bush spoke in a candid manner, as heads of state almost never do: "In many Middle Eastern countries, poverty is deep and it is spreading, women lack rights and are denied schooling. Whole societies remain stagnant while the world moves ahead… As long as the Middle East remains a place where freedom does not flourish, it will remain a place of stagnation, resentment, and violence ready for export."

This is not the first time Bush has dispatched decades' worth of policy toward a Middle East problem and declared a radically new approach. He also did so concerning Iraq and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

In Iraq, he brushed aside the long-standing policy of deterrence, replacing it in June 2002 with an approach of hitting before getting hit. U.S. security, he said, "will require all Americans to be forward-looking and resolute, to be ready for pre-emptive action when necessary to defend our liberty and to defend our lives." This new approach provided justification for the war against Saddam Hussein, removing the Iraqi dictator from power before he could attack.

In the Arab-Israeli conflict, I called Bush's overhaul of the U.S. approach to the Arab-Israeli conflict in June 2003 perhaps "the most surprising and daring step of his presidency." He changed presumptions by presenting a Palestinian state as the solution, imposing this vision on the parties, tying results to a specific timetable, and replacing leaders of whom he disapproved.

And now, on the subject of democracy in the Middle East, the president has renounced a long-accepted policy of "Middle East exceptionalism" – getting along with dictators – and stated that American policy would henceforth fit with the United States' global emphasis of making democracy the goal.

He brought this issue home by tying it to American security: "With the spread of weapons that can bring catastrophic harm to our country and to our friends, it would be reckless to accept the status quo." Then, on the premise that "the advance of freedom leads to peace," Bush announced "a forward strategy of freedom in the Middle East." Drawing explicit comparisons with the U.S. success in sponsoring democracy in Europe and Asia, he called on Americans once again for "persistence and energy and idealism" to do the same in the Middle East.

Understanding the rationale behind the old dictator-coddling policy makes clear the radicalism of this new approach. The old way noticed that the populations are usually more anti-American than are the emirs, kings, and presidents. Washington was rightly apprehensive that democracy would bring in more radicalized governments. This is what actually happened in Iran in 1979 and nearly happened in Algeria in 1992. It also worried that once the radicals reached power, they would close down the democratic process (what was dubbed "one man, one vote, one time").

Bush's confidence in democracy – that despite the "street's" history of extremism and conspiracy-mindedness, it can mature and become a force of moderation and stability – is about to be tested. This process did in fact occur in Iran. Will it recur elsewhere? The answer will take decades to find out.

However matters develop, this gamble is typical of a president exceptionally willing to take risks to shake up the status quo. And while one speech does not constitute a new foreign policy – which will require programmatic details, financial support, and consistent execution – the shift has to start somewhere. Presidential oratory is the appropriate place to start.

And if the past record of this president in the Middle East is anything by which to judge – toppling regimes in Afghanistan and Iraq, promoting a new solution to Arab-Israeli conflict – he will be true to his word here too. Get ready for an interesting ride.

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Sara Horowitz will return.

The Kirshner File

Israel's alliance with the U.S. was formed by Kennedy

Sheldon Kirshner
in Toronto

John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the young American president who was tragically gunned down in Dallas 40 years ago this week, is best known for the central role he played in the Cuban missile crisis and for his libidinous lifestyle. Yet few realize that Kennedy was the father of the United States' strategic alliance with Israel. JFK, as he was dubbed by the media, was the first U.S. president to break the arms embargo blocking the sale of major U.S. weaponry to Israel. It was a turning point in Israel's ties with America.

The Kennedy administration sold Israel Hawk anti-aircraft missile batteries, which opened the way for the sale of tanks, Skyhawk bombers and Phantom jets under the subsequent presidency of Lyndon Baines Johnson. These transactions, which angered the Arab world immensely, were not merely commercial deals, but a clear and unmistakable signal that a new era in Israel's pivotal relationship with the United States had begun.

Warren Bass, an American foreign policy specialist who was born in Canada, has written an illuminating book, *Support Any Friend*, about this intriguing topic. It is published by Oxford University Press.

In light of Kennedy's background as the son of an anti-Semitic Irish Catholic businessman and politician, it is ironic that Kennedy was the president who transformed the very nature of America's relations with Israel.

Kennedy, in his youth, wrote approvingly of British restrictions that barred Jewish refugees from Palestine. But after running successfully for Congress in 1946, he applauded president Harry Truman's decision to recognize Israel.

In 1951, he and his siblings, including brother Robert, travelled to the Middle East. One of the highlights of Kennedy's trip to Israel was a dinner with the prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, who firmly believed that Israel's interests dictated a strong friendship with the United States.

Kennedy, who described Israel as "a beacon of inspiration to all free men everywhere," was one of Israel's most unwavering friends in Congress. He backed a 1952 bill to help Israel absorb immigrants. Then, as a senator, he condemned Soviet anti-Semitism, opposed the Eisenhower administration's push for United Nations sanctions against Israel over the 1956 Suez war and urged John Foster Dulles, the secretary of state, to lift the U.S. embargo on arms sales to Israel.

After his election as president, Kennedy, a Democrat, met with Ben-Gurion, still the Israeli prime minister, in New York City. "You know I was elected by the Jews," he supposedly told Ben-Gurion. "I have to do something for them. I will do something for you."

Although his views on the Middle East were doubtless influenced by the imperatives of ethnic politics, Kennedy's Mideast policy transcended these crass considerations. The intersecting goals of his administration were to thwart the Soviet penetration of the region, to ensure the continued flow of oil to the West, to contain Arab-Israeli tensions, to prevent nuclear proliferation and to achieve a reasonable degree of rapport with the Arab states and Israel.

Kennedy was far more pro-Israeli than his immediate Republican predecessor, Dwight D. Eisenhower, whose relations with Israel had been somewhat chilly. Eisenhower, though personally sympathetic to Israel, was part of a foreign policy establishment that had argued that the emergence of a Jewish state could endanger oil supplies, drive the Arabs into the Soviet orbit and put at risk the lives of American soldiers in the Middle East.

In accordance with this philosophy, the United States, as well as France and Britain, supported the 1950 Tripartite Declaration, pledging not to arm Middle East aggressors and to uphold the 1948 Arab-Israeli armistice agreements.

The Eisenhower administration sold Israel recoilless anti-tank rifles for defensive purposes, but it categorically rejected Israel's further requests for heavy arms. Kennedy reversed this policy in 1962 by supplying Israel with Hawk missiles. Bass regards this sale as perhaps "the most underappreciated milestone in the U.S.-Israeli special relationship."

Eisenhower turned down Israel's request for Hawks in 1960 on the grounds that such a sale would spur a perilous regional arms race and undermine the United States' position in the Middle East.

Spurning this logic, Kennedy agreed to the Hawk sale to assuage Israeli fears over the flow of sophisticated Soviet military equipment to Egypt, as well as to dissuade Israel from acquiring a nuclear capability and to convince Israel to resolve the festering Palestinian refugee problem.

Dean Rusk, Kennedy's secretary of state, who had opposed the creation of Israel, said that a presidential decision to sell Israel Hawks was in America's interest. As he put it: "Greater confidence in its defences would permit Israel to better resist any temptation to engage in preemptive attack against [Egypt's] air strike capability."

Shimon Peres, then a senior official in Israel's defence ministry, concurred with this analysis. He told McGeorge Bundy, Kennedy's national security advisor, that the Hawks were "a necessary contribution to the stabilization of the Middle East."

Apart from this consideration, the Kennedy administration sought to wean Egypt – ruled by the charismatic Gamal Abdel Nasser – away from the Soviet Union, the United States' chief rival.

Kennedy courted Nasser assiduously, but his overture failed miserably. Nasser befriended Cuban leader Fidel Castro, Washington's arch enemy in Latin America, and sent troops to Yemen, much to the consternation of Saudi Arabia, America's oil depot.

More than a decade would elapse before the United States and Egypt finally formed a rapprochement.

As a quid pro quo for the Hawks, Kennedy insisted on Israeli co-operation regarding a United Nations initiative on Palestinian refugees. The State Department, which was not as kindly disposed to Israel as Kennedy himself, theorized that progress on this file would, as Bass writes, "lance a political boil."

Ben-Gurion, who spoke grudgingly about taking in 100,000 refugees, blamed the Arabs for creating the issue in the first place.

In a letter to Kennedy, he added, "I must say that I can conceive of no practical plan which will bring about a settlement of the refugee problem in the near future as long as the Arab rulers are planning the destruction of Israel."

Kennedy's gesture toward the Palestinians was still-born, given the Arabs' call for the full repatriation of the refugees.

As Bass points out, the Cuban missile crisis reinforced Kennedy's interest in nuclear non-proliferation. But he was also concerned that Israel's efforts to join the nuclear club would drive the Arabs into the Soviet camp and destabilize the area.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Israel had taken possession of a small U.S. research reactor in 1958. Washington had no objection to Israel using nuclear power for energy, technological gain and water desalinization. But Israel's construction of a nuclear arsenal, with the assistance of France, crossed all red lines, in the opinion of the Kennedy administration.

Kennedy, therefore, requested inspections of Israel's Dimona plant, which Ben-Gurion had once disingenuously characterized as a textile factory.

In the face of Ben-Gurion's obduracy, Kennedy fired off a threatening letter, saying that his "government's commitment to and support of Israel could be seriously jeopardized if it should be thought that we were unable to obtain reliable information on a subject as vital to peace as the question of Israel's efforts in the nuclear field."

Before the issue could be resolved, Ben-Gurion resigned. His replacement, Levi Eshkol, was far less combative and acceded to Washington's demand. But, as Bass notes, "Eshkol made sure that those inspections never found Israel's best-hidden secrets."

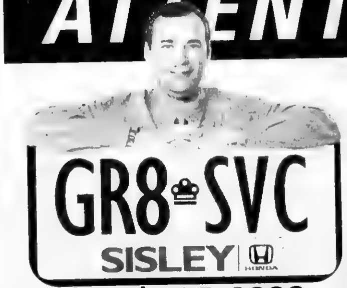
U.S. scientists were taken on a cursory 40-minute inspection around Dimona. Dissatisfied with the tour, they complained that they had not been given "an opportunity to see all sides of the operation."

Rusk demanded a more comprehensive inspection regime. Eshkol, who never considered Dimona as important to Israel's long-term security as did Ben-Gurion, offered a compromise solution that both sides accepted.

Prior to Kennedy's assassination, Israel formally asked the United States for surface-to-surface missiles, tanks and naval vessels, all to counter the threat supposedly posed by Egypt. Kennedy was murdered before he was able to consider that request.

Johnson, his successor and one of the most pro-Israel of presidents, was forthcoming. In 1965, he allowed Israel to buy 210 M-48 tanks, and in 1966, he permitted Israel to purchase 48 Skyhawks. In 1968, when Israel was bogged down in the War of Attrition with Egypt, Johnson let Israel purchase 50 F-4 Phantom jets.

But it was Kennedy who basically altered the United States' relationship with Israel.



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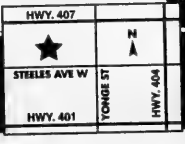

Yad Vashem society celebrates 50th anniversary

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem marked the 50th anniversary of the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem last week amid concerns of growing anti-Semitism.

At a gala jubilee dinner at the Sheraton Centre, one speaker after another decried this phenomenon.

Edward Sonshine, the society's campaign co-chair, said that anti-Semitic incidents are on the rise, and warned that anti-Semitism may become "acceptable."

Yad Vashem, he noted, has an important role to play in educating the public about the Holocaust and the divisive results of racial hatred.

The keynote speaker, Ehud Olmert, Israel's deputy prime minister and minister of industry and trade, declared that anti-Semitism has merged with an antipathy toward Israel.

He praised Yad Vashem as an exemplary organization that preserves the past, and said that Israel's existence guarantees that another holocaust will not happen.

Haim Divon, Israel's ambassador to Canada, said that strengthening Yad Vashem is "the answer" to the anti-Semitism of the kind propagated by the former prime minister of Malaysia, Mahathir Mohammed, who claimed last month that Jews control the world.

Avner Shalev, the chair of Yad Vashem, observed that a new toleration of anti-Semitism has emerged

He added that Israel's right to exist is being increasingly challenged by "significant voices."

In addition, Shalev talked briefly about Yad Vashem's achievements in the fields of education and research.

Hank Rosenbaum, the society's national chair, said that anti-Semitism can only be eradicated through education.

Gail Asper, whose Winnipeg-based family is deeply involved in Yad Vashem affairs, warned that anti-Semitism, if left unchecked, can consume freedom.

"The world still doesn't understand that what's bad for the Jews is bad for the world."

She was filling in for her father, media mogul Israel Asper, who died recently.

During the course of the evening, Asper was eulogized by a succession of speakers. Olmert, for example, described Asper as a great Canadian and a lover of Israel.

Art Eggleton, a Liberal MP, Canada's former defence minister and a member of Yad Vashem's board of directors, noted that a bill he co-sponsored to create an annual Holocaust Memorial Day was signed into law last month.

Leslie Dan, whose family donated funds for the establishment of a multimedia centre at Yad Vashem, talked about his experiences as a Holocaust survivor in Hungary.

He flew in from to China to attend the dinner.

Bob Rae, the former premier of Ontario, was master of ceremonies.

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Holocaust symposium links students across Canada

By ADAM SEGAL
Special to The CJN

One day the students took a virtual museum tour. Another was spent performing a play. The most recent activity was a cross-Canada video conference.

These may not sound like typical high school lessons, but at Vaughan Secondary School in Thornhill, Ont., a new interdisciplinary course called Genocide in the 20th century is taking Holocaust education to a new horizon.

"What makes interdisciplinary [learning] unique is that it appeals to different people," said teacher Jonathan Zinman, who spent several months developing the course before taking it live this September.

"The students get really creative."

An interdisciplinary course involves using dynamic resources and instructional techniques in order to engage the students in learning.

Zinman's most recent innovation was a Holocaust Video Conferencing Symposium that linked together students from Vaughan, Middlefield Collegiate Institute in Markham, Ont., and J. Percy Page in Edmonton.

Guest speakers at the different schools spoke about Holocaust education and followed with a question and answer session, with the cameras rolling and more than 100 students participating.

The audio equipment was not the best, but the students were still impressed with the technology.

"This shows the learning of the next generation," said Vaughan student Brandon Kleiman, 16.

George Preger, an educational consultant for Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center, spoke to the students at Vaughan about his experiences as a child during the Holocaust.

"We have an excellent opportunity here to promote tolerance," said Preger, 67. "If we can do that, I think we have achieved much."

The students asked insightful questions that include 1 how Preger feels about searching for Nazi war criminals despite their old age.

"They felt very good about persecuting Jews who were in their 80s and 90s, and I think they bear responsibility for what they have done," Preger responded.

New interdisciplinary course

Arnold Friedman, a survivor of Auschwitz, spoke at Middlefield, where there are few Jewish students.

They were so enthralled with his lecture that he stayed for two hours.

Zinman hatched the video conferencing idea after connecting with the Advanced Broadband Enabled Learning (ABEL) program, which provides special technology links to assist in learning.

Other creative innovations he has used include displaying artwork of the Armenian genocide and having students develop their own children's book to teach a more contemporary view of Christopher Columbus' treatment of native peoples upon his "discovery" of the New World.

The students are also studying the genocides in Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia.

Sharon Kaur, a 17-year-old Sikh student at Vaughan, said the course has enlightened her.

"I've learned more than I expected," she said. "I learned about certain genocides that I hadn't heard about, like the Armenian genocide."

Zinman said about 30 per cent of the class is Jewish, and there are also Muslim, Sikh, Hindu and Christian students.

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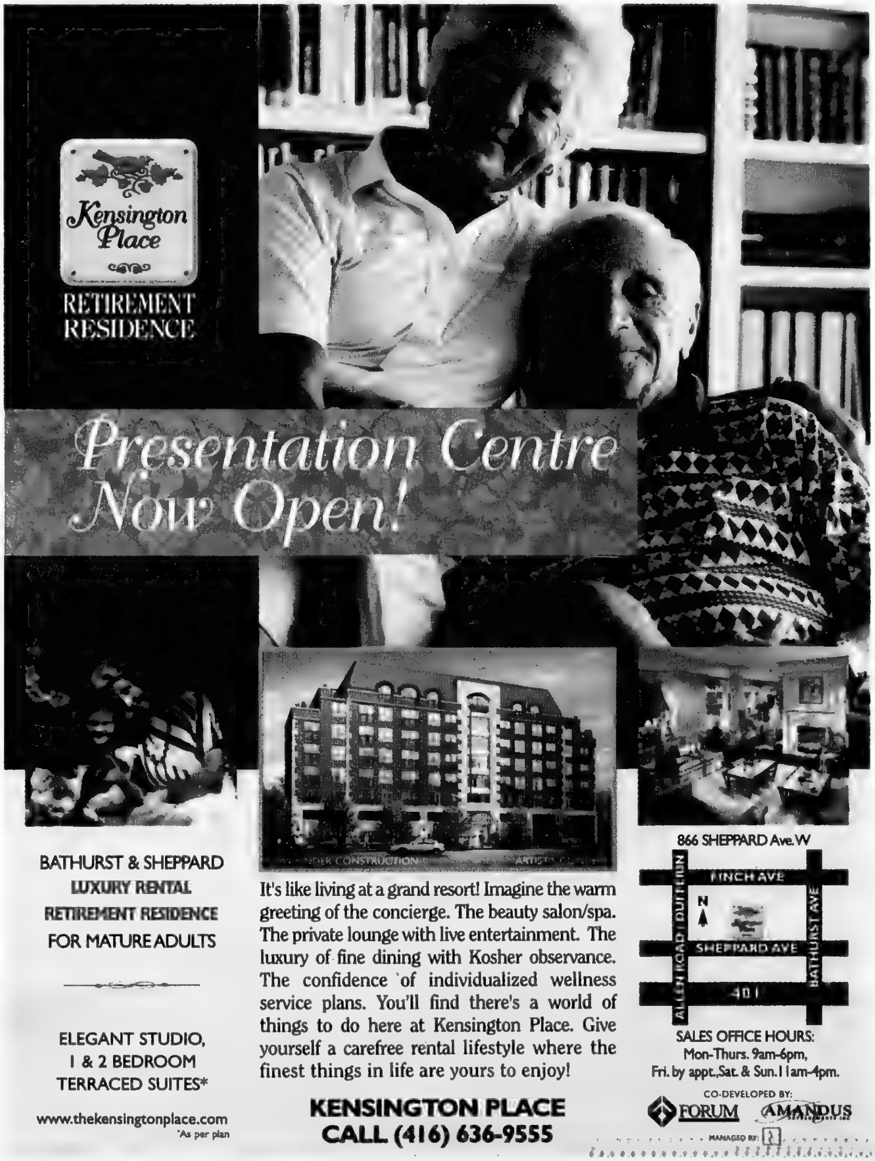

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Oslo accords hurt Israel, claims U.S. journalist

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Israel undermined its very legitimacy by signing the 1993 Oslo accords, claims American journalist Charles Krauthammer.

And now, due to the intifadah, Israel is paying the price for its "self-inflicted wounds," he told an overflow audience at Holy Blossom Temple last week.

Krauthammer, a conservative syndicated columnist who writes for The *Washington Post* and *Time* magazine, claimed the Oslo peace process legitimized Yasser Arafat and the PLO, whose objective, he said, is Israel's destruction.

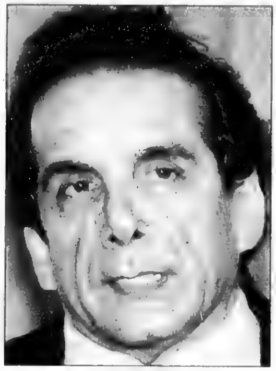
Arafat never intended to sign an end-of-conflict agreement with Ehud Barak at the 2000 Camp David summit, nor did he submit a counter offer, because he believes Israel's presence in the Middle East is only temporary.

Arafat's strategy is to wrest whatever territory he can from Israel and to use it as base from which to wage a war of attrition, suggested Krauthammer, a Pulitzer Prize winner.

Calculating that the PLO had reached a low ebb after the 1991 Gulf War and the collapse of the Soviet Union, Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, thought he could impose a settlement on Arafat through the Oslo accords.

But Rabin's calculations were wrong. "Rabin was too clever by half," Krauthammer observed.

By "saving" the PLO in its hour of weakness, Rabin inadvertently created "a monster."



Charles Krauthammer

"What is so painful about all this is that it was so obvious," said Krauthammer, an early opponent of Oslo.

Oslo generated " false optimism" and brought Israel no security.

In his estimation, Israel demonstrated "extraordinary weakness" by "appeasing" the Palestinians during the Oslo era.

Every concession went unrequited, and all Israel got in return was "a piece of paper."

There are two lessons to be learned from the breakdown of the Oslo process, according to Krauthammer.

The first is that Israel should have no illusions about Arafat and the PLO.

The second is that Israel cannot make territorial and political concessions to the Palestinian Authority unless the Palestinians accept Israel's legitimacy collectively and unequivocally.

Past Israeli concessions led to nothing more than "an intensification of hatred" against Israel, he said.

And he accused the Palestinian Authority of never having lived up to any of its Oslo obligations.

In his view, Israel's unilateral withdrawal from southern Lebanon in May 2000 encouraged the Palestinians to launch the second uprising.

But by mounting intensive military operations directed at Palestinian militants in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, Israel is teaching the Palestinians that the "Lebanese model" is not working.

Israelis are currently fighting not for the settlements in the West Bank and Gaza, but for their homes in Israel, he declared.

Eventually, the settlements "will have to go" and Israel will have to agree to a two-state solution, Krauthammer noted.

But as long as Arafat controls the Palestinian Authority, the terrorism that has been unleashed since 2000 will not abate.

Krauthammer praised U.S. President George W. Bush for his advocacy of a new Palestinian leadership untainted by terrorism.

Describing Israel's new fence around the West Bank as essential to its security and as a symbol of the failure of negotiations with the Palestinians, Krauthammer lauded its potential benefits.

The barrier, part of which already has been built, will reduce terrorism, deprive the Palestinians of the strategic option to resort to terrorism and enable Israel to clearly define its border.

Blasting the road map to peace as "an illusion," Krauthammer commented it has no "constituency of seriousness" in Washington, and will not be implemented unless the Palestinians repudiate terrorism.

Citing the recent statement by Malaysia's prime minister that Jews control the world, and calling attention to a European survey that Israel is the greatest threat to peace, Krauthammer described the current times as "a very serious and dark moment in Jewish history."

Old-style anti-Semitism has returned to Europe, and Jews can no longer expect to "live off" the sentimental and moral capital of the Holocaust, he warned.

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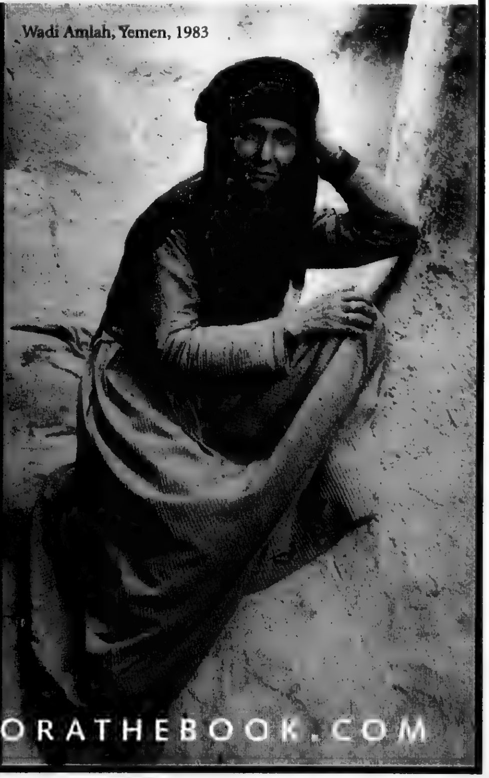

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Fleischer takes Toronto inside White House

By ADI NEUBERGER
Special to The CJN

Ari Fleischer looked so familiar talking to the crowd, the only things missing were the White House seal, the national press corps and a CNN logo.

The former White House press secretary recently took Jewish community leaders behind the closed doors of the West Wing at a UJA Federation of Greater Toronto Major Gifts dinner.

"Israel's well-being and safety was and continues to be, of paramount importance to the president," said Fleischer, who worked as George W. Bush's key spokesman for two years before leaving to head up his own communications firm.

Fleischer reassured community leaders of Bush's unwavering support of Israel, especially during the escalation of tension between Iraq and the United States.

He told the audience that during an Oval Office meeting just prior to the U.S. led attack on Iraq, Bush began a meeting by asking his Iraqi expatriate guests how the Iraqi people would react to the arrival of American troops. To Fleischer's complete amazement, Bush immediately went on to ask "what do Iraqis think of Israel?"

"At first I had no idea where he was going with this," admits Fleischer, "then I realized that keeping Israel alive is always on his mind."

In another tense top level meeting, the president and a key Arab leader discussed the competence of Palestinian President Yasser Arafat.

Angered by the leader's insistence that no other partner for peace could be expected to emerge among the Palestinians, Bush leaned in close to his counterpart, "to the point that their knees were touching" said Fleischer, and declared, "'Surely you have more faith in the Arab people than that? I have more faith in these people that they can come up with someone better.'

"This is what a leader does," said Fleischer. "Create a new status quo."

Fleischer maintains that this kind of steadfast determination, and Bush's willingness to place the onus for progress on the Palestinian people, was the hallmark of his commitment to Israel.

"Never did I hear the president use the term 'cycle of violence' when talking about the Israeli Palestinian conflict," added Fleischer. "There was no equal judgment."

Although Fleischer was always careful not to inject his own views into official White House positions, he was also mindful of being Jewish, and on one occasion wanted to shout it to the world.

At an afternoon briefing on the first day of Rosh Hashanah shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks, Fleischer felt compelled to let Jewish viewers know that he did attend synagogue that morning.

He had asked his staff if it was appropriate to include that fact in his briefing. While they counselled him against it, Fleischer, who sought his rabbi's approval to go into work that day, managed to work it in anyway.

He responded to a reporter's question about a meeting he was unable to go to by telling the journalist he couldn't attend because he was at synagogue.

"It felt so right to put on my hat and say I was in synagogue that morning."

Pearl murdered for his secrets, says author

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"The moderates can defeat the radicals, but it won't be easy or short."

Levy said that Pearl held similar views, and although Levy did not know him personally, he learned much about his subject by talking to his parents and widow, Mariane.

"Pearl was not naive," he said. "He was a careful reporter, a real good journalist, one of the best. Anyone could have fallen into his trap. I could have, too."

Pearl made a fatal error by placing his trust in Sheikh. The latter promised to put Pearl in touch with Sheik Mubarak Ali Shah Gilani, a Muslim cleric who apparently knew Reid, the terrorist who tried to bring down an American airliner en route from Paris to Miami.

In investigating Pearl's murder, Levy never thought he was endangering himself. "But sometimes I felt nervous, of course, such as when I spent a night in the same hotel in Pakistan where Pearl stayed."

He admits he did not disclose his Jewish identity while hunting down leads in Pakistan.

"I never said I was not Jewish. But when I was interrogated about my religion, I said I was an atheist, which is true."

Levy disputed the veracity of a recent news story suggesting that Pearl's murderer was in fact Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the alleged mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"I'm not so sure he was the actual killer, though it may be true he gave the final order to kill Pearl. What I don't believe is that Khalid Mohammed was the real killer."

Levy does not subscribe to the notion that Islam is a mortal enemy of Jews. "A lot of Muslims are ready to shake hands with Jews," he said.

But he is concerned that a coalition of Muslim fundamentalists, new radicals and old anti-Semites is working together against Jews and Israel.

Levy warned that if moderate Muslims do not challenge the radicals in their midst, they will bring disaster upon themselves.

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Dror Cohen: He who dares wins

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"I have overcome many obstacles since my accident, and I have proved both to myself and to society that despite my physical disability there is nothing I cannot do, however difficult, even when competing against able-bodied people.

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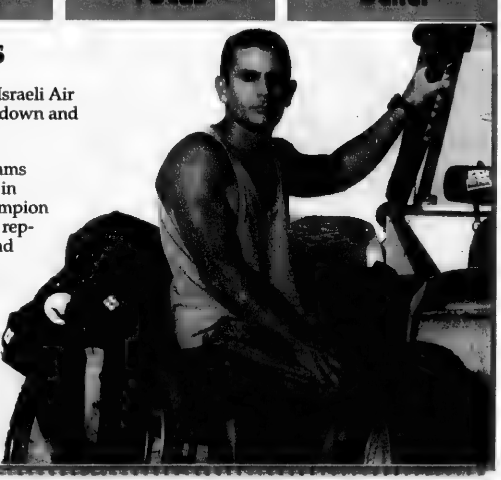

Lodzer Centre congregation marks 50 years

By **FRANCES KRAFT**
Staff Reporter

To the best of David Rybowski's knowledge, the Lodzer Centre Holocaust Congregation is the only synagogue of its kind in North America, a spiritual home formed by a group of Holocaust survivors.

On Nov. 30, Rybowski – the synagogue president – and a crowd of about 200 will celebrate the shul's 50th anniversary at a gala dinner. Although the synagogue itself opened only in 1981, the anniversary recalls its 1953 inception as a mutual benefit society for families from Lodz who had recently arrived in Toronto.

The society, which ceased to exist once the synagogue became a reality, was focused around members helping each other, socializing, and helping Israel, according to Rybowski, who is also the 50th anniversary co-chair along with Dorothy Tessis.

"We were like a family," Rybowski, 80, said in an interview at the North York synagogue. Within the first six years, the society raised enough money to erect a monument at Bathurst Lawn cemetery. Between 1955 and 1978, Rybowski recalls, they sent nine ambulances to Israel. In 1973, a substantial sum of money was raised for Israel at an emergency meeting.

Over the years there were also Chanukah parties and New Year's parties. "We had lots of fun in those days."

Programs these days include Tot Shabbat, Mommy and Me, a recent talk by journalist Martin Himel, and a screening of the documentary *Undying Love* as part of Holocaust Education Week. The film includes the poignant love story of Rybowski and his wife Zenia. A cantorial concert is planned for Dec. 17.

Rybowski, who has been on the board of the Lodzer since 1954, remembers negotiating the land purchase for the synagogue. Many of his cronies from that time are no longer alive, but stalwarts like Isaac Peters, 84, and Joseph Lupka, 89, can be found at the synagogue every day. Lupka, a former gabbai, said it's a second home. He and Peters recall the early days when there was no support staff to help members set up chairs or keep the building functioning.

Although the two men had businesses that needed attention, "when we had time we came over," said Peters.

The synagogue is not formally affiliated with any denomination, but its liturgy and services are Conservative in nature. Rabbi Matthew Kaufman, who was hired just over a year ago and who serves the congregation with Cantor David Edwards, is overseeing the move to more egalitarian services.

It was a hard sell for some of the more traditional older members, acknowledged Rybowski, but ultimately the board endorsed the decision. Personally, he said, he feels the important thing is that members are happy and the shul is "running in order."

As of last year, women are permitted to have an aliyah. Currently, the congregation is involved in a three-month trial of counting women in the minyan. The board will vote on whether or not to make the change permanent.

"I think there is an openness [at the Lodzer] to trying new things and listening to new ways of doing things," said Rabbi Kaufman. "I think there's a real excitement for the future."

As the father of a 9-month-old son, Rabbi Kaufman is in the same demographic as many of the newer members of the shul. In the fall 2003 synagogue bulletin, he wrote that his son Abie has dozens of "bubbies" and "zaidies" among the synagogue members, in addition to his own grandparents.

"For this Holocaust survivor community, the arrival of a new life means another victory over death and despair," he wrote.

Rybowski, whose father was a dance teacher in Lodz, likes to dance with baby Abie. For him, the synagogue is also, in many ways, a baby – his baby. "My dream is that the second or young generation should take over and run it as a shul that shall never go under."

With 38 new member families in the last six months, Rybowski has reason to be hopeful about the future. "Right now we have every age," he said. "Our generation is dying off. Unfortunately we lost a lot of members." In 2002 alone, 17 original members died.

Dina Wolfe, who has run the synagogue office for more than a decade, said she has "a great deal of respect for the survivors with whom she works.

"I love their ownership of this. It's their synagogue. They're not just members."

Although her duties are administrative in nature, she says she feels more like a mother hen. "I don't know what it is about this congregation. They're just a great bunch of people."

A child survivor herself, Wolfe added, "If you stop and think, in the early '50s right after the war, people came here with know-how, but no money – and they started this. Tell me credit isn't due to them."

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A bar mitzvah in the ghetto

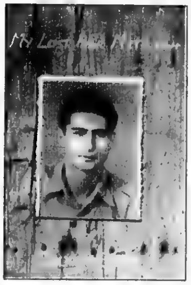
By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

George Stern was an eight-year-old student in Ujpest, a suburb 10 kilometres east of Budapest when World War II broke out.

Review

In his recently published book *My Lost Bar Mitzvah*, Stern, now living in Toronto, writes about his childhood, which was normal even after the beginning of the war, until the invasion of Hungary by the German army on March 19, 1944.

His bar mitzvah was scheduled to take place four weeks later in the synagogue, but the synagogue was closed by the Nazis.



In his memoirs, Stern describes his bar mitzvah day in his home, where they barely had a minyan. The Jews were living in a crowded ghetto, travel was restricted and those who were there wore yellow stars.

Stern takes the reader through escape after escape and describes what it was like to go into hiding at the age of 13. "I felt like a hunted animal," he says.

He writes of the death of his mother in Auschwitz, the loss of most of her family and the liberation by the Russian army.

Stern's book traces his life after the war, an odyssey that began with membership in a Mizrachi Zionist group, making aliyah in 1948 at the age of 17 in a crowded Greek cargo ship and life as a pioneer in Israel.

On his arrival in Israel, he enlisted in the army in Haifa. He later joined the Israel Air Force and worked in radar and radio communications. In his book, he presents a panorama of life in Israel through the Sinai War in 1956. After 12 years in Israel, where he had difficulty making a living, he decided to move his wife Judy and their two small children, Paul and Iris, to Brazil.

When riots broke out in Brazil in 1968, he decided to move again, this time to Toronto, where his wife had family. The Sterns travelled to Uruguay, Argentina, Peru and Los Angeles, and completed their trip to Toronto by car.

In Toronto, with the children in school, the Sterns both went to study English at George Brown College and vegan their new life in Canada.

"The main inspiration for writing the book was my grandsons, Jordan Stern, 16, and Noah Yashinsky, 14," Stern says. "When they were little, I would babysit for them and tell them stories of my life. They asked me to put the stories on paper."

He says he included a section with family pictures, "so my family who perished in the war will be remembered." He adds that he wants people to know that even in the worst places, there are some righteous people.

A member of Beth Tikvah Synagogue for more than 25 years, he says, "I believe that it is important to believe in God and to maintain Jewish traditions. That's what kept me going and alive throughout the war."

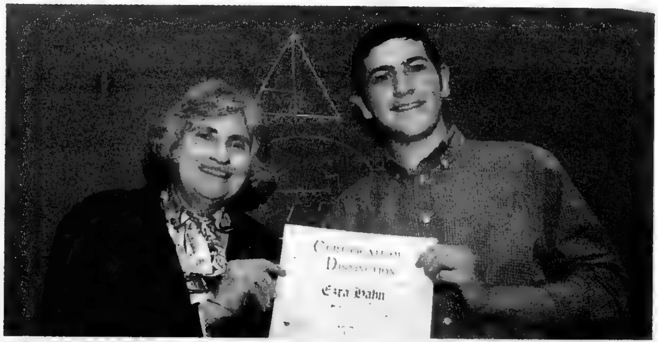
Rabbi Wayne Allan of Beth Tikvah Synagogue writes in the forward: "George Stern tells his story in a remarkably unexpected way. It is undramatic – even nonchalant – in style and yet tells a powerfully dramatic and poignant story: his story.

"It is a story about overcoming hate and persecution. It is a story about the fall of Budapest to the Nazis and their sympathizers and the struggle of one family to save their dignity and humanity as well as their lives."

Stern, who visits Israel frequently, says on his recent trip, "I recognized a feeling of shock and desperation – economically and spiritually. Many young people told me that the future is not clear to them anymore."

He says he believes in the Bible. "I know we will prevail in Israel. Despite the disturbances and terrorists, we will prevail."

My Lost Bar Mitzvah was featured at the Toronto Jewish Book Fair and is available at Judaica shops.



MATH COMPETITION: Ezra Hahn, Grade 12 math student at Yeshivat Or Chaim is presented with a gold certificate for placing in the top 4 per cent of all Canadian students in the Hypatia Math competition by his teacher, Mrs H. Gelfand. The Hypatia is the advanced second round competition that one is allowed to enter after competing in the earlier Fermat contest. The Fermat consists of multiple choice answers while the Hypatia demands full solutions. The average result for Hypatia candidates is 13/40. Ezra scored 37/40. This score puts him about 28 of 2080 entrants.

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Raphaella Segal (left) and Shoshana Shilloh, are assistants to the mayor of Kedumim.

Israeli deputy mayor fights two battles for Kedumim

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Raphaella Segal, the assistant mayor of Kedumim, believes that Israel is fighting two different battles: one against the Palestinians and one against the international community.

Kedumim, one of the first Jewish towns in the West Bank settled after 1967, is situated on the mountaintops overlooking Israel's coastal plain, just two miles west of Nablus (Shechem) and 12 miles east of Kfar Saba and Netanya.

Segal said in an interview in Toronto that the town was settled in 1973, after seven unsuccessful attempts, she said, to "challenge a law that forbade Jewish settlement in the centre of the Jewish homeland and settle mountaintops around Schechem." Each time, they were forced to evacuate.

Eventually, the government could no longer withstand the grassroots movement and compromised by allowing 30 families to settle in the nearby army camp of Kadum. From those initial difficult living conditions, the pioneering families developed permanent settlements.

Kedumim now has 750 families and a population of 4,000. The community, the word Segal prefers to settlement, has several different yeshivot, including one for boys who have attention deficit disorder, as well as separate high schools for girls and boys, kindergartens and day-care centres. It is home to more than 30 families from Ethiopia and 80 from the former Soviet Union.

"We have families from North America, South America and France," Segal said, adding that "regardless of lifestyle and religious commitment, all Jewish inhabitants are welcomed."

Now, she said, the many communities that have evolved in the West Bank and Gaza since 1967 have found themselves on Israel's front lines. Many of them have had to deal with death and injuries to friends and family members resulting from terrorist attacks.

Yet their level of devotion to the land is intense and they are determined to stay, Segal said.

"Education is an important part of the upbringing in our communities," Segal said. "Children from our towns go into special army units and become officers and pilots because they are taught to appreciate the land and the need to defend their country. Many become professionals and academics."

The mother of nine children doesn't believe that peace depends on the dismantling of the settlements. She believes the Palestinian leadership has focused on the liberation of all of Israel – on Haifa, Tel Aviv and Acco – and not on the towns that have emerged in the West Bank since 1967.

For that reason, she said, "the 250,000 inhabitants of the 144 communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza actually contribute to the security and safety of Israel."

Israel's other battle, Segal said, involves convincing the western world that the Jordan Valley should be included in Israel proper, despite the fact that this would mean Israeli Jews would be quickly outnumbered by Palestinians.

"The world should stop expecting the Jewish state to conform to the same terminology that is used between England and Belgium or Canada and the United States.

"Israel is functioning in a region of the world that doesn't guarantee political or human rights to any of its citizens."

According to Segal, a solution to the demographic problem would guarantee human rights, not political rights, to the Palestinians that live within Israel's borders.

"The Palestinians could have autonomy over their towns and villages and control their schools and industry," she said.

"However, the Palestinians should only have voting rights in Jordan. Not in Israel."

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November traditions

By RABBI JOSEPH KELMAN

Rabbinic Reflections

In recent years, the Jewish people in North America have established two new annual traditions to help us remember our history and strengthen our commitment to Torah and the Jewish way of life: Holocaust Education Week and Jewish Book Month.

Remembering our history has been an important factor in the survival of the Jewish people. Torah scholars and the sages established rituals, customs and prayers that help us recall these events.

At the Pesach seders, we relive the Exodus and see ourselves as though we were freed from slavery.

On Chanukah, we celebrate our victory over the attempt by our enemies to make us assimilate and give up basic mitzvot of the Torah such as observing Shabbat and keeping kashrut.

Celebrating history in this way helps unify the Jewish people throughout the world.

Holocaust Education Week not only reminds us of the horrors of the destruction of the Jewish communities in eastern Europe, but it also remind us that the Jewish people found the strength to establish the State of Israel. Today, there is a thriving North American Jewish community where we are much more optimistic about our survival than we were at the beginning of the 20th century.

Jewish Book Month is in keeping with the fact that the Jewish people are also known as *Am Hasefer* – the people of the Book – and to the fact that we were the first to ensure that everyone in the community would be literate and able to read Hebrew. While there always was a special class of scholars and sages, Jewish learning was not limited to this handful but available to all Jews.

In eastern Europe, many Jewish communities had classes ranging from Bible for the masses to talmudic studies for a select group. In North America, too, there has been a tremendous rebirth of learning, with more Jewish people from all walks of life studying and becoming familiar with the essential books of Judaism. It is also worthwhile to mention that an increasing number of people who use the Internet are able to receive daily and weekly lessons on Jewish texts at home.

There is a common message sent through Holocaust Education Week and Jewish Book Month reminding us not to take for granted the freedom and blessings we enjoy. All of our holidays and celebrations strengthen our continuity as a people and as the Am Hasefer.

Rabbi Kelman is rabbi emeritus of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue in Toronto.

By RACHAEL TURKIENICZ

A moment in the tent

Midrashic Moments

One of the more complex narratives in the book of Genesis is the story of Isaac lying on his deathbed, ready to bless his eldest son Esau. Rebecca, the matriarch, tells her son Jacob to disguise himself as Esau and receive the blessing of covenant from Isaac in place of Esau. Jacob follows the plan and dons Esau's clothes, while his mother, Rebecca, places goat hair upon Jacob's arms and back of his neck. Since Isaac's vision is failing, the assumption is that if he touches Jacob, he will feel thick hair similar to Esau and the deception will hold true.

There is much debate through the ages over the deception described in the Torah. Understandably, most of the debate focuses on Rebecca and Jacob and the plot they enacted to trick Isaac. Esau, as the father of the Edomites, is traditionally viewed as evil and therefore it is seen as fitting that the covenant not pass to him.

Rabbinic literature on this matter is quite complex and reflects an intricate political world in which Esau symbolizes nations and empires in Jewish history. Yet the Torah text subtly portrays a parent-child relationship between Isaac and Esau that all but disappears in the larger scheme of things.

We are told that Isaac loves Esau, for the "taste of the hunt is in his mouth." Esau is the hunter, the protector, and Isaac has found solace and refuge in his eldest son. When Isaac asks Esau to prepare Isaac's favourite treats, Esau knows how to do it. Jacob, we are told, does not, and it is Rebecca who prepares the food.

When Jacob is clothed as Esau, he wears his brother's finest clothes. We infer that Esau would dress formally to sit with his father. Once inside the tent, the narrative becomes quite personal. Isaac asks Jacob to approach so that he may touch him. He feels the goat hair and believes he is touching Esau. But Rebecca has also put hair on Jacob's neck, an unlikely place for Isaac to touch. Rebecca knows that there are favourite spots on a child every parent likes to touch. It varies from child to child and parent to parent. She believes that Isaac will reach for the neck of his son, his favourite spot, and therefore she places hair there.

Isaac subsequently asks Jacob to kiss him, and during this kiss, Isaac smells his son and recognizes the aroma issuing from the clothes. Again, a subtle parenting moment: parents enjoy the smell of their children and starting in infancy, parents often smell their children. Whether consciously or not, a parental kiss is often accompanied with a deep inhale of breath.

Aside from the passing of covenant – the larger issue in the narrative – there is the inner portrayal of a relationship, of the bond between a father and his favoured son. Every moment in Torah is a moment of learning, and beyond the rabbinic portrayal of a wicked Esau lies a moment of learning for parents and children.

Genesis Rabbah acknowledges this moment when it states: "R. Simeon ben Gamaliel said: All my lifetime I attended upon my father, yet I did not do for him a hundredth part of what Esau did for his father."

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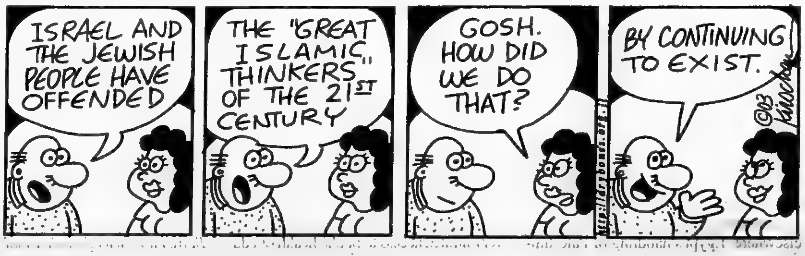
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By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

Romance and dating

If you search for the words "Jewish" and "Dating" on the Internet, be prepared to be sucked down a giant vortex of matchmakers, shadchanim and know-it-alls ready to pair you with your bashert. Of course, matchmakers are part of a time-honoured Jewish tradition and they can fulfil a key role. Whether or not you're getting outside assistance, you could benefit from sage advice on the Web from people who want to help you find romance. But with so many people trying to sell you something online, quality, free advice is hard to find. I'll try to point you in the right direction.

The Jewish Highway

The aish.com Web site has lots of advice for those seeking love and romance – not surprising when you consider Aish HaTorah created SpeedDating. The articles are written by rabbis, rebbitzens, psychotherapists, lawyers and social workers in an informative and sometimes blunt tone. "Many (not all) men who are single into their 30s have become more one-dimensional as they age." The Dating Advice section has articles on "Why Doesn't He Call?" "Lying on a Dating Profile" and the always popular "Getting the Guy to Budge."

Great Dating Wisdom addresses some of the eternal mysteries: "Does Love Conquer All?" "How Do we Know When to Hang On and When to Let Go?" and "How to Survive Getting Dumped" (Some tips: learn what you can and move on, and resist the urge to wallow.) The SpeedDating article about "Inappropriate Date Topics" – pointedly illustrated with a can brimming with worms – has some words of wisdom: The goal of a date is to create an accurate impression of yourself. While disclosing personal disappointments, failed relationships and family details may be factual, it won't paint a proper picture of the real you. **[http://www.aish.com/dating/]**

The GenerationJ Relationships Archive holds many other thought-provoking articles. In "My Male Yenta," Anne Miller shares the following: "I have my very own personal yenta, and he is a stocky middle-aged married man named Ron." How successful is Ron? You'll have to sign on to find out. In "I Wore a Wonderbra to the Matzah Ball," Caroline Tiger tells of her first foray to a Jewish singles event after having avoided that kind of gathering for most of her life. And in "The Rabbi" Allison Kaplan attends a lecture by Rabbi Akiva Tatz, who explains that relationships require work, especially when they have lost their initial sheen. Kaplan wasn't convinced. "Actually, I found myself thinking more about an ex-boyfriend than my fiancé. Thinking that if I had sought Rabbi Tatz's advice way back during those terrible times, I might still be stuck in that dead-end relationship." **[http://www.GenerationJ.com/archive/relationships/articles.html]**

The Feb. 2001 issue of GenerationJ has more relationship articles including "A Match Made in Henna" and a lovely ode to longtime romance, Ted Roberts' "A Fifty Year Waltz, and Counting." **[http://www.GenerationJ.com/archive/02_2001/feb.html]**

While in the neighbourhood, check out GenerationJ's sister sites, JVibe **[http://www.jvibe.com]**, teen-written JewZ.com **[http://jewz.com/]** and MzVibe for Ophira's advice column, MzGuided. **[http://www.mzvibe.com/mzplaced/mzplaced17.shtml]**

If you want a break from tips and guidance to practise what you've learned, check out whether any singles events are going on in your town. **[http://www.jewishnetwork.com/]** Or tag along with Sandra Hurtes as she finds out about Jewish spiritual retreats for singles, surveys the hottest books for Jewish singles and registers for an online dating service. **[http://www.jwmag.org/articles/07Summer03/p24.asp]**

Finally, like any good Jewish site, GenerationJ refers to the Torah for the "Top 14 Biblical Ways to Get a Wife." **[http://www.GenerationJ.com/archive/relationships/joke.html]** Some ideas:

- From Adam: "Have God create a wife for you while you sleep. Note: this will cost you."
- From Samson: "When you see someone you like, go home and tell your parents, 'I have seen a… woman; now get her for me.' If your parents question your decision, simply say, 'Get her for me. She's the one for me.'"
- From Jacob: "Agree to work seven years in exchange for a woman's hand in marriage. Get tricked into marrying the wrong woman. Then work another seven years for the woman you wanted to marry in the first place. That's right. 14 years of toil for a wife."

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Arab states always shied from refugee issue

MYTH:

The Arab states have always welcomed the Palestinians and done their best to resettle them.

FACT:

Jordan was the only Arab country to welcome the Palestinians and grant them citizenship (to this day, Jordan is the only Arab country where Palestinians as a group can become citizens). King Abdullah considered the Palestinian Arabs and Jordanians one people. By 1950, he annexed the West Bank and forbade the use of the term "Palestine" in official documents.

MYTHS FACTS

Although demographic figures indicated ample room for settlement existed in Syria, Damascus refused to consider accepting any refugees, except those who might refuse repatriation. Syria also declined to resettle 85,000 refugees in 1952-54, though it had been offered international funds to pay for the project. Iraq was also expected to accept a large number of refugees, but proved unwilling. Lebanon insisted it had no room for the Palestinians. In 1950, the UN tried to resettle 150,000 refugees from Gaza in Libya, but was rebuffed by Egypt.

After the 1948 war, Egypt controlled the Gaza Strip and its more than 200,000 inhabitants, but refused to allow the Palestinians into Egypt or permit them to move elsewhere. Egypt's handling of Palestinians in Gaza was so bad, Saudi Arabian radio compared Nasser's regime in Gaza to Hitler's rule in occupied Europe during World War II.

In 1952, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) set up a fund of $200 million (US) to provide homes and jobs for the refugees, but it went untouched.

Little has changed in succeeding years. Arab governments have frequently offered jobs, housing, land and other benefits to Arabs and non-Arabs, excluding Palestinians. For example, Saudi Arabia chose not to use unemployed Palestinian refugees to alleviate its labor shortage in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Instead, thousands of South Koreans and other Asians were recruited to fill jobs.

The situation grew even worse in the wake of the Gulf War. Kuwait, which employed large numbers of Palestinians but denied them citizenship, expelled more than 300,000 of them. "If people pose a security threat, as a sovereign country we have the right to exclude anyone we don't want," the Kuwaiti ambassador to the United States, Saud Nasir Al-Sabah, was reported as saying (*Jerusalem Report*, June 27, 1991).

Today, Palestinian refugees in Lebanon do not have social and civil rights and have very limited access to public health or educational facilities. The majority rely entirely on UNRWA as the sole provider of education, health and relief and social services. Considered foreigners, Palestinian refugees are prohibited by law from working in more than 70 trades and professions.

The Palestinian refugees held the UN responsible for ameliorating their condition; nevertheless, many were unhappy with the treatment they were receiving from their Arab brethren. Some, like Palestinian nationalist leader Musa Alami, were incredulous: "It is shameful that the Arab governments should prevent the Arab refugees from working in their countries and shut the doors in their faces and imprison them in camps," he was quoted in the *Middle East Journal*. Most refugees, however, blamed "the Zionists," for their predicament rather than the vanquished Arab armies.

In August 1958, Ralph Garroway, the director of UNRWA, said, "The Arab states do not want to solve the refugee problem. They want to keep it as an open sore, as an affront to the United Nations and as a weapon against Israel. Arab leaders don't give a damn whether the refugees live or die."

Source: Myths & Facts Online: A Guide to the Arab-Israeli Conflict *by Mitchell G. Bard, http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org.*

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Israeli identity said based on history, not myth

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Israeli and Diaspora Jews differ in the way they position themselves within history, says Israeli novelist A.B. Yehoshua.

In a talk at the 27th annual Jewish Book Fair last week, Yehoshua quoted Jewish scholar and philosopher Gershon Scholem, saying Zionism has repositioned Jews within history. Diaspora Jews, on the other hand, define their identity through a collective memory, or mythology, that has centred on the Bible.

Described by the *New York Times* as "a kind of Israeli Faulkner," Yehoshua is a professor of literature at Haifa University and the recipient of several literary awards, including the Israel and Bialik prizes.

In a lecture called "The Israeli Writer: Between Mythology and History," Yehoshua said for 2,000 years, the Jewish people regarded history as events involving others.

Jews lived without ever learning about the history of people around them, he said. As an example, he said yeshiva students didn't care when or where Rambam lived. They were concerned with his understanding of text, not with the man as a historical figure.

However, with the evolution of Zionism, Israeli Jews returned to a place in time where their actions affected others in the wider community, who in turn had an impact on them, he said.

A.B. Yehoshua

Yehoshua began writing his first novel, *Mr. Mani*, in 1982, the year his father died suddenly from cancer and Israel invaded Lebanon.

In an effort to understand why his country felt the need to liberate Lebanon, he decided to look beyond current events and delve into history. *Mr. Mani* traces a modern Israeli family back through six generations, beginning in 19th-century Greece and Poland through to British Mandate Palestine and German-controlled Crete.

"In each chapter, I had to learn about a different period and a different environment," the author said.

Yehoshua's next book, *Open Heart*, was written during Oslo when a sense of optimism allowed him to take a break from Israel and its history. However, he returned to the exploration of history with *A Journey to the End of the Millenium*, a look at the relationship between eastern and western Jewish cultures.

Yehoshua, a fifth-generation Israeli on his father's side and Moroccan on his mother's side, believes that modern-day Israeli culture has emerged from a combination of eastern and western traditions. He considers himself an Oriental Jew with western perceptions.

The book, which takes place in the year 999 when 90 per cent of the Jewish world lived within Arab-dominated cultures, centres around the practice of bigamy and the relationship between a Jewish merchant from Tangiers and his in-laws in Worms, on the River Rhine.

The challenge was to describe the people of that time without patronizing them, Yehoshua said.

His new book, *The Liberated Bride*, returns to Israel in 1998, just before the outbreak of the current intifadah. It explores a time when Israelis thought that peace was just around the corner and Arabs and Jews could coexist in the same land without real borders.

At that time, Yehoshua recalled that Israelis were shopping in Ramallah and going to dentists in Jenin. However, efforts to live together that way were a mistake, he said.

"We poisoned each other."

The Liberated Bride is about the need to establish boundaries, Yehoshua said, adding that borders distinguish Israelis from Diaspora Jews.

Throughout history, Jews were experts in crossing borders, without ever needing anything beyond their Jewish identity. However, Zionism has forced Israelis to define their boundaries and take responsibility for their sovereignty, he said.

"Palestinians would like to dissolve borders to claim a demographic victory. However, Israelis realize that it is crucial to establish boundaries and separate the two people."

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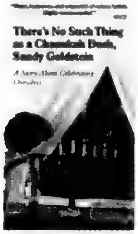
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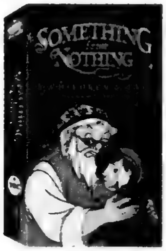
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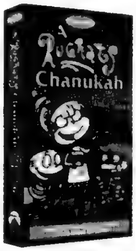
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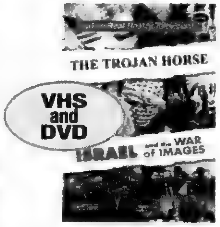
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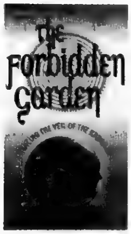
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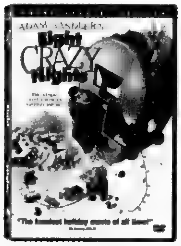
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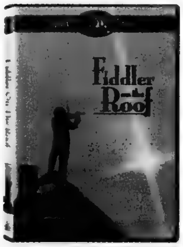
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The dangers of the new anti-Semitism

By WENDY LAMPERT

According to parliamentarian Irwin Cotler, the Jewish world is witnessing a new, escalating and lethal anti-Semitism.

"The new anti-Semitism is a discrimination against, a denial of, and an assault on the right of Israel to live as an equal member in the family of nations," Cotler told a group of more than 55 members of UJA Federation's ATID division at a breakfast last week.

ATID, the Hebrew word for *future*, is a division that engages a new generation of donors and builds new leaders through educational programming.

"We have moved from anti-Semitism as discrimination against individuals to anti-Semitism as discrimination against Israel as a nation and a people," he said.

Cotler described four important indicators of the new anti-Semitism and anti-Jewishness pervading the world at this time. The most lethal, he said, is genocidal anti-Semitism – the public call for the destruction of Israel and the Jewish people.

Cotler, the Member of Parliament for Mount Royal and a former Law Professor at McGill University, noted that this form of anti-Semitism manifests itself in the covenants of terror groups and the call by one UN member state, Iran, for the destruction of another member state, Israel.

Political anti-Semitism is also dangerous, said Cotler. "It is the singling out of the essence of the Jewish condition for discrimination and the denial of self-determination and legitimacy of the Jewish state." Equally frightening is the trend by political bodies to attribute "all the evils in the world" to Israel, which is, in turn, influencing individuals. Recent polls indicate that more than half of all Europeans believe Israel is the greatest threat to world peace.

Ideological anti-Semitism, through which Israel is demonized under the rubric of anti-racism, is another insidious form of hatred, said Cotler. "Israel is seen as the new apartheid state…destroying it is held out as a moral obligation."

That view of Israel has disenfranchised the country at the UN and has created what Cotler calls "legalized anti-Semitism." There is an obsessive preoccupation with Israel as a violator of human rights, while member states that are true human rights violators "are not even touched," he said.

And yet, Cotler sees the UN as a necessary international body. "We have to ensure that the UN isn't used as a protective cover for anti-Semitism. But the answer is to hold the UN to account, not to dismantle it."

Cotler said Israel, like any other state, must be accountable under international law, which would be applied equally to all states. Espousing that principle "should be a matter of Canadian foreign policy," he said. "This is not just a Jewish cause – this is a common human cause."

Cotler believes the Jewish people will survive this new wave of anti-Semitism, just as they have survived assaults throughout history. "While anti-Semitism is an enduring hatred, the Jews are an enduring people."

The fight against anti-Semitism is a key component of UJA Federation Campaign 2004.

Professor Irwin Cotler (centre) poses with members of UJA Federation's ATID Committee (left to right) Michael Levitt, Craig Rimer, Jordan Robins, Jay Rosenzweig, Josh Charat and Russell Goldstein.
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B'Yachad Mission

Michael Buckstein (left), Chair of UJA Federation's B'Yachad Mission with Stephen Goldhar and Barry Zagdanski, shares a moment before departure with Israel's Consul General Cobie Brosh. More than 300 Torontonians took part in the solidarity mission, which gave them the opportunity to meet with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. For more on the B'Yachad Mission, see next week's edition of *Jewish Toronto.*

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The human cost of terror

By CHEN KOTAS-BAR, Ma'ariv

When Eyal Neifeld is asked what his hardest moments are, he lists three: when he wants to change a light bulb at home, when he wants to fry an omelet, and when he wants to drive. Three things he wants to do, but cannot.

Last August, Neifeld was critically injured in a terror attack on bus line 361 at the Meron Junction, near Tzfat, in which nine people were killed and 43 were wounded. Neifeld lost his sight and hearing, but innovative surgery at Sheba Hospital restored 30% of his hearing in one ear with the help of an electronic implant. Neifeld also suffered burns everywhere, several broken body parts and cracks to his skull. His spleen was taken out and, as of today, two fingers do not function. He has undergone more than 40 operations and additional surgery still awaits him.

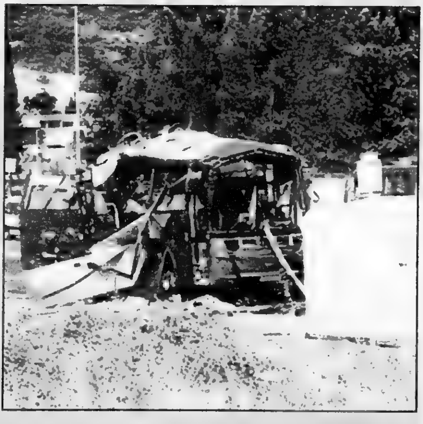
On the day of the terror attack, he was supposed to be returning from home to his army base. "I was sitting in the rear of the bus, on the right, behind the door," he says, reconstructing the scene. "The terrorist got on the bus at the Arab village of Sajur. He was smiling. The terrorist came up to me and asked if he could take the inside seat. He had no accent, nothing. He then moved to the inside. He was wearing a kibbutz hat, sunglasses, a yellow shirt, green pants, biblical sandals. He was clean-shaven and neat as a pin - I suspected nothing."

Later on, Neifeld noticed the terrorist go over and whisper something to two Arab girls, and then come back and sit down next to him. "The Arab girls got off the bus," says Neifeld. "I thought nothing of it. At the Meron Junction, I got up to get off the bus. The terrorist stood up after I did. A soldier who moved past me, apparently also wanting to get off, stood between us. I heard something indistinct, a cry. I looked around - the whole thing happened in a hundredth of a second."

Despite the agonizing trauma that he suffered, Neifeld refuses to give in. He is currently learning how to work on a computer and he plans to register for university to study economics and business administration. It took only two weeks for Neifeld to learn to read Braille and walk with a cane. And the news gets better. He and his girlfriend intend to wed next year. The doctors say that he is a success story, a rare case of rehabilitation under such circumstances.

Neifeld, however, is modest and does not feel heroic. However, there are, he admits, difficult moments. "There is the maddening darkness I live in twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Pitch-black darkness - an endless, formless, colourless, motionless black space. I try not to think about it… Today, life is too dear to me; I try to look at the glass as half full - I'm alive."

UJA Federation Campaign 2004 is raising funds to expand assistance for victims of terror, battle a worldwide wave of anti-Semitism and educate students about how to deal with anti-Jewish intimidation on campus.



The aftermath of a suicide bus bombing at Meron Junction bus stop.

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New world-class centre of Jewish life for midtown Toronto

By DANIEL HOROWITZ

As Toronto's vibrant Jewish community continues its rapid growth, an exciting project is underway in the heart of Jewish Toronto to ensure the delivery of 21st century services and programs to its residents.

Since November 2001, Jewish Toronto Tomorrow's (JTT) Central Campus Development Committee, chaired by Peter Cohen, has overseen the creation of a vision for a new 230,000 square foot community campus in the midtown Toronto Bathurst-Sheppard area.

That vision - with culture and Jewish learning at its core - involves a transformation of the site which currently houses the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre, the Koffler Centre of the Arts and the Lipa Green Building for Jewish community services into a new state-of-the-art, world-class centre of Jewish life, featuring eight centres of excellence delivering distinctive community services.

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- Centre for Celebration

While construction is scheduled to begin approximately one year from now, with an expected opening date in 2007, the design and planning stages have begun in earnest.

"I am very excited about this outstanding project," says Cohen. "The design process is going well and we are aggressively working with our partners to develop concept drawings for each component of the project. On the planning side, each planning group is meeting regularly to look at programs, space and operational issues. Its impact will be felt not only by the Jewish community of Toronto, but by other communities as well, both locally and internationally."

"Extensive research into successful cultural and communal centres in other urban areas continues to provide inspiration and instill confidence that we can create a place that is unique for the Jewish community of Toronto," says Robin Gofine, Director, Community Planning, Jewish Toronto Tomorrow.

Examples of such centres include the Skirball Cultural Centre in Los Angeles, the new JCC in Manhattan, the Winnipeg Jewish Community Campus, the Jewish Centre for Arts and Culture in Boston, the Cumming Centre for Seniors in Montreal and the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles.

"With these plans for the Central Campus – especially the Koffler Centre that will make Toronto a world leader in the arts – JTT is building the Jewish community, assuring Jewish continuity, as well as strengthening Jewish identity," says Shoshana Pakciarz, Executive Director of Boston's New Centre for Arts and Culture.

Peter Cohen (left) Chair, JTT's Central Campus Development Committee, studies plans for the new site.

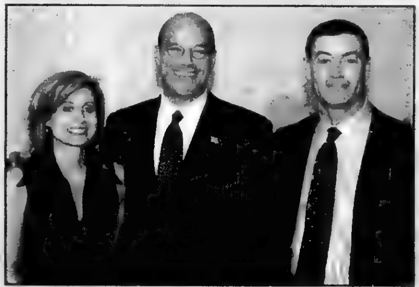
"This Centre will bring Jews of all backgrounds together under one roof. We need these communities in the Diaspora, especially as new generations float further and further away from Israel."

"Forty years ago, the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre was built because Jews had nowhere else to go," says Cohen. "Today some community members have everywhere to go. We are building something wonderful that will bring them back to the community."

The new 230,000 square foot state-of-the-art Central Campus will be one of North America's leading cultural and communal centres.

Ari Fleischer offers a glimpse into Bush White House

More than 650 people turned out for UJA Federation's recent Major Gifts Dinner at the Royal York Hotel. The keynote speaker, Ari Fleischer, the Former White House Press Secretary for President Bush, offered insights into the Bush White House.



(Pictured above), Ari Fleischer (centre) shares a moment with Dinner Chairs Judith Finer-Freedman and Jeremy Freedman.
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Canadian Jewry receives royal welcome in England

Canada sent the largest delegation of all Commonwealth countries represented at the recent Commonwealth Jewish Council Conference, held in London, England.

Nine members of Toronto's Jewish community made the trip while two from both Ottawa and Montreal also participated.

Delegates representing 20 Jewish communities from countries such as Australia, Hong Kong, India, South Africa and Zimbabwe were on hand for this year's biennial conference, which dealt with anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism.

The Commonwealth Jewish Council, founded in 1982, was created to provide links among Jewish communities in 36 Commonwealth countries.

Those who made the trek from Canada were Dorothy and Cyril Reitman, Joel and Jill Reitman, Sam and Richard Reitman, Marsha Bronfman, Lisa and Jared Genser, Peter and Ricki Cohen and Joseph and Ruth Viner.

Following the four-day conference, the delegates were invited to a royal reception, where they met with the Queen and Prince Phillip, before attending the annual awards dinner.

"This year's conference was the most extraordinary event we've ever organized," said conference Chair Lord Grenville Janner, during a telephone interview from London. "Not only was it remarkable due to the size of the delegations, but because of the variety and stature of the delegates who participated. In the case of the Canadian delegation, it was the largest group and, as always, its members were very distinguished and extremely involved in Jewish issues and concerns."

Joel Reitman, a veteran of previous conferences, said that this year's event was even more urgent due to today's worldwide resurgence of virulent anti-Semitism.

"The highlight of this year's conference for me was hearing from delegates who represent Judaism from all around the world," he said. "It's incredible to meet with, and discuss our commonalities as Jews, despite the fact that in some cases we live on the other side of the globe. It shows just how much a family we – as Jews – are, regardless of our geographical placement."

Delegates at the recent Commonwealth Jewish Council Conference in London, England, watch as their children present Queen Elizabeth with flowers following a reception she hosted at St. James Palace. Lord Grenville Janner, (far right) Chair of the Conference, looks on.

Reitman, who spent time with former South African president Nelson Mandela during a past conference, said that meeting the Queen this year was equally exciting.

"The Queen is very involved in anything to do with the Commonwealth, and so, by extension, she's involved in the Commonwealth Jewish Council," said Reitman. "She seemed genuinely warm and caring to all of us, but I think she has a special connection with Toronto since Prince Andrew spent some time at school near here. The function she hosted at the palace was wonderful and completely glatt kosher."

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On Campus

York Hillel endorses student govt. slate

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

York University's Hillel is endorsing a slate for student government elections being held Nov. 20 to 26.

The move is "a bit controversial," admits Hillel president Jordie Saperia, who is running for Faculty of Arts councillor as part of the slate, "but Hillel believes it's the right decision."

Saperia said that over the past two years, the York Federation of Students (YFS) has been "increasingly involved in anti-Israel activities" such as providing funding for a new on-campus union newspaper called *Critical Times*, that he said is "full of anti-Israel rhetoric."

Hillel, as the main Jewish and Zionist student organization on campus, has now been "forced to be political," Saperia said. He said that although being political carries a risk of alienating some people, "we believe it's for the greater good of all students on campus.

> ***'YFS has been involved in anti-Israel activities'***

"We have a responsibility to our students."

In an e-mail to Hillel members, Saperia said that Jewish students have become "alienated and frustrated" with YFS. "History has shown that when Jewish students vote, their voice will be heard," he said. "Recent elections at Concordia University and Simon Fraser University in B.C. illustrate this."

The 31-member slate – the largest of the three slates running – is headed by Paul Cooper, a fourth-year political science student and president of the Young Zionist Partnership (YZP), a right-wing activist group he co-founded on campus in 2002.

Cooper, whose platform is Progress Not Politics, says he wants to take the YFS focus off political activity to concentrate on more general student issues such as parking, security and tuition. His plans can be found at www.progressnotpolitics.com.

"I don't see [my involvement with YZP] as a conflict at all," he said.

"I think it's important for everybody to realize that the YFS agenda is not the Hillel agenda or the YZP agenda. It's for all students," said Saperia.

In an e-mail sent on the Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights list serve, a supporter of Cooper's opponent Abdul Salick – who is also lobbying for general student concerns such as extended library hours and emergency bursaries – denounced Cooper's "York-Kahanist partnership" and its "slate of Islamophobic racists who want to shut down all political discourse on campus."

Cooper says the e-mail and similar posters are part of "a concerted effort to demonize him" as a Jewish student.

He wants to restructure YFS to make it more accountable, particularly regarding club funding. "It's not a dictatorship. It's a democratic process. All submissions [requesting funding] are voted on."

Cooper stressed the importance of preventing the type of violence that occurred at Concordia University in September 2002, when a planned lecture by former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyu was cancelled because of violent protests.

Last year, York was the site of several Mideast-related incidents, including protests against the appearance of controversial pro-Israel academic Daniel Pipes, which proceeded under heavy security. In a subsequent incident, a woman protesting the coming war in Iraq was charged with assault after a Jewish student said the protester grabbed and kicked her during the demonstration.

Cooper said the political atmosphere on campus is "not better at all" this year.

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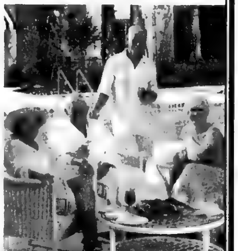

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פון מרים דאשקין־בעקערמאַן

די קאָנפערענץ איז פאָרגעקומען אין די טעג פון סעפטעמבער 4-7, 2003, אין באָלטימאָר, מערילענד. די טעמע איז געווען: „די יִדישע לערערס: העלדן אַמאָל און הײַנט". אין משך פון די פיר טעג זײַנען פאָרגעקומען בערך 27 וואַרשטאַטן מיט באַרימטע שרײַבערס, פעדאַגאָגן און אַנדערע פערזענלעכקייטן פון יִדישן לעבן. די עפענונגס רעדע איז געווען פון פעדאַגאָג געלע שווייד־פישמאַן, אויף דער טעמע: „יִדישע לערער — אַמאָל און הײַנט". אין די אַנדערע פלענאַרע סעסיעס האָבן אָנטייל גענומען הענעך סאַפאָזשניק, יאַעל סטראָס, קאָליע באָראָדולין און שעלבי שאַפּירא. ווי אַ טייל פון דער קאָנפערענץ זײַנען אויך פאָרגעקומען דרײַ קאָנצערטן.

דער אָפּקלײַב פון די טעמעס איז געווען אַזוי אַראַנזשירט, אַז יעדער איינער האָט געקענט געפינען וואָס עס איז געווען פאַר אים צוגענגלעך און אינטערעסאַנט אויף אַלע מדרגות. פאַר סאַמע אָנהייבערס ביז הויך אַוואַנסירטע זײַנען געווען טעמעס לײַכטע און פאַרווײַלנדיקע, ווי אויך טעמעס גאָר ערנסטע און ממשותדיקע.

מוזיק האָט אויך ניט געפעלט — קלעזמער, טעאַטער, פאָלקס לידער און קונסט לידער, חסידות, שול און זומער קעמפ געזאַנג, אַפילו יִדישע טאַנגאָ לידער, וואָס האָבן באַרײַכערט דעם יִדישן רעפערטואַר. פרײַטיק בײַנאַכט איז פאָרגעקומען אַ קאַבאַרעט מיטן יונגן קינסטלער מיטש סמאָלקין פון טאָראָנטאָ, און אַנדערע טאַלאַנטירטע מוזיקער און זינגער.

מיר האָבן געהאַט אַ טור אין שטאָט און געזען די ערשטע שיל אין באָלטימאָר, געבויט אין 19טן יאָרהונדערט און איז הײַנט אַ היסטאָרישער אוצר, ווי אויך די גרעסטע נײַע שיל, וואָס קען אַרײַננעמען 4,000 מענטשן.

די אינטערנאַציאָנאַלע קאָנפערענצן קומען פאָר כמעט יעדע צוויי יאָר און ווי דער נאָמען ווײַזט אָן קומען אָנטיילנעמער פון איבעראַל. (חוץ די מוזיקאַנטן זײַנען געווען 145 רעגיסטרירטע אָנטיילנעמער). איך האָב באַגעגנט אַ פרוי פון מאַדריד, שפּאַניע, רחל הנלדה, וואָס זעצט איבער, צווישן אַנדערע ווערק, י. ב. זינגער, דירעקט פון יִדיש אויף שפּאַניש. פאַר מיר פערזענלעך איז געווען אַ גרויס פאַרגעניגן זיך צו באַגעגענען מיט הערמאַן טאַובע, פון וואַשינגטאָן — אַ באַוווסטער זשורנאַליסט, פּאָעט, פּראָפעסאָר, קאָרעספּאָנדענט פון „פאָרווערטס", רעדאַקציע־מיטגליד פון „דער אָנהייב", און בכלל אַן אַקטיוויסט אין דער יִדישער געזעלשאַפט. איך האָב אויך געהאַט דעם כבוד צו באַקענען אַ צאָל אַנדערע אינטערעסאַנטע פערזענלעכקייטן.

מײַן פערזענלעכער חלק איז געווען צו האַלטן אַ רעדע וועגן פּראָפ' דוד קאַץ, מיט וועמען איך האָב שטודירט אין ווילנע אין זומער פון 1998 אין אוניווערסיטעט פון ווילניוס (ווילנע). כ'האָב אויך געוויזן אַ פילם אין וועלכן עס זײַנען דאָ, אַחוץ אים, אויך זײַן פאָטער מעניקע קאַץ, איטשע גאָלדבערג און אַנדערע. כ'האָב אויך פאָרגעלייענט איינע פון די דערציילונגען פון זײַן בוך „מתנגדישע מעשיות", וואָס איך האָב איבערגעזעצט.

אַלע האָבן זייער גוט פאַרברענגט אין דער וואַרעמער אַטמאָספערע, וואָס האָט דאָ געהערשט. מיר האָפן, אם ירצה השם, זיך ווידער צו טרעפן בײַ דער קומענדיקער קאָנפערענץ, וואָס דאַרף פאָרקומען דעם 2טן יוני, 2005, אין מיניאַפּאָליס, מינעסאָטאַ.

מרים דאשקין־בעקערמאַן איז אַ לאַנג־יאָריקער תושב אין טאָראָנטאָ און שטודירט אין די „פאַרבאַנד שולן". זי איז אַן איבערזעצערין פון יִדיש אין ענגליש און פון ענגליש אין יִדיש. אירע איבערזעצונגען זײַנען דערשינען אין וויכטיקע יִדישע און ענגלישע זשורנאַלן און צײַטונגען. איר לעצטע איבערזעצונג, וואָס וועט בקרוב דערשײַנען אין „סיראַקיוז יוניווערסיטי פּרעס", איז דאָס יִדישע בוך „קאָשמאַרן" פון אלקנה חרמץ.

On Campus

Fight the ‘new anti-Semitism,’ journalist tells students

By NATALIE RUSKIN
Special to The CJN

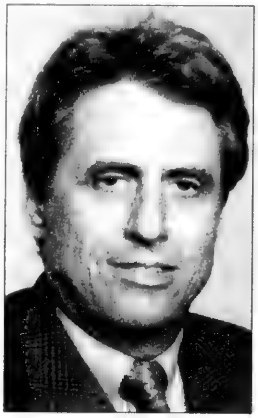
Jews have been too timid in their response to the worldwide wave of “new anti-Semitism,” journalist Martin Himel told a small group last week at Ryerson University.

The discussion, “Anti-Semitism and Anti-Israel in the Media: A Journalist’s Perspective,” was sponsored by Hillel at Ryerson.

“It drives me a little crazy when Jews won’t defend themselves against anti-Semitism,” said Himel, a Global News foreign correspondent and producer of the documentary *Confrontation at Concordia*.

“Whatever the situation, you’ve got to decide from within yourself how you feel and stand your ground somewhere,” Himel said, responding to concerns of Ryerson students who said they have experienced anti-Semitism on campus.

Himel’s documentary focuses on an incident in September 2002 at Concordia University in Montreal, when violence by pro-Palestinian demonstrators forced the cancellation of a speech on campus by former Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu.


Martin Himel

A few months later, Hillel had its club status and funding revoked by the then-pro-Palestinian Concordia Student Union (CSU) over pamphlets on a Hillel table publicizing a program for foreigners who want to volunteer with the Israel Defence Forces. Hillel was subsequently reinstated and is suing the CSU.

The struggle on campus between the Concordia Student Union and Hillel has been about free speech and racism, Himel said.

As hate crimes and violence against Jews continue worldwide, and as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the war in Iraq continue, a “new anti-Semitism” has emerged that hides behind criticism of Israel, he said.

In the years leading up to and during World War II, Himel said, there was a climate of anti-Semitism and Jews were accused of instigating the war.

“[Today,] the message is clear…the United States and Israel are in a love affair and the whole war [in Iraq] is a Jewish plot for money,” Himel said.

Himel said this sentiment is captured in his documentary by an anti-Semitic poster at the front of an anti-war protest march. On it, a sexy American woman is seen masturbating a Jewish caricature with a hooked nose and a devious facial expression. Spewing out of the Jewish caricature’s sex organ are dollar signs.

“The poster was one of classic anti-Semitism,” Himel said.

He said he was shocked when his documentary was called “inflammatory” for including the poster in his film.

“The image of the stereotypical Jew was already out there, being paraded at the front lines of a protest, so how could it be inflammatory to include something that was already seen by 100,000 protesters?” Himel asked.

Several times in his talk, Himel referred to the violence at Concordia as an example of how a small incident can lead to events spiralling out of control.

“A violent riot resulted because agitated students weren’t restrained at first,” Himel said.

“Once a weakness was found in Concordia security, the student union thought, ‘Hey, we can get away with this,’ and they went full force.”

Despite being concerned that Jews are too “insecure, timid, and self-conscious,” Himel said that “being self-critical is a strength.”

He contrasted Judaism’s self-analysis and reflection to the absolutist attitude in Hamas leaders he has met.

“They say exactly what they think,” Himel said. “They do not believe in a two-state solution for Israel. They believe the region should remain an Islamic region of the world and anyone who doesn’t subscribe to this is their enemy.”

He advised those in attendance to “decide from within yourself where you stand” because “others will sense your weakness and insecurity if you are unsure about how you will respond to anti-Semitism.”

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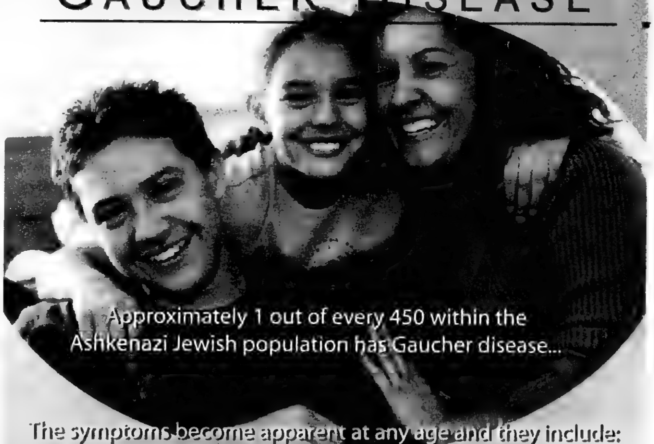
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Monday, Nov. 24

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The Beth Tzedec Museum presents a lecture series on "Judaism and the Labour Movement." The first, "The Jewish Labor Unions and Their Confrontation with Factory Owners," with **Ruth Frager** of McMaster University. The second lecture Monday, Dec. 1, is "What You Don't See: The Stories Behind the 'Common Thread' Exhibits" with **Dorion Liebgott**, museum curator. The final lecture, "Employer-Employee Relations in Halachah," is Monday, Dec. 8 with **Rabbi Jay Kelman**. All at 7:30 p.m.

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Alan Ackerman will review **S. Ansky's** *The Dybuk*, at the Jewish Public Library, Lipa Green Building. 1:30 p.m. $15. Registration 416-635-2996.

CHUG TANACH

Joshua Langer will lead a discussion on Chapter 7 of Kohelet. 8 p.m., Beth David Synagogue. All welcome.

MOSHE IDEL LECTURE

The Jewish Studies program at the University of Toronto presents **Prof. Moshe Idel**, from the department of Jewish thought at Hebrew University, speaking on "The Great Chain of Being in Its Kabbalistic Versions." 8 p.m. 15 King's College Circle. 416-978-8118.

THE JEWS OF ARGENTINA

Beth Tikvah Synagogue presents an evening with storyteller and genealogist **Gladys Rothman** discussing her family history in Argentina and the first Jewish agricultural settlements in the Americas. 8 p.m. 416-221-3433 ext. 300.

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JEWISH QUILTING PROJECT

Come to an introductory planning meeting of The Toronto Jewish Quilting Project, a new volunteer group dedicated to creating quilts for people living with cancer. Bathurst JCC, room 120, 7 p.m. No quilting experience necessary. For information, call **Eva Karpati** at 416-661-2556.

WORKSHOP: RESPONDING TO ANTI-ISRAEL COMMENTS

Na'amat Toronto presents a workshop on how to respond to anti-Israel comments, with **Marra Messinger**, director of community development, Canada-Israel Committee. At 7:30 p.m. or 9 p.m. Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Free. 416-636-5425.

PREPARE YOUR CHILDREN

Join human relations consultant **Dick O'Brian** for a workshop on raising resilient children who are prepared to meet life's challenges. Presented by the Associated Hebrew School Parent Teacher Council. 7:30 p.m. 252 Finch Ave. W. Free.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Jerrold Landau discusses "The Ins and Outs of Yizkor Book Translations" at the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada's monthly meeting. Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, 8 p.m. $3 for nonmembers.

CABARET NIGHT

The Mature Adults Get Together invites the public to an entertaining evening with **Adam Timoon**, with singing, impersonations and audience participation. 8 p.m. 416-229-2600.

JRCC EVENTS

The Jewish Russian Community Centre offers a four-part series, "Live a Meaningful Life," Wednesday evenings until Dec. 17 at 8 p.m. Nov. 26, "Positive Thinking," with **Naomi Freeman**, Dec. 3, "The Power of Meditation," with **Izzy Greenberg**, Dec. 10, "Overcoming Inner Conflict," with **Aryeh Gotfryd**, Dec. 17, "Spiritual and Emotional Healing". Series, $18 or $7 per class. 416-222-7105.

Other news

TORAH-N-TORONTO

Rabbi Joel Roth, professor of Talmud at the Jewish Theological Seminary, will deliver two lectures in Toronto. He will discuss "Maimonides on the Purpose of Written Prayer," Thursday, Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. at Adath Israel Congregation. On Saturday, Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Roth will present "Family Life and Jewish Anxieties: Celebrating Maimonides' 800th Yahrzeit" at Beth Tzedec Congregation. After the presentation, local rabbis will discuss different aspects of Maimonidean thought. $18. 416-781-3511.

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KOLEL PROGRAMS

Kolel presents "Home for the Holidays 2:" A four-workshop life cycle series. The first workshop, "Birth, Bris & Naming" with **Rabbi Jordan Cohen** and **Dr. Jacob Langer,** chief of pediatrics at the Hospital for Sick Children. Sunday, Nov. 23, 7-9 p.m. Free, pre-registration is required. Call 416-485-7007 ext. 0. And "Raiders of the Real Ark," an insider's view of what really happened in the Second Temple period from Maccabees to Herod, with archeologist **Dan Bahat**. 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26. 416-485-7007.

LAYERS OF ISRAEL SERIES

Beth David Synagogue lecture series continues Thursday, Nov.27, with **Tilly Shames,** "Israel: Water & Environmental Issues." 8 p.m.

JF & CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service Information/registration. **Diane Sherkin** 416-638-7800, ext. 215.

"One Family, Two Homes," A three-session series for families experiencing separation and divorce. Children participate in separate, age-appropriate groups. Thursdays beginning Nov. 20 at the Promenade Mall, suite #313, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

"When Your About to Separate: What to Tell the Kids?" A one-session workshop for parents about to separate or in the early stages of separation. Monday Dec.1 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Promenade Mall, suite # 313.

FOR SENIORS

Lunch & Learn In Retirement's will meet at noon, Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Holy Blossom Temple. **Ezra Moses** will discuss "India and Liberal Judaism" $1, bring a dairy lunch, drinks served.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the boardroom at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Call 416-630-9444 for information.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Casino Rama, Dec 3. Saturday dance, Nov. 22. Bridge every Monday, Wed. and Thursday at 1 p.m. Call 416-395-7881.

Association of Jewish Seniors Annual Chanukah Dinner, Tuesday, Dec. 16 from 5:30-8 p.m. at Adath Israel Congregation, includes dinner, entertainment and prizes. $20. Tickets, 416-635-2860.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. Nov. 20, movie; Nov. 27, evening of stories and jokes; **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 416-630-5771.

Young at Heart Seniors winter trip to the Glatt Kosher Saxony Hotel. Call **Helen** 416-635-6343.

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Israeli Club Etrog for Hebrew speakers, meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Nov. 25, concert. Call **Anna** ext.110.

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Lunch & learn, Tuesday, Nov. 25, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. with **Selma Sage** discussing "Relationships Between Generations." Call ext. 2275.

BATHURST JCC

Bathurst Jewish Community Centre and Koffler Centre of the Arts, 4588 Bathurst St. 416-636-1880 or www.bjcc.ca.

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Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211 or www.milesnadaljcc.ca.

Playwright's Reading Series: *Yahrzeit* by **Alex Poch-Goldin**, the story of a crusty Jewish businessman whose testy relationship with his wayward son and daughter spoils a milestone event they have arranged for him. Sunday Nov. 23, 2 p.m. PWYC.

Rededication of the Nadal JCC, Tuesday, Nov. 25, 10 a.m. The ceremony will include a colour guard and piper.

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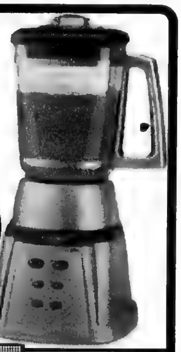

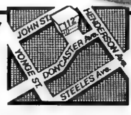

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Coast to Coast

BBC admits bias by naming new Middle East watchdog

According to Reports
By
PAUL MICHAELS

The British Broadcasting Corporation's recent appointment of veteran journalist Malcolm Balen as a "senior editorial advisor" to oversee its Mideast coverage – amid mounting allegations of anti-Israel bias – has caused a stir both in Britain and abroad.

Tom Leonard, writing about the move in Britain's *Daily Telegraph* on Nov. 11 (reprinted in the *National Post* on Nov. 12), said relations between the BBC and Israel "hit a low point this summer" when the BBC aired a controversial documentary on Israel's non-conventional weapons.

After the BBC showed this terribly skewed film, Israel froze all contact with the broadcaster's staff both inside and outside the country. It accused the BBC of siding with the Palestinians, citing, among other incidents, a Gaza-based BBC correspondent who, at a Hamas rally in 2001, openly declared his allegiance – and that of other journalists – to the Palestinian cause. Israel even alleged that the BBC promoted anti-Semitic attitudes through its coverage.

In the past, the BBC had always maintained that its coverage of Israel is fair and balanced, so the decision to investigate charges of systemic bias can be seen as an admission that the corporation's longstanding defence of impartiality may no longer be sustainable. A less charitable assessment might be that such a defence has been recognized internally to be fiction.

Balen's work will no doubt be carefully watched by other media organizations, especially the CBC, which has faced similar charges of anti-Israel bias, and which carries the BBC World Service daily on its Newsworld cable channel.

Over the past several months, there has been some improvement in various aspects of the CBC's own coverage of Israel in both radio and television news. And on Nov. 7, the corporation's own satiric program, *This Hour has 22 Minutes*, took on the charges of anti-Israel bias in a surprisingly biting parody of the Newsworld debate show *Counterspin*.

Like the CBC in Canada, the BBC "has been the dominant cultural institution [in Britain] since the Second World War…[which] people look to uphold the country's values," one of its former chief executives noted recently (*New York Times*, Sept. 25).

But the BBC's ability to report the news with fairness – especially when it comes to the Middle East – has been placed in serious doubt. Not only has it shown a decidedly pro-Palestinian bent, but the corporation also landed in hot water with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who earlier this year accused the BBC of promoting the false allegation that his government had "sexed up" the dossier it gave Parliament to justify its attack on Iraq.

In its July 24 lead editorial, "Blair, the BBC and the war," the *Economist* wrote: "And it must be admitted that the government had reason to be annoyed with the rest of the corporation's reporting on its policy towards Iraq… [T]he people who work in its news and current-affairs departments mostly share a soft-left world-view: instinctive statism, cordial anti-capitalism, and bien-pensant liberal internationalism. Its reporters' prejudices, allied to the modern preference in broadcast news for… [opinion] over facts, yielded a generally pessimistic account of British and American actions before, during and after the war."

Indeed, the BBC's decision to investigate its coverage of Israel confirms the *Economist*'s assessment.

Paul Michaels is communications director for the Canada-Israel Committee.

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'Pushke bandit' arrested

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

Following a city-wide manhunt, Toronto police have arrested a man accused of breaking into several synagogues and Jewish-owned businesses on Bathurst Street in recent weeks.

Dubbed "the collection box bandit," the man targeted charity boxes containing small amounts of cash. There's no indication he was interested in any ceremonial or religious objects, police say.

"In most cases, he would target collection boxes – *pushkes*," Toronto Police Sgt. Lino Murarotto of 32 Division told *The CJN*. "He also took cash he found in desk drawers. But there was no defacing or desecrations."

Police and Canadian Jewish Congress agree the crimes were not motivated by hate but to fuel a drug habit.

Murarotto said the accused is a homeless drug addict who was living out of his car.

"It was frustrating because he was mobile. He covered a lot of territory, from Bayview and Steeles, to Bathurst and Lawrence."

Alleged thief targeted collection boxes

The man broke into as many as a dozen synagogues along the Bathurst Street corridor, as far north as Thornhill. According to CJC, at one of them, he entered the main sanctuary and opened the doors to the aron kodesh, but took nothing.

"In some cases, he didn't get anything. We knew we were dealing with a transient type of criminal," Murarotto said.

He said the accused never struck at the same place twice.

The incidents date back to early October, said CJC's Len Rudner.

Rudner commended the police for devoting energy to the case "at a time their resources are spread very thin. It was very comforting to know they paid attention and put manpower on it."

None of the stolen funds have been recovered.

Barry Parks, 51, of no fixed address, faces 17 counts of breaking and entering and attempted breaking and entering, and one count of possession of burglary tools. More charges are expected.

Parks remains in custody pending a bail hearing.

Lost composer's work comes alive at Dignity Day

By JOEL JACOBSON
Atlantic Correspondent

HALIFAX — The emotion was evident in the face and hands of cellist Shimon Walt as he played Reinhard Oppel's Cello Sonata.

Performing at Halifax's Pier 21 Nov. 9 on the 65th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass – known here as Dignity Day – Walt was debuting the sonata, which was composed in 1903 but never played, and buried for decades during and after World War II.

Music of Jewish composer and violinist Paul Kletzki was also performed for the first time in the concert supported by the Atlantic Jewish Council; Shaar Shalom Synagogue, which is celebrating its 50th annversary year; and the St. Cecilia Concert series, now in its 15th year.

Oppel, a non-Jewish composer, buried his music in a stout trunk near Halle in the late 1930s, a broken man after losing his status in Germany because of his outspoken and fierce opposition to Hitler. He died of a heart attack in 1941. His son Kurt, a German minister who came from Frankfurt to attend the concert, discovered the trunk containing scores and manuscripts of his father's music at his old homestead in 1990.

"Playing this had a special feeling for me," said Walt, a longtime member of Symphony Nova Scotia, who lost many close family members in the Holocaust.

"The more I got into reading and playing Oppel's music, the more I felt the impact of it being written 100 years ago and then he was forced to get rid of it. My job was to bring it back to life. I felt ownership of it."

It "felt good that the first person who ever played this piece was me," Walt said.

"New composers can tell you what they are thinking, what they want to express. But with Oppel's work, there is no one to ask, no one remembers. You look at the dots on the page and try to figure out what was in the composer's heart when he wrote it. When I spoke with Kurt Oppel afterwards, he was very pleased that we expressed what was in his father's heart."

Timothy Jackson, formerly of Halifax, and now an associate professor of music theory at University of North Texas, in Denton, resurrected the music for the concert. He knew of Oppel through his studies of music theorist Heinrich Schenker, an admirer of Oppel's work.

Jackson also discovered Kletzki conducted the Dallas Symphony in 1960 and conducted the University of North Texas Choir in 1961.

Kletzki fled to Italy in 1933, and later lived in Russia, Israel and the United States. The composer-conductor left a buried chest of his music in Milan, which was later uncovered and sent to his widow who opened it after his death in 1973.

In a pre-concert address, Jackson said he is trying to get the music played so people know what it sounds like.

"There are probably many more works out there, buried, unknown," he said. "I'm going to dig up what I can."

The Blue Engine String Quartet, four female members of Symphony Nova Scotia, performed Kletzki's String Quartet in A minor, composed in 1923, and Oppel's String Quartet No. 2 in D minor (1919). Soprano Sung Ha Shin-Bouey, accompanied by pianist Peter Allen, sang *Lieder* by Oppel and Carlo Taube's only existing known work, *Ein Judisches Kind*.

Peggy Walt, co-chair of the Shaar Shalom's anniversary celebrations and host of the evening, said the concert "deserved to have people come out. We had more than 400 people, better than most St. Cecilia Series audiences, and they loved the music. Kurt Oppel told me later his father would have been astonished to have so many people hear his music."

Kristallnacht: 'the shattering of illusions'

By DAVID LAZARUS
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL – The sounds of broken glass can still be heard the world over and it is disingenuous and hypocritical for people to sympathize with Jewish Holocaust victims while in the same breath excoriating Israel, Rabbi Reuben Poupko said at the annual Kristallnacht commemoration.

"Israel is the new Jew," he said. "It used to be 'Jews to Palestine.' Now it's 'Jews out of Palestine. Don't be here. Don't be there. Don't be.'"

Rabbi Poupko, of Congregation Beth Israel Beth Aaron, was speaking to some 350 people at the Gelber Conference Centre, the largest crowd ever to attend the ceremony, which this year marked 65 years since the "Night of Broken Glass," Nov. 9-10, 1938, when Nazi storm troopers were directed to assail the Jews of Germany and Austria, their properties and institutions.

The toll included 91 Jews murdered, 1,400 synagogues ransacked and 200 others burned, with the Torah scrolls and prayer books inside.

Thirty thousand Jews were shipped to concentration camps. Thousands of Jewish businesses and homes were destroyed. Hundreds of Jews were brutally attacked.

Survivor Charlotte Lintzel, who works as a docent at the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre (MHMC), which organized the evening, noted that the magnificent Neue Synagoge in Berlin was spared destruction only because of the courageous intervention of the city's police chief. The synagogue was desecrated and set ablaze, but the fire brigade was summoned and kept the synagogue from being destroyed.

The pretext for the first German government-sanctioned progrom was the shooting death of a German Embassy official in Paris by a Jewish boy.

Marc Attali, Israel's consul general in Montreal, said the fight against anti-Semitism and the perseverance of the Jewish people and the State of Israel bear testimony to Jewish strength and the Jewish people's determination to prevail over the forces of intolerance and hate.

"We are the product of what we've endured," Attali said. "This struggle is our victory."

The ceremony included readings and musical interludes, recitation of the *Kaddish* by survivor Eugene Flegg, and tehillim (psalms) and a memorial prayer recited by Beth Israel Beth Aaron cantor Moishe Shur.

Six memorial candles, each representing one million Holocaust victims, were lit by survivors Sigi Katz, Suzanne and Leon Klag and Lily Strauss; B'nai Brith's Amos Sochaczevski; Estie Kleinfeld, daughter of a survivor; and MHMC founding president Steven Cummings.

Among the dignitaries attending were former Quebec premier Bernard Landry, and consuls general Hubert Ziegler of Germany and Ulrike Botens of Austria.

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Kingston elects its first-ever Jewish mayor

By **RON CSILLAG**
Staff Reporter

Harvey Rosen agrees with the tongue-in-cheek suggestion that perhaps being Kingston's first Jewish mayor is a step down from being president of his synagogue.

"You could say that," chuckles Rosen on the telephone from Kingston, which recently elected the 54-year-old lawyer and lifelong resident as mayor in a landslide. "After all, being president of a synagogue is very important."

Perhaps, but Rosen will soon step down as president of the Orthodox Beth Israel Congregation to take the city's reins, handed to him in the Nov. 10 municipal elections by a healthy 23,179 votes to just 4,550 for incumbent Isabel Turner – the biggest margin of victory in Kingston in recent memory.

It was a stunning win for Rosen, who is likely now Ontario's only Jewish mayor after Mel Lastman's departure in Toronto, and it surprised even him.

"My campaign wasn't surprised, but I was. I thought I'd been getting filtered information from them," he told *The CJN*. "They were telling me I had a huge amount of support."

His team was right. Rosen's win represented just the second time in 45 years that an incumbent Kingston mayor seeking re-election was turfed.

Harvey Rosen

Ed Smith, another member of Kingston's Jewish community, was also elected as a new city councillor.

In his election night victory speech, Rosen said he was "overwhelmed." He said his father "would be the proudest man in the community at this moment."

Rosen's father, the late Harry Rosen (no relation to the clothier of the same name), was born in Kingston, and his mother, Sylvia, was born in Montreal and still lives in Kingston.

The mayor-elect, who will be sworn in Dec. 2, traces his family's roots to the Lithuanian shtetl of Anyksciai, which was all but wiped off the map during World War II.

A longtime leader in Kingston's 200-family Jewish community, Rosen points out that he's a Young Judea alumnus, having attended Camps Shalom and Biluim.

Members of Kingston's only other synagogue, the Reform Temple Iyr Ha-Melech, worship at Queen's University.

Rosen closed his law practice in 2000 and became vice-president of Rosen Corp. Ltd., a family-owned real estate development firm. The company, which once included Rosen Fuels, was started by his father. The fuel concern is now run by Rosen's sister Merle Koven and her husband Phil Koven.

Rosen has said he expects few conflicts between his public and private roles and that he will be able to handle both positions. The $65,000-a-year position as mayor is widely regarded as part-time, but Rosen has said he will devote most of his energies to the job.

Rosen attributed his win to the fact residents "were tired of studies and reports, and wanted concrete action. The [previous] mayor had touted certain accomplishments that were completed under her term, but were actually started years before."

Like mayors of all cities, big and small, he faces crushing financial problems. Ontario municipalities, he points out, are legally enjoined from incurring deficits, but that hasn't stopped Kingston, which has a population of 113,000, from running up a $10-million operating budget "shortfall" this fiscal year, for the fourth consecutive year. Council has had to borrow $2.6 million from the city's reserve funds to keep tax increases to a minimum.

A "lightning rod" issue, Rosen points, has been the local arena/community centre, which is falling apart. "That really galvanized the electorate," he said.

Among his more immediate priorities is to "corral" a highly fractious council and bring about some control.

"Council meetings are broadcast on the local cable channel. It's referred to locally as 'the Gong Show.' I want to bring some order and leadership to council."

Rosen faces a list of 200 projects. He hopes to shore up aging infrastructure without disturbing the city's A-1 credit rating.

He also said he's not afraid to review all services and investigate privatizing some of them if there is a benefit to the taxpayer.

Rosen has two sons, Zachary and Tyler, who attend the University of Western Ontario. A divorcé, he's engaged to Sharon Monson of Sydney, Australia.

Asked whether being Jewish was a stumbling block in his bid, Rosen chuckles again and says, "The voters elected me by a very large margin, so I guess it wasn't."

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STRONACH HONOURED: Belinda Stronach, president and CEO of Magna International, was awarded the Humanitarian of the Year Award from Beth Sholom Synagogue at a recent dinner. Seen here with Stronach (centre) are (from left) Jack Herson, president of Beth Sholom Brotherhood; Stephen Green, co-chair; Stronach; Irv Ungerman, past award recipient and co-chair; Barry Lerner, president of Beth Sholom; and Mendel Green , past recipient and co-chair. The dinner drew approximately 350 guests including former prime ministers Brian Mulroney and John Turner, Toronto Police Chief Julian Fantino, Frank Stronach and his wife, Ontario Chief Justice Roy McMurtry and Ontario cabinet ministers Monte Kwinter and Gerrard Kennedy. [Tom Sandler photo]

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Security cameras captured one of Istanbul bombers: report

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ISTANBUL — Security cameras captured on video one of the suicide bombers who carried out the devastating attacks on two Istanbul synagogues this past weekend that killed 24 people and injured more than 300.

Interior Minister Abdulkdir Aksu was quoted on Monday as saying one of the bombers of the Neve Shalom synagogue could be discerned on security film shot an instant before the blast Saturday morning.

"But it's not clear. We're trying to clarify and make an identification," he told Turkey's *Vatan* newspaper.

Turkish officials were investigating claims that the Al Qaeda terrorist network was responsible for the car bombings at Neve Shalom and Beit Israel, Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Sunday.

Two Arabic-language newspapers received separate statements Sunday claiming Osama bin Laden's group was responsible for the attacks.

"Our security teams, our intelligence services have to work to determine the extent of truth of the claims," Erdogan said.

Israeli security sources said it appears increasingly likely the attack was carried out by two suicide bombers and that Al Qaeda was indeed behind the blasts in some way.

Representatives of Israel's security forces are currently in Turkey to help with the investigation.

The Al Qaeda claim of responsibility came from a message that read the attacks were carried out by "the Abu Hafez Masri Brigades."

Abu Hafez Masri was a close associate of bin Laden and one of his senior aides who was killed in a U.S. assault during the war in Afghanistan. The same group has claimed responsibility for the attacks on an Arkia jet and the Paradise Hotel in Mombasa, Kenya, last year, as well as the strike on the Marriott Hotel in Jakarta a few months ago.

The claim also read that the attacks on the synagogues were carried out after the organization learned that "five Mossad agents" were there, and that the bombings were "a gift to Jerusalem."

Meanwhile, a senior political source who arrived in Istanbul on Sunday said officials in both Israel and Turkey had received intelligence warnings of plans by terror groups to carry out attacks against Jewish targets in Turkey.

The source told *Ha'aretz* that in recent weeks, Turkish authorities and Jewish community leaders had received forewarning of intentions of terror groups to mount attacks against Jewish targets in the country and that similar information had reached the security services in Israel, including the Mossad.

But defence establishment sources again denied Sunday that the Mossad had relayed a warning to the Turkish authorities regarding possible attacks on synagogues.

Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom, who was in Turkey on Sunday, refused to comment on the security aspects of the terror attacks, but did not deny that the defence establishment had received warnings regarding possible attacks on Jewish targets there.

24 killed in terrorist attacks

Nevertheless, Shalom said, "there are warnings all the time regarding various Jewish targets around the world."

The foreign minister also said many Israeli consulates around the world had upped their level of alert immediately upon hearing of the Istanbul attacks.

"There is an orderly procedure according to which all the consulates go over to a state of high alert under such circumstances," he said.

Members of Turkey's Jewish community knew terror groups were planning attacks, and security around Jewish installations was recently boosted. But no one expected strikes of this magnitude.

The Istanbul police's initial investigation has revealed that the two terrorists drove two commercial vehicles through the city's narrow streets until they reached the two synagogues, detonating their explosives approximately a minute apart. An examination of the video footage captured by five security cameras at the synagogues showed that each of the vehicles had forged license plates.

Forensic tests were carried out on the remains of the explosives in an effort to trace their origins. The Turkish police reported that the devices contained some 400 kilograms of explosives each.

The Turks do not believe local elements were involved in the attacks, noting that Turkish groups are not interested in or capable of carrying out such large strikes in Turkey's commercial capital.

The first explosion occured at 9:30 Saturday morning near the main entrance of the city's central synagogue, Neve Shalom.

The second took place a few minutes later at the back side of Beit Israel Synagogue, in Istanbul's Sisli neighbourhood, about three miles away.

The blasts were heard from miles away and left the streets surrounding the synagogues littered with shards of broken glass. An usher working in Neve Shalom said it was filled with close to 400 people celebrating a bar mitzvah.

"We were in the middle of reading the Torah when we felt a big explosion. Everybody ran out," said the usher, who asked not to be named.

Another congregant standing atop the rubble looked out on the scene of destruction, holding a handkerchief to his face to keep out the strong smell of ammonia that filled the air after the explosion.

"What kind of peaceful Sabbath is this?" he asked.

In front of Neve Shalom, a deep crater marked the spot where Turkish officials said the small, explosives-packed truck blew up. A blackened axle was all that remained of the vehicle.

The stone and wrought-iron facade of the synagogue was completely destroyed, and the foyer was filled with a tangle of twisted metal and shattered glass.

The synagogue is located on a narrow street in one of Istanbul's most historic districts, an area filled with small shops selling lamps and chandeliers.

The explosion devastated the entire street, shattering store windows and leaving some balconies on the verge of collapse.

"I heard the explosion. I thought it was an earthquake. From my front terrace I saw people coming out of the synagogue, some of them covered in blood," said Gulen Guler, who lives in a building a few doors down from the synagogue. "We could see bodies lying in the street and windows smashed everywhere."

Neve Shalom's sanctuary is set off from the street, so the number of injured was relatively low and the damage was limited to the entrance. Most of the day's injured came from the Beit Israel synagogue, which was filled with about 300 people, many of them there to celebrate the recent renovation of a smaller sanctuary in the back of the synagogue, close to where the car bomb exploded.

Among those killed at Beit Israel were a woman in her 80s and her 8-year-old granddaughter. At Neve Shalom, the victims included a woman who was four months pregnant.

Turkey's chief rabbi, Isak Haleva, and Ben Zion Pinto, president of the 20,000-member Turkish Jewish community, were at Beit Israel when the bombing occurred. Neither was injured.

"I was praying when suddenly there was an explosion under us and all the windows blew open and I was left standing there in shock in the middle of heavy smoke," Rabbi Haleva said.

Neve Shalom, which means "Oasis of Peace" in Hebrew, was the target of an attack in 1986, when gunmen believed to be Palestinians from the Abu Nidal terrorist group burst into the shul, killing 22.

— With files from Jewish Telegrahic Agency

Canadian solidarity mission salutes Israel

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The evening, which was organized by the United Israel Appeal of Canada, began with a tour of the base and a dinner with Israeli pilots, who talked about their day-to-day life and showed mission members around a display of aircraft.

While the aim was ostensibly to explain the Israel Defence Force's activity to representatives of Canadian Jewry, Orly Gal of the IDF Spokesman's office said the encounter also had a strong impact on the pilots.

"They were touched that so many people came out at such a time," Gal said.

Later, the Canadians joined 700 soldiers from the base in a hangar decorated in camouflage colours and Canadian red-and-white balloons for a speech by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who returned to the same theme.

Solidarity missions, he said, were "more important now than ever."

He urged the Canadian members of the audience to increase their advocacy work for Israel.

"Israel, the homeland of the Jewish people, is not just an Israeli project. It is a worldwide project of all the Jewish people," he said. "

"Although you come from Canada, you have stake in Israel and it is your responsibility no less than it is ours. If Israel, God forbid, should be weakened, the Jews will not be able to live the life that you are living now."

He also urged mission members, who were all to attend the United Jewish Communities' General Assembly (GA) in Jerusalem later in the trip, to make aliyah.

"We continue to develop our most important resource, the Jewish people, and you have to help," he said.

The evening concluded with a musical performance by Israeli superstar Eyal Golan, who was joined on stage by many of the soldiers, some of them waving Canadian flags.

Participants said the event had a strong impact on them.

"It's powerful being here as part of this group," said Barb Peltz, a real estate agent from Toronto. "Just look at the faces. You can feel the energy."

Added Dov Altman, a Torontonian on his second mission, "Jaws are dropping, and the mission hasn't even properly begun. Where else can you be in a room with friends from all over Canada, see the prime minister, and speak to the young boys and girls defending us? My only regret is that there aren't more of us here to see it."

Still, organizers noted that Toronto has produced more missions to Israel than any other city in the world in the last three years, averaging one a month and totalling almost 2,500 people.

They credit the city's strong educational system and leadership.

According to Goldhar, participants have come from a true cross-section of the Jewish community and recruitment has actually become easier as the situation worsened in Israel.

"The worse things get here, the stronger the need to show affiliation," he said.

This mission, however, promises to stand out.

"Sometimes quality counts more than quantity," said Jack Chisvin, past president of the federation and one of the delegates. "In this case, quantity is more important."

Speaking the next day in Jerusalem to Canadian Zionists in town for the GA, Sharon said anger over Israel's crackdowns against Palestinians is often motivated by anti-Semitism.

Sharon said those who deny Israel's right to self-defence deny its "birthright to exist." He added, "Regrettably, we see this phenomenon among many nations in the world community, and I would say that this is a new form of anti-Semitism."

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Israel builds a flourishing relationship with China

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Israel's motives were equally clear. Apart from regarding China as an astonishingly promising export market, Israel calculated that friendship with China would diminish its political isolation.

Eyal Propper, the deputy head of mission at Israel's beautifully designed, newly built white polished stone embassy in Beijing, said that Israel formed a wide variety of mutually beneficial ties with China in the first nine years of their relationship.

"It was the golden age. Relations moved quickly after 1992. We opened gates."

Trade boomed after Yitzhak Rabin, then Israel's prime minister, paid an official visit to China in 1993. He was the first of many Israeli dignitaries who have since appeared in Beijing.

"Israel can't ignore the Chinese market," said Propper. "It has huge potential. It's important for Israel to be in the picture."

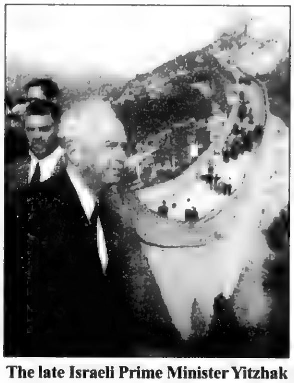
Today, Israeli exports to China range from high-tech medical and telecommunications equipment to diamonds and potassium.

According to a U.S. congressional panel, Israel also supplies China with military technology, from radar systems and drones to flight simulators. The Jamestown Foundation, an American think tank, claims that Israel helped the Chinese develop the Chengdu multipurpose fighter jet with technology borrowed from the scrapped Lavi project.

By all accounts, Israel ranks second only to Russia as a supplier of weaponry and sophisticated military technology to China.

Israel, understandably, plays down such sales. Dan Catarivas, a senior Israeli diplomat and old China hand who was passing through Beijing en route to Europe, denied that Israel is a big player in the Chinese arms trade. "If only half the rumours were true, Israel's arms industry would be in much better shape," he said.

But Catarivas acknowledged that China – an arms supplier to the Arab world and Iran – tapped into Israeli military expertise prior to 1992.



The late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at the Great Wall of China in 1993.

"There were contacts and, probably, deals," he said. "But the magnitude was exaggerated."

After Chinese President Jiang Zemin's state visit to Israel in 2000, Israel agreed to sell the Phalcon early warning radar system to China. The $250 million (US) deal was called off when the United States, in deference to Taiwan, protested. China was furious and demanded compensation. Israel complied, but the ill-starred Phalcon affair set back Sino-Israeli relations.

But this episode did not dampen Israel's overall commercial links with Beijing. Its exports to China, excluding Hong Kong, reached $400 million (US) last year. It is unclear whether this figure included military equipment and technology.

By contrast, China exported $800 million worth of products, from textiles to furniture, to Israel.

Nor did the fallout of the Phalcon affair harm Israel's agricultural aid program in China. Israel maintains several experimental farms in the Chinese countryside.

Cultural relations are flourishing as well. Two years ago, China sent 100 of its famous, 2,000-year-old terra cotta warriors to the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. And since 1992, more than 60 Israeli books have been translated into Chinese.

A small number of Israeli university students study in China, but almost 1,000 Chinese students are enrolled in Israeli institutions, concentrating on technological and agricultural subjects.

Thousands of Israelis visit China annually, flying to Beijing on El Al's weekly flight. Yet Air China has no service to Israel, and Israel attracts very few Chinese tourists, probably because China has yet to sign an accord with Israel permitting Chinese tour groups.

China, which has long called for a Palestinian state, supported the Oslo peace process and backs the road map peace plan. In multilateral forums, such as the United Nations, it consistently votes against Israel.

"We want to see a more balanced Chinese policy," said Propper. "China should understand it can't be one-sided and be an important and reliable partner in the Middle East."

China's special Mideast envoy, Wang Shijie, has visited the region three times since his appointment last year. On his last visit three weeks ago, he said his mission is "to ease tensions and promote peace talks."

The current Palestinian intifadah has affected bilateral relations, Propper said, adding that China is reluctant to nurture better relations with Israel while the violence rages.

One Israeli diplomat who preferred to remain anonymous said he is under the impression China wants to keep its relationship with Israel low-key. Beijing has stopped sending senior delegations to Israel since Israel's announcement that it will boycott foreign leaders who meet with Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, the diplomat said.

Nevertheless, six Chinese correspondents are stationed in Israel and China's media coverage of Israel is quite comprehensive.

"Not a day goes by when Israel is not in the news," marvelled an Israeli diplomat. "It seems as if every Chinese person knows [Prime Minister] Ariel Sharon's name."

A chronology of major attacks on Jewish targets and Israelis`abroad since the 1960s

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Dec. 26, 1968: Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine gunmen kill an Israeli mechanic at Athens International Airport. In reprisal, Israeli commandos blow up 14 Arab aircraft at Beirut airport.

Feb. 18, 1969: A guard in an Israeli El Al airliner at Zurich Airport kills a Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine gunman among a group who open fire, killing the co-pilot and wounding the pilot.

Sept. 5, 1972: The radical Palestinian group Black September infiltrates Israeli team quarters at the Munich Olympic Games and takes hostages. Two Israeli athletes die in the initial attack and nine hostages, along with five terrorists and a West German policeman, are killed during a subsequent shoot-out at Munich Airport.

Sept. 19, 1972: A Black September letter bomb kills Ami Shehori, an attaché at the Israeli embassy in London.

July 4, 1976: Palestinian and leftist West German terrorists hijack an Air France airliner in Europe and divert it to Entebbe, Uganda. Israeli commandos strike and kill guerrillas while rescuing 98 Israeli and Jewish hostages. Three hostages and the head of the commando unit die in the violence.

Dec. 31, 1980: A bomb blast wrecks the Jewish-owned Norfolk Hotel in Nairobi, killing 15 people and wounding more than 80.

June 3, 1982: Israel's UK ambassador is wounded in an attack blamed on Abu Nidal's Palestinian Fatah group.

Dec. 27, 1985: Terrorists of Abu Nidal's Fatah Revolutionary Council attack El Al counters at Rome and Vienna airports simultaneously, killing 19 people.

Sept. 6, 1986: Arab gunmen kill 22 worshippers at Istanbul's Neve Shalom synagogue, an attack blamed on Abu Nidal.

March 7, 1992: The Israeli embassy security chief in Ankara dies in a car bomb attack. Islamic Jihad claims responsibility.

March 17, 1992: A car bomb smashes the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires, killing 29 people. Islamic Jihad claims responsibility.

July 18, 1994: At least 96 people are killed when a bomb explodes at a Jewish community centre in Buenos Aires.

July 27-28, 1994: A car bomb batters the Israeli embassy in London, injuring 14. Twelve hours later, another car bomb at a Jewish fundraising group's offices in London injures five.

April 11, 2002: A truck explodes near an ancient Jewish shrine of El Ghriba synagogue on the Tunisian island of Djerba, killing 14 Germans, five Tunisians and a Frenchman.

July 4, 2002: An Egyptian kills two at the El Al counter in Los Angeles airport before El Al guards shoot him dead.

Nov. 28, 2002: Fifteen people, including three suicide bombers, are killed and 80 wounded in an attack on a hotel near the Kenyan port of Mombasa. Missiles are also fired at an Israeli Arkia airliner, but miss it as it takes off from Mombasa Airport. All 261 people aboard escape unharmed.

Nov. 15, 2003: Two car bombs explode outside two synagogues in Istanbul, Neve Shalom and Beit Israel, killing at least 20 people.

— With files from Reuters

The Week in Israel

Nov. 10

- The Islamic Jihad suicide bomber who blew up Haifa's Maxim's restaurant last month ate there before the attack. The detail came out as a court indicted an Israeli Arab who drove the bomber to Maxim's.

Nov. 11

- Israel refused to permanently hire Danny Seaman, acting head of the Government Press Office since the intifadah began in 2000, even though he was the only applicant for the job. He was reportedly rejected because of rocky relations with some foreign journalists.
- Israel's security fence to stop attacks from the West Bank would disrupt the lives of 600,000 Palestinians and put 15 per cent of the territory on Israel's side, a UN report said.

Nov 12

- Israel has harmed its credibility by not honouring its road map peace plan commitments, a leaked Foreign Ministry memo says. "Not only have we not evacuated illegal [settler] outposts… we are working… to whitewash them and build more," says the memo, which was prepared to brief Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on Israeli PR efforts.
- Ami Ayalon, ex-head of the Shin Bet security service, wrote leading Likud party members, urging them to accept a peace plan he formulated with Palestinian academic Sari Nusseibeh, and saying the Likud should retain power since the left lacks the clout to uproot settlements.

Nov. 13

- A court convicted a Qalqilyah man who drove a suicide bomber to Tel Aviv's Dolphinarium disco in June 2001. The attack killed 21 people.

Nov. 14

- About 35 ships were delayed as 2,000 port workers resumed a strike in Haifa and Ashdod. It began after a Greek ship docked at Israel's first private port in violation of a deal with the government, unions said.

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Make aliyah, Sharon urges GA delegates

By MORDECHAI BEN-DAT
Editor

JERUSALEM — Israel has decided to place aliyah from the West high on its agenda. That was the clear message in Jerusalem Sunday night at the opening ceremonies of the 72nd General Assembly (GA) of the United Jewish Communities (UJC).

Speaking to some 6,000 people in Binyanei Ha'uma, Jerusalem's expansive convention centre on the hills overlooking the western approaches to the capital, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said his government is determined "to bring thousands of olim [new immigrants] from the United States and Canada."

Sharon urged the audience to consider making aliyah and to encourage their friends to visit Israel. Using language that evoked slain American civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr., he said, "I have a dream that every Jew in the world will visit Jerusalem, that every young Jew in the world will live in Israel at least for one year during his or her lifetime."

Sharon's message was similar to that of President Moshe Katsav, who addressed the audience earlier in the evening. Katsav said that "aliyah should be on the agenda of every Jew abroad.

"A large aliyah from the West would mark a turning point for Israel. The peace process would proceed faster if there were 1,000,000 more Jews from the West living in Israel."

Jewish Agency chairman Sallai Meridor later echoed the sentiment, saying that "nothing was more important for Israel than aliyah."

Sharon and Katsav also spoke about the terrorist car bombings the previous day at two Istanbul synagogues.

After conveying Israel's condolences to the people of Turkey, whose ambassador to Israel was in attendance, Katsav said, "There is a direct connection between terrorism and anti-Semitism. But there is no conflict between Judaism and Islam. Judaism, Christianity and Islam should fight together against terrorism and bloodshed."

The loudest and most sustained applause of the evening came when Sharon spoke about the resilience of the Jewish people. "Our enemies have yet to understand that the Jewish people cannot, and will never, be broken."

But not all of Sharon's remarks were well-received. Twice at the outset of his speech he was interrupted by heckling from supporters of convicted spy Jonathan Pollard, an American who has served 18 years of a life sentence in a U.S. prison for spying for Israel.

His supporters shouted at Sharon to "bring him [Pollard] home." But Sharon seemed less perturbed by the hecklers than the thousands in the audience who angrily shouted down the protesters.

One heckler was forcefully ejected by security personnel.

Outside, hundreds of pro-Pollard protesters waved Israeli flags while holding signs that read "Pollard =Dreyfus" and chanting "free Pollard."

They were hoping to gain attention from GA delegates and said UJC leaders have ignored Pollard's case for too long.

"I am outraged that there is a group of American Jews here with so much influence, who come as if they are supporting Israel, and then don't even address Pollard," U.S.-born Karen Sinai, an activist in Free Pollard in Israel, said of the GA delegates.

"We don't want their money, so they should just stay out."

The annual GA brings together lay and professional leaders and Jewish community activists from across North America. Some 4,300 North Americans from more than 550 communities – including 500 Canadians – and 2,000 Israelis took part this year. It was the second time the GA has been held in Jerusalem, the first being five years ago to mark Israel's 50th anniversary.

The four-day event brought together delegates for an agenda heavy with workshops, lectures, field trips and plenary meetings. Among the highlights were scheduled to be a special tribute to the Israel Defence Forces and a "Salute to the City of Jerusalem" in which thousands of delegates were to march from the convention centre more than a mile into the heart of downtown Jerusalem.

Most of the Canadian contingent arrived in Israel nearly a week before the GA to take part in various missions.

For David Newman of Toronto, it was his first visit to Israel. "This was a total rejuvenation to my spirit," he told *The CJN*. "One of the most moving moments for me happened when an Israeli came up to me and said this was the greatest sight for him to see, simply so many Jews visiting Israel.

"'The fact that you're here,' he said to me, 'was the greatest thing we could ask for.'"

David Baker, of Ottawa, who was recognized at the GA with a 2003 Young Leadership Award, described the opening ceremonies and travelling in Israel as "truly a one-of-a-kind experience." Baker, who met his wife Marla, on a mission to Israel three years ago, marvelled at how struck he was once again by the "splendour and the beauty of the city of Jerusalem."

Janice Landy, chair of the National Council of Jewish Women Canada, Toronto section, was in Israel with a group of nearly 30 NCJW colleagues.

"I love it here," she said. "It is still one of the most exciting places on earth to visit. We've travelled all over and haven't thought anything about possible dangers."

Jacqui Vital, formerly of Ottawa, was in the audience to watch her daughter, Ayala, a member of the Mechola dance troupe that performed for the assembly.

Vital made aliyah 29 years ago and now lives in Gilo, a suburb in southern Jerusalem that came under sniper attack in the early months of the renewed Palestinian violence unleashed in 2000.

She said she "felt overwhelmed seeing all these people from *arbah canfot* [the four corners] of North America come to Jerusalem."

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Arafat controls 8 per cent of PA budget: IMF

Impossible to trace funds, report says

By ARNON REGULAR
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Some 8 per cent of the Palestinian Authority's budget is managed solely by PA President Yasser Arafat and much of it is not subject to transparent accounting standards, according to an official report compiled by the International Monetary Fund.

Under the heading "Economic Performance and Reforms under Conflict Conditions," the IMF document, based on data provided by the PA, describes the financial management of the PA since its establishment in 1995 and through the outbreak of the latest Palestinian intifadah in 2000.

The figures show, among other things, that some $900 million (all figures US) in PA revenues "disappeared" during the period in question and was transferred from the PA Finance Ministry to unknown destinations.

As well, the report says the 2003 budget for Arafat's office totalled $74 million, of which a sum of $34 million is listed as "transfers" that Arafat uses to pay "organizations" and "individuals," as the report puts it.

The report describes the management of Arafat's budget as follows: "The president assumes the prerogative of providing aid to various organizations and individuals. Some of them have legitimate claims, but have fallen through the safety net and have no recourse other than appealing to the president. These include students seeking scholarships abroad, patients seeking specialized medical care abroad, and people who have lost all their assets and livelihood during the conflict.

"However, other claimants and organizations are part of politically favoured networks who should not be getting such grants under any criterion," the report says.

The IMF says this raises questions and suspicions that are inconsistent with accountable and transparent public finance systems, which require that all transfers and beneficiaries be published.

"The solution is simple. The president's budget should only cover the president's staff and operational expenses. All transfers should be spun off to the respective ministries for education, health and social affairs," the IMF report says.

The document, which was distributed among the delegations that attended the IMF's annual conference in Abu Dhabi 1 1/2 months ago, does not name the recipients of the funds, but those privy to Arafat's office procedures say that some of the money goes to various associates and Fatah activists, who submit requests for Arafat's personal approval.

The donor countries and organizations that are monitoring PA reforms define "safety net" as the terms under which funds are transferred to the PA that ensure they are not used to finance terror activities or further unworthy goals. The report reveals, however, that it is impossible to keep track of the funds listed as "the president's budget."

The document calls on Arafat to reveal the names of the beneficiaries, but it does not pose an ultimatum.

The IMF report also reveals, for the first time, the official number of security personnel registered as receiving wages from the PA – 56,128, almost 20,000 more than the number agreed to in the Oslo accords.

The document criticizes the fact some of those personnel receive their wages in cash through the heads of the various security departments.

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Anti-Semitism rising to historic levels, says ADL's Abraham Foxman

By **RACHEL POMERANCE**
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — If Abraham Foxman's predictions are right, we currently face as grave a threat to the safety of the Jewish people as the one we faced in the 1930s – if not a greater one.

That's the case the national director of the Anti-Defamation League, a child Holocaust survivor, makes in his new book, *Never Again? The Threat of the New Anti-Semitism*.

In his opening address at the ADL's 90th annual meeting in New York Nov. 6, Foxman anchored today's "sobering times" in another anniversary – the 65th anniversary of Kristallnacht.

Kristallnacht, when Nazi-inspired rioters stormed the streets torching synagogues and beating Jews, is a stark reminder that anti-Semitic persecution "started with glass" and "ended with flesh," Foxman said.

Today's version primarily is hidden under the guise of anti-Zionism, he said.

Holding Israel to a double standard and questioning the Jewish right to self-determination smacks of anti-Semitism, Foxman and others argue.

Today's anti-Israel messages carry broad appeal, finding champions among both the right and left, with bigots and anti-colonialists adhering to the cause. Globalization and the Internet allow anti-Israel tirades that dehumanize Jews and delegitimize Israel to move around the world in seconds.

Foxman's book hits shelves amid two incidents that reflect his argument.

The first is last month's speech by Malaysia's then-prime minister, Mahathir Mohamad, who told the 57-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference that "Jews rule the world by proxy," and urged the Muslim world to unite to defeat the Jews.

The second development is a recent poll revealing that more Europeans – about 59 per cent – consider Israel the greatest threat to world peace than any other country. Under leaders that excuse the anti-Semitism in their midst, Europe – home to a fast-growing Muslim population – has given rise to extremist political parties and hate crimes against Jews, Foxman notes in his book.

But *Never Again?* also comes as the FBI prepares to release data showing a downward trend in anti-Semitic crime in the United States. The FBI reports 931 anti-Jewish incidents in 2002, down from 1,043 in 2001 and 1,119 in 2000, FBI spokesman Paul Bresson said.

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Mandolin concert series opens in Toronto

By ERIC STEIN
Special to The CJN

For such a little instrument, the mandolin sure seems to be making a lot of noise.

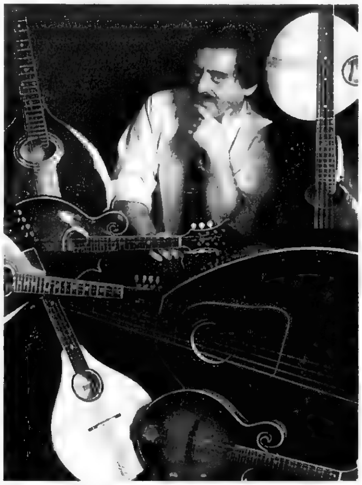
Mandolin music seems to be everywhere lately, perhaps due in part to the craze for acoustic roots and bluegrass that followed the popular film *O Brother Where Art Thou.*

But it's not simply twang and hillbilly music that's boosting the mandolin's popularity. The instrument is appearing in more unexpected musical contexts as well. Just last year Toronto played host to the annual convention of the Classical Mandolin Society of America (CMSA), an event which brought more than 1,200 people from all ends of North America to a hotel near Toronto airport for four days of mandomania.

One of the leading forces popularizing the mandolin in southern Ontario these days is the 40-piece Toronto Mandolin Orchestra (TMO). The TMO sponsored last fall's CMSA convention, and also puts on a number of its own concerts each year.

The mandomeisters at the TMO are now launching a project aimed at further popularizing their beloved instrument. "Mandolins of the World" is a unique new concert series that will be presented 2-3 times per year in Toronto and southern Ontario. Its aim will be to expose audiences to the many styles of music played on the mandolin and the wide variety of mandolin instruments which exist.

The mandolin is unique in that it is found in one form or another all over the world. It goes by a multitude of names and comes in many shapes and sizes. It is used in a vast range of musical styles, including classical, jazz, Latin, country, bluegrass, and just about every kind of folk and world music.



Alexander Veprinsky, conductor of the Toronto Mandolin Orchestra.

Each instalment of "Mandolins of the World" will have a specific geographic or stylistic theme.

The first edition of the series has an Eastern European theme and was presented for the first time last spring in Hamilton, with great success. This show is now being given an encore presentation in Toronto on Nov. 23 at 2pm, at the brand new Al Green Theatre of the Miles Nadal JCC (750 Spadina, at Bloor). This will be one of the first concerts in this beautiful new 288-seat venue.

The TMO headlines the show with its stirring mix of Ukrainian, Russian, and classical music. Their performance will feature soloist Ira Erokhina on the 3-string domra, a Russian variant of the mandolin.

The four-act variety show also features 25 minute sets from three other great artists: Bouzouki virtuoso Kostas Apostolakis will demonstrate that there's much more to Greece's equivalent of the mandolin than Zorba the Greek; Skitnice Tambura Ensemble will play rousing Balkan folk music on their region's version of the mandolin; and Jewish music will be performed by the quintet Beyond the Pale, a local klezmer and East European folk group.

In all there will be well over 400 strings in the house, singing and dancing with their exotic tones and seductive tremelo sounds. The audience will also receive a beautiful souvenir program with historical information about all the instruments being heard.

Future installments of MOTW will shift the thematic focus of the series, from American music (jazz, bluegrass, blues), to Latin music (choro, tango, Cuban), and much much more, including special artistic collaborations between the TMO and leading international mandolin artists.

Tickets for Mandolins of the World can be ordered directly from the Shevchenko Musical Ensemble by calling 416-533-2725. For more information call the Shevchenko Ensemble office or visit www.geocities.com/shevchenko1951/motw2.html.

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A wondrously involving exhibiton

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
Special to The CJN

Government closure of numerous hospitals across Canada germinated a seed in the fertile mind of Vera Frenkel that led to "The Institute: Or, What We Do For Love," an uncommon installation featured at The Justina M. Barnicke Gallery in Hart House at the University of Toronto.

A student of master printmaker Albert Dumnouchel at Montreal's École des Beaux Arts, Frenkel has turned increasingly to media arts in scrutinizing the issues that move her, relying on the installation practice as a means of entry.

Outraged at the forced merger of some hospitals and the elimination of others, and concurrently dismayed by funding cutbacks to the arts, Frenkel's novel response was to create within the gallery a mythical hospital space designated as a retirement home for artists – painters, sculptors, writers, musicians. Here they would live under a government scheme to retrain as caregivers, unemployed cultural bureaucrats, government personnel responsible for administering arts programs who would, in an ironic twist, become the gardeners, chefs and housekeepers for the residents.

This project entailed some two years of intensive planning, research and artistic endeavour by Frenkel plus contributions from three generations of artists, writers, civil servants and intellectuals. Combined with Web site links, The Institute presents a wondrously involving exhibition.

Each of Frenkel's contributors, including Justina M. Barnicke director Judi Schwartz, was asked to complete a detailed questionnaire to fashion a persona who would come to "life" on Internet screens as a retirement home resident or caregiver and interact with visitors as they surf the Net in the gallery. Also on the Net will be related pronouncements by government officials. Frenkel has Sheila Copps opening the first Institute.

Hospital closures planted a seed in Vera Frenkel's mind. [Vince Talotta photo]

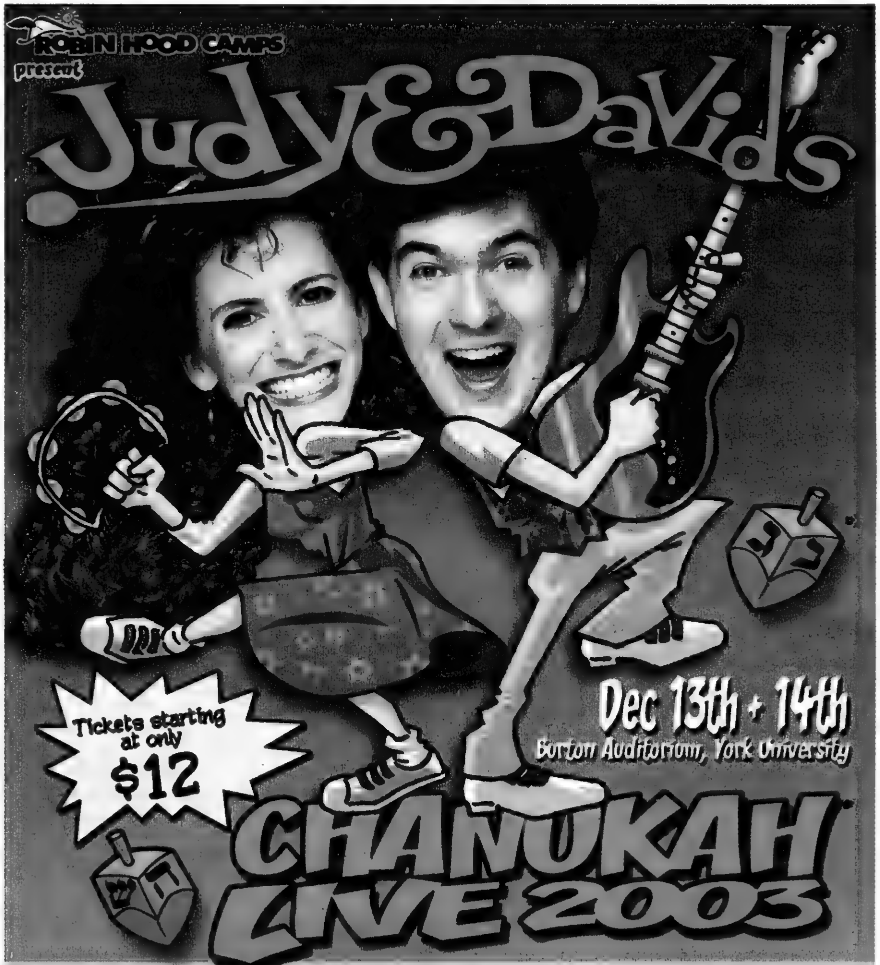
Enhancing the scenario at the Hart House installation will be Frenkel's digital prints on paper and canvas. Original music will be heard off-line.

Czech-born, Toronto-based Frenkel was awarded the Canada Council Molson Prize in 1989, the Gershon Iskowitz Prize in 1994 and the Bell Canada Award in 2001. She lectures widely and is the recipient of many honours in countries throughout the world.

The Institute: Or, What We Do For Love continues until Dec. 18. For information, phone 416-978-8398 or visit www.utoronto.ca/gallery.

Asian tour postponed

The planned luxury tour to South East Asia which would have donated money to a hospital in Camboida (mentioned in Travel Talk, *CJN*, Oct. 30) has been postponed due to insufficient numbers. The tour is being scheduled for December, 2004.



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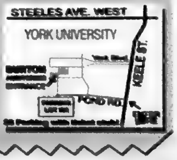

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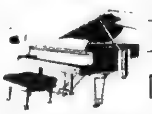

Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

GREENBLATT DIRECTS JCC PRODUCTION OF POCH-GOLDIN PLAY *YAHRZEIT*

Between Stages Playwrights' Reading Series and the Toronto Jewish Theatre Committee present a production of the 2003 Canadian Jewish playwriting contest winner, *Yahrzeit*, by **Alex Poch-Goldin**, directed and facilitated by **Richard Greenblatt**, with a cast of five.

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Jewish Theatre in Buffalo: The Jewish Repertory Theatre of WNY, hosted by the JCC of Greater Buffalo, presents a stage version of **Chaim Potok's** *The Chosen*, adapted by **Aaron Posner**. The play, which runs Dec. 4 to 28, tells the story of two boys, two fathers and two very different Jewish communities in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, in the 1940s.

Two buses, one for singles and one for families and others, depart from a central location in Toronto on Sunday, Dec. 7, 10:45 a.m. to take theatre-goers to a matinee performance. Package includes a singles "mingle" before departure, Israeli kosher wine, cheese and snacks, Jewish folk tales en route, and more refreshments for the trip home (back by 7 p.m.) 416-485-0022 or herb18@sympatico.ca.

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Musical Notes

- Opera York presents *La Traviata in Concert,* featuring **Kinga Mitrowska**, **Peter DeSotto**, **Igor Emelianov** and the **Opera York Orchestra** under the direction of **Marc DuBois**. *La Traviata* is the tragic story of a doomed love affair between a beautiful courtesan and a nobleman's son. Markham Theatre, 171 Town Centre Blvd. Thursday Nov. 20, 8 p.m. 905-305-7469.

- **Pax Christi Chorale** presents **Handel's** *Israel in Egypt*, a 1738 oratorio based on the Book of Exodus. Adults $25. Grace Church on the Hill, 300 Lonsdale Ave. Saturday, Nov. 22, 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 23, 3 p.m.
- **Shirayim** launches its new CD, *Sons and Builders*, with a concert at Tequila Lounge, Bathurst and Bloor streets. All ages invited. Sunday, Nov. 23. Doors open at 8 p.m., opening act performs at 8:30, Shirayim about 9:30.
- The **Shevchenko Musical Ensemble** presents *Mandolins of the World*, a celebration of the mandolin and its musical cousins, featuring the **Toronto Mandolin Orchestra**, klezmerists **Beyond the Pale**, **Skitnice Tambura Ensemble** and **Kostas Apostolakis**. $30. Miles Nadal JCC, Al Green Theatre. Sunday, Nov. 23, 2 p.m. 416-533-2725, www.geocities.com/shevchenko1951/motw2.html
- Musician **Brian Katz** and singer **Lenka Lichtenberg** perform at Mezzetta, 681 St. Clair Ave. W., Nov. 26. Catch Katz solo at Oasis, 780 Queen St. E., Nov. 27, 9 p.m., and with clarinetist **Martin van de Ven** and harmonica player **Bernie Katz** at the Free Times Cafe (320 College St., reservations 416-967-1078) on Nov. 30 as part of its regular klezmer brunch series.
- The Milken Archive of American Jewish Music has released five CDs of newly recorded Jewish sacred and secular works. Released on the Naxos label, the CDs are the first of 50 that Milken intends to produce over the next few years. Details at www.milkenarchive.org

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Theatre Notes

- **Jordan Allison**, 20, makes his directing and producing debut with *Cabaret*, which opened this week at the New Yorker Theatre. Runs to Dec. 6. 416-872-1111.
- Set in Vienna during the Nazi occupation, **Eric Emmanuel Schmitt's** award-winning play *Le Visiteur* (*The Visitor*) focuses on **Sigmund Freud**, his daughter **Anna**, and a mysterious visitor who sparks a debate about the existence of God and justice in the world. Continues (in French) at Théâtre français de Toronto until Nov. 29. 26 Berkeley St. 416-534-6604.
- Markham Little Theatre seeks three females, two males between 20 and 45, and one male in his 50s for its next production, *I Hate Hamlet*. Auditions are scheduled for Nov. 30, Dec. 2 and 4; participants should prepare a monologue from a comedy. Cedar Grove Community Centre, 7667 14th Ave., Markham. Kathryn DeLory, 416-440-0592.
- Stage West Theatre Restaurant in Mississauga has added the Broadway musical *Fiddler On The Roof* to its line-up next spring. Runs April 22 to June 17, 2004. Box office, 905-238-0042.

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- U.S. filmmaker **Leibel Cohen** of Reel Jewish Entertainment has released a video, *The Adventures of Agent Emes*, featuring the exploits of a 10-year-old secret agent who spends his days in yeshiva and his nights battling Aveiros International and its fiendish leader, Dr. Lo-Tov. Meant for kids from observant households, the live-action, 30-minute episodes are available in stores. View trailer at www.agent-emes.com.

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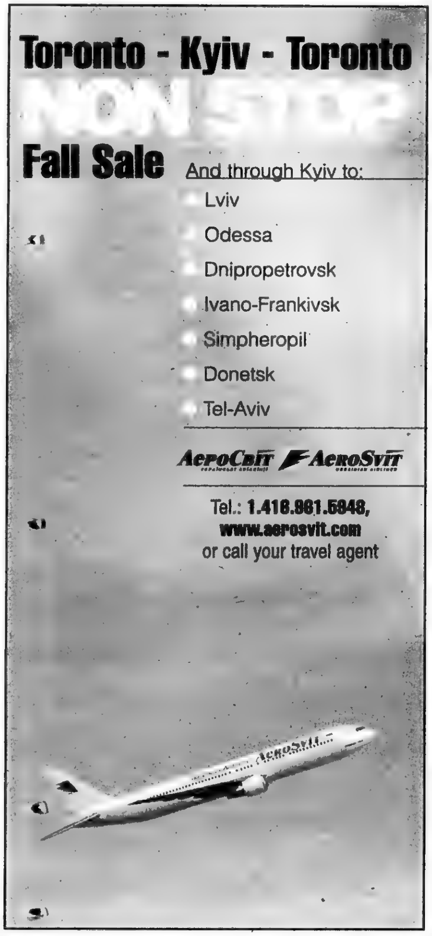

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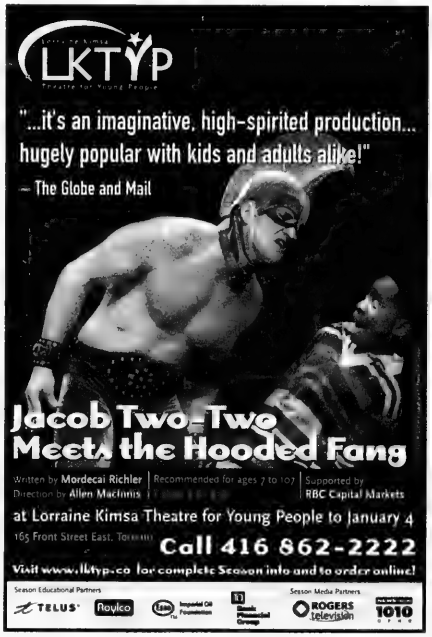

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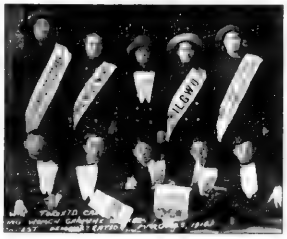
Exhibit offers lively look at Toronto’s garment industry

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

Through a series of colourful panels, photographs, display cases, clothing racks, and stand-alone artifacts such as a 1917 Singer treadle industrial sewing machine, the exhibition, A Common Thread, which opened recently in the Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum of Beth Tzedec Synagogue, offers a lively and compelling look at the history of Toronto's garment industry from the early 1900s to the present.

Although the subject is vast, it fits the museum like a glove because of the Jewish community's integral involvement in the shmata trade from the days when it dominated Spadina Avenue, to more recent times when it often seemed to dominate the financial pages as well.



ILGWU Toronto striking women garment workers, March 25, 1912. Photo courtesy UNITE Archives, Kheel Center, Cornell University.

By highlighting many intriguing details, the exhibition manages to capture many facets of an enormous story in a relatively small space.

A century ago, thousands of unskilled Yiddish-speaking Jews from Eastern Europe had begun to pour into what was then a predominantly Anglo-Scottish city. Taking up residence in the cramped, impoverished "Ward" neighbourhood, many found work sewing for the T. Eaton Co., Simpson's and other large firms.

Some did piecework in local sweatshops, which were never as bad as their notorious counterparts in New York. Decades later, Holocaust survivors and other immigrants continued to find their first crucial jobs within the massive industry that still dominated the Spadina-Adelaide area of the city.

In many ways the garment trade spurred the growth of a downtown Jewish neighbourhood. Many Jewish shops, restaurants and synagogues appeared in the Spadina area, as did large factory buildings and landmarks such as Kensington Market.

Only in the '60s and '70s, when downtown rents began to skyrocket, did the fashion industry begin to move into the suburbs, and the neighbourhood entered a decline.

A central theme of A Common Thread is the labour movement. Throughout the century, workers struggled continuously for better working conditions, shorter work weeks, better wages, better job security, and more inclusive health plans. "We want a 1912 living standard!" read one worker's banner during a 1912 strike at Eaton's.

After learning the tricks of the trade, many Jewish workers left the large firms and established small tailoring shops of their own. Such operations were a mainstay of main streets from Kapuskasing to Kingston. With equal measures of work and luck, a few of these enterprises grew into large businesses, often with reputable labels that are still recognizable today.

Formerly employed at Eaton's, Abraham Posluns and son Joseph started manufacturing clothing in a tiny garage in 1914, and soon began filling orders for Eaton's and others. Half a century later, their descendants, the brothers Posluns, founded a vast clothing empire that would include such multi-million-dollar brands as Thrifty's, Harry Rosen, Tip Top Tailors, Fairweather and Club Monaco. Though mainstay Dylex went bankrupt, other Posluns corporate entities still thrive.

Woman at sewing machine. Photo courtesy Archives of Ontario, with permission of Sears Canada.

Esther Liebgott – whose maiden name, Nainudel, translates as sewing needle – designed and custom-tailored shapely undergarments so adeptly that she never lacked for clients.

"She supported her family for 40 years with her home sewing business," exhibition curator Dorion Liebgott recalled of her mother-in-law, one of numerous operators spotlighted in the show who became minor legends in the community.

A Common Thread reminisces over many such tales of clever industriousness. Specializing in top-quality gowns for brides, bridesmaids and others in the wedding party, the Paloma Blanca by Blue Bird label has reversed a predominant industry trend by exporting its wares all over the world. The exhibition also celebrates the sparkling sartorial talents of dress designers like Rae Hildebrandt and Maggie Reeves.

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Like a huge walk-in closet, the exhibition also features colourful references to varied other aspects of the industry from shoes to hats.

According to Liebgott, who spent three years in researching and planning, the exhibition couldn't have been done on a small budget. She attained a $75,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation as well as funding from many other supporters

"I knew that we had to do an exhibit on the garment industry but I didn't know what I was taking on at the time," she said. "It's such a huge story, and as large as I thought it was, it was even larger."

The exhibition continues through next June. Admission is free; a souvenir booklet costs $20. For information on museum hours or to book a tour, phone 416-781-3514, ext. 32 or email museum@beth-tzedec.org.

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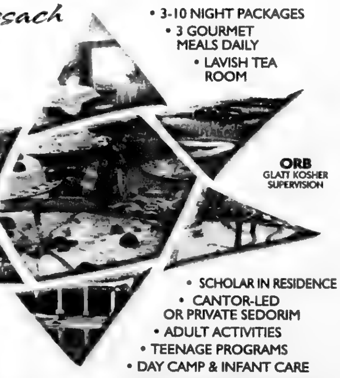

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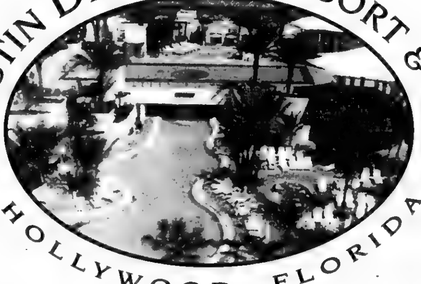

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Holocaust weighs heavy on the second generation

By ADI NEUBERGER
Special to The CJN

The incidence of post-traumatic stress syndrome among Holocaust survivors is somewhere between 50 and 60 per cent compared to the 15 to 20 per cent rate among the general population, according to trauma expert Anna Baranovsky.

"Many children of survivors suffer from secondary trauma as a result of their parents relaying their horrific experiences," said Baranovsky, a psychologist and second-generation survivor.

Issues such as death in survivor families and marrying into a survivor family were recently explored by more than 300 adult children of survivors at the Survivor Families conference held at the Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre, part of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

The conference, which took place on the 56th anniversary of Kristallnacht as part of Holocaust Education Week, was co-sponsored by Baycrest, UJA Federation and Canadian Jewish Congress.

According to Paula David, senior social worker and co-ordinator of Baycrest's Holocaust resource project, who co-chaired the conference along with Eva Dojc and Marjorie Levitt, survivors and their children experience death differently.

"Many children of survivors are into their 40s and 50s before they ever go to a funeral."

This, according to David, gives rise to a unique set of experiences surrounding death that can be much more profound for the second generation.

"There is a greater sense of loss because all the family history and continuity are lost together with the parent."

On the other hand, said David, being close to a survivor in their final hours of life can be exhilarating because they are often at the "peak of their wisdom and reflection."

Emotions ran high as the audience listened to a panel that included David; Len Rudner, director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region; Cary Green, son-in-law of survivor and Holocaust education activist Nate Leipciger ; and Baranowsky.

Baranovsky sees the emotional weight slung on the shoulders of second generation survivors as a source of great strength as well as pain.

"One doesn't have to carry the wounds. Studies show survivors can be stronger and this too can be passed on to children," said Baranovsky.

Green, who is married to the daughter of Leipciger, agrees that life can be enriched by the impact survivors have on their families.

At age 14, Leipciger was liberated from Aushwitz Birkenau together with his father who had saved him from death on more than one occasion

"I've been fortunate to have married into the family of a survivor," said Green. "Every simchah we have is elevated spiritually because Nate is determined to celebrate on behalf of family members who perished."

Dojc said that "it is unbelievable to see so many of you here today, especially since we were not supposed to be here."

MP favours legalizing same-sex marriage

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

Despite his religious beliefs, MP Irwin Cotler says he is in favour of legalizing same-sex civil marriage, but will abide by a Supreme Court reference on the issue that is expected next year.

Cotler told *The CJN* he wanted to clarify where he stood because of his absence from the House of Commons in September for a Canadian Alliance motion asking MPs to reaffirm the heterosexual definition of marriage.

The motion was defeated 137-132 after a six-hour debate.

"My absence was not a political statement," Cotler said. "Had I been there I would have voted against it because that motion was inappropriate and premature, because a reference to the Supreme Court was pending."

The high court recently announced it would begin consideration in April of a set of questions on the legal implications of same-sex marriage put to it by the federal government.

Cotler said that on the day of the vote – Sept. 17 – he was in Washington, D.C., for engagements he had committed to attend much earlier, notably the 25th anniversary celebration of Parliamentarians for Global Action, which he addressed on behalf of Canadian parliamentarians.

"I am MP for Mount Royal, not for any religious grouping, but I do take into consideration the views of my constituents. I believe the majority of Jews would prefer a civil union [for homosexual couples], rather than marriage. Also most of the Muslims. There is a traditionalist sensibility in the riding that has to be taken into account," he said.

"But the equality rights guaranteed in the charter also have to be taken into account, and as constitutional law professor, I take them very seriously."

Cotler believes no religious authorities should be obliged to perform same-sex marriages or unions. One of the questions the government has put to the Supreme Court is whether the Charter of Rights' section on freedom of religion protects religious officials from being compelled to marry homosexuals.

Despite his affiliation with traditional Judaism, Cotler noted that he was a pioneer in defending the rights of gays and lesbians. In 1974, while a professor at McGill University, he represented a gay group that wanted sexual orientation included as a prohibited form of discrimination in the Quebec Charter of Human Rights. That battle was successful and Quebec was the first province to enshrine the right.

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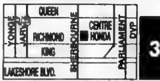

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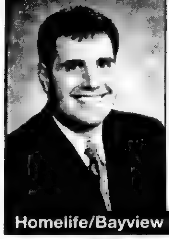

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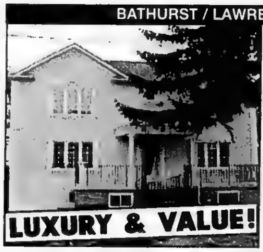

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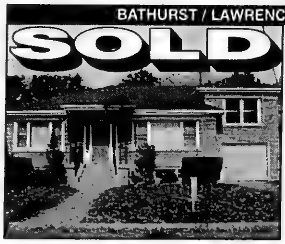

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Food as visual art

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Sharon Haas has turned food into a visual art. Haas teaches groups of students how to cut and carve fruit and vegetables both for serving on individual plates and for a buffet table.

She prepares carved edible centrepieces on special order for parties and other special occasions.

"Our mothers tell us not to play with our food, but I show how to play with food to make it attractive, a showpiece, a conversation starter, an attraction almost too beautiful to ruin by eating."

There are many ways to make a table look good, she says. "You can use garden flowers and greens, or items such as vases and artwork to enhance your table."

Haas came from generations of gastronomers. Her grandmother, Masha Logan was a caterer in Toronto.

"My late mother, Freda Garfinkel, was a woman whose home had rubber walls – everyone was always welcome at our table. She taught me and my siblings how to take a simple recipe and make it look professional."

She adds that her three children, Lee, Jeff and Susanna have inherited the same love of food and entertaining, "and they use their presentation genes well."

Born in Toronto and raised in Vancouver, Haas studied fine arts at the University of British Columbia. She moved to Toronto in 1966 and worked in public relations and advertising. She now works with her husband Paul Haas, owner of Impression, which deals in corporate gift promotional products with corporate logos added.

She studied carving techniques at George Brown College and attended other culinary schools for cake decorating, chocolate making and special menus. "But most of what I do is self-taught and experimental.

"When people go on a cruise, they take pictures of the scenery. I take pictures of the buffet tables. I like to see what the newest trends are."

Haas is known as the Martha Stewart of her Hadassah WIZO chapter Ateret. She decorates her chapter's booth at the Hadassah Bazaar and has received several first-place ribbons.

At the Shaar Shalom Synagogue where she is a past president of the sisterhood, she has enhanced the meeting décor for the holidays and social events.

"I love to entertain and I always try new recipes. As a Jewish homemaker, it is challenging for me to come up with appropriate kosher and pareve substitutions. Today, it is much easier to follow kashrut because substitutions are plentiful and the vegetarian genre is growing."

She adds that the best thing about food is that if you make a mistake, you can eat it. With everyday kitchen paring knives and scoopers and some creative tools, she has developed techniques for carving centrepieces that are artistic sculptures.

"Carving edible centrepieces is relaxing and rewarding for me and I enjoy sharing my knowledge with others."

Here are two of Sharon Haas' recipes – Chocolate Raspberry Torte and Tomato, Brie and Onion Strudel. She notes that for the Chocolate Raspberry Torte, the key is to use good quality chocolate. "It looks difficult to make but it is very easy."

For information on a cooking demonstration call Haas at 416-494-0875.

CHOCOLATE RASPBERRY TORTE

Cake:
2¼ cups all-purpose flour
2 cups sugar
⅔ cup cocoa
1½ tsp. baking powder
1½ tsp. baking soda
1½ tsp. instant coffee (optional)
1½ cups orange juice
3 eggs
1⅓ cups oil
seedless raspberry jam (to spread on finished cake layers)

Buttercream:
3 oz. bittersweet chocolate
¾ cup unsalted pareve margarine (sweet butter may be used for dairy)
¾ cup confectioner's sugar
1 tsp. vanilla extract
2 eggs (room temperature)
1½ tbsp. cocoa
½ tsp. instant coffee (optional)
1 tsp. liqueur (optional)

Glaze:
5 tbsp. unsalted margarine (or sweet butter)
4 tbsp. corn syrup
5 oz. bittersweet chocolate
1 tbsp. liqueur (optional)

Cake: Preheat oven to 350. Combine all dry cake ingredients in food processor until blended. Add eggs and orange juice. Start processor and then add oil slowly through feed tube while machine is running. Process batter for 45 seconds. Pour batter into a well-greased 10-inch cake pan. Bake for 60 to 75 minutes, until cake tests done. Cool for at least 20 minutes before removing cake from pan.

Buttercream: Melt chocolate. Stir in cocoa and instant coffee and set aside. With mixmaster, cream butter until light in colour and add sugar in 4-5 portions, beating well after each addition. Add vanilla, then beat on high for 3 minutes until very pale in colour. Add eggs, one at a time, and beat for 2 minutes after each addition. Add chocolate mixture to the buttercream, mix well, and then add liqueur, if using.

To assemble:

Divide cooled cake into two layers. (Use dental floss: place floss around cake at desired height, cross the two ends and just pull.) Sprinkle each half with liqueur, then spread each half with seedless raspberry jam. Spread buttercream on one half of cake, then place other half on top (with jam sides together).

Glaze: Melt butter, corn syrup and chocolate on warm/low in microwave. Stir together until smooth and shiny. Add liqueur, if desired, and stir again until smooth. Let cool for about 8 minutes, then pour and spread glaze over the top and sides of the cake. You can decorate with fresh raspberries while glaze is warm. Refrigerate until glaze is firm, at least one hour, or until needed. Warm to room temperature to serve.

This cake makes an outstanding contribution to a dessert buffet. It looks as if it took hours by a trained professional – and only you will know how really easy it was!

(For an even more spectacular dessert, if you have the time and inclination, make two cakes, double the buttercream and glaze, and make a 4-layer tower!)

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Trampoline athlete snares silver at world championship

By ELI SHUPAK
Special to The CJN

Samantha Sendel's goal at last month's World Age Group Trampoline Championships in Hanover, Germany, was to earn herself a place in the final group with a top-six finish.

Samantha Sendel

She achieved that and much more, winning a silver medal in the girls 11-12 individual trampoline and then teaming up with Katherine McLeod to place fourth in the girls 11-12 synchro event.

The 12-year-old's results came as relief to her nervous father Nevin, who was back at their Aurora, Ont., home constantly checking the event's Web site for updates on his daughter's performance.

"I didn't know what was happening," he recalls. "My wife couldn't operate the Net properly over there and couldn't get to a phone to keep us updated.

"My mother was in from Montreal to help look after my three sons and we're all plotzing, dying a little every minute. They updated a picture every five or 10 minutes. When we saw [Samantha's] picture on the site warming up in the main venue, [we realized] she must have made finals in one event or another, so at least you breathe."

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Sendel's performance in her international debut would have, in fact, ranked her in the top-five in the more advanced under-15 category.

The four-foot-eight, 80-pound athlete won four golds and a bronze last May in Saskatoon at her first National Trampoline and Age Group Championships.

She trains five days a week for 1¾ hours with coach Dave Ross at Skyriders Trampoline Place in Richmond Hill. In the three years they've been together, Sendel also has a first-place finish at the Ontario Winter Games and has won every Ontario Cup qualifier, as well as the provincial championship in the National Novice category.

She'll move into the national youth category later this month, competing against much older athletes, many of whom can exceed her degree of difficulty. A top-three ranking will be required at the national qualifiers to once again represent Canada on the world stage.

Her father says that for Samantha, it's never really been about competition, just pure enjoyment of the sport.

"She really loves to train," he said. "She enjoys the camaraderie of the athletes and likes her friends at the gym. Competition is sort of the end result.

"Whether or not she'll ever be an Olympian is really less important than the opportunity over the next six, seven, eight years to travel to different continents, meet people from different countries, have that experience."

Originally from Montreal, the Grade 7 French immersion student at Lester B. Pearson public school has always been athletic.

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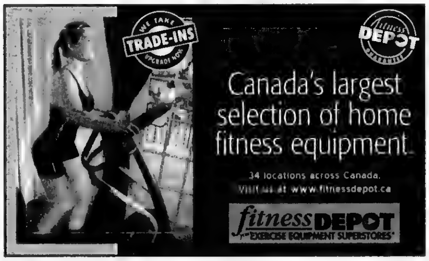
At age three, she took up artistic gymnastics and was a Provincial Level 1 medalist in 2001. She quit the sport last year to focus on trampoline, but continues to play rep soccer for Vaughan's top club.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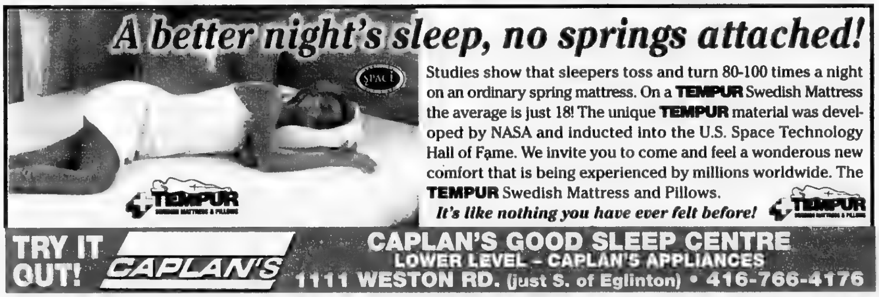
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Israel offers to help Greece with Olympic security

By CJN Wire Services

ATHENS — Israel has offered to help Greece secure the 2004 Olympic Games by sending vessels for sea patrols to prevent suspected terrorists from entering the country, according to a report in a Greek newspaper.

The offer, reported last week by the Athens daily *Ta Nea*, could also include sending frogmen to help guard Greek ports during the games, which will run from Aug. 13-29.

Because of an accommodation shortage, organizers plan to house more than 10,000 officials and visitors aboard 11 cruise ships in the port of Piraeus near Athens.

Greek officials would not confirm the report and the Israeli Embassy in Athens refused to comment. Greece has ordered three Israeli patrol boats to boost its coast guard fleet before the Olympics.

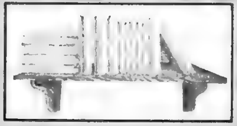
There are fears that terrorists aiming at Olympic targets could use clandestine routes used to smuggle thousands of illegal immigrants into Greece each year. Many of the immigrants are smuggled into Greece across the eastern Mediterranean and Aegean seas.

The problem was discussed last week by FBI director Robert Mueller, who visited Athens to review its security plans for the games.

Israel and the United States are members of a seven-nation Olympic security advisory group helping Greece plan for the games. Greece has budgeted a record $775 million (US) for Olympic security.

The U.S. Coast Guard has also reportedly offered to help patrol the seas around Greece during the games.

Recommended Reading



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NON-FICTION

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YOUTH

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CARROT-NOODLE LATKES

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8 oz. fine noodles	5 carrots, peeled and grated
2 eggs, beaten	4 tblsp. flour
1 bunch scallions, thinly sliced	salt and white pepper to taste
1/2 tsp. ground ginger	sesame oil for frying

Recipe multiplies well. Prepare noodles according to package instructions. Drain and place in a large bowl. Add remaining ingredients, mixing well. If batter is loose, gradually add more flour until batter thickens. Pour 1/4" oil into a large, non-stick skillet, flattening with the back of a spoon. Add more oil if needed. Turn pancakes only when bottoms are browned. (A few noodles may break off when turning.) Turn until both sides are crisp. Drain on paper towels. Serve with soy sauce.

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By
MIRIAM
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"Never compromise your integrity," he said in a calm voice.

I stared at the movie producer in surprise and asked what he meant.

"You will figure it out for yourself. Good luck."

He turned and walked away. I felt I was on a hidden-camera show. But no one came to tell me it was a joke and I was left speechless and confused.

A few weeks earlier, I had arrived in Los Angeles to follow my dream of becoming a professional actor.

I was determined to work hard and make contacts within the industry. That day in particular, I snuck onto a major Hollywood studio to give out my acting picture and resumé to unsuspecting producers, directors and studio executives. I once read that before Steven Spielberg was famous, he pretended he worked at Universal Studios and turned an abandoned trailer into a makeshift office. He was my inspiration as I dodged security and pretended I belonged on various television and movie sets. I met a lot of people as I was doing this, but only one gave me advice that lasted a lifetime.

Later that evening, I looked up integrity in the dictionary.

The definition read, "The quality of possessing and steadfastly adhering to high moral principles or professional standards. The state of being complete, undivided and honest."

At the time, I was unsure how this definition would affect my life. But as I began working in the city, I had to confront compromising situations and challenges I never thought I would face. Would I accept acting roles with nudity, work on films that were degrading to women, go to parties with illegal substances or date older producers to further my career? Hollywood will test your morals and push you to the limit. But if you stick to your beliefs, you might just make it out alive.

Back in Toronto, my peers and I face ethical conflicts at work, challenges in relationships, tough choices about our political views on Israel and our level of Jewish observance, while remaining honest with ourselves, family and friends. Do we tell our non-Jewish boss we cannot work on the High Holy Days? Do we date only other Jews? Do we settle for a partner for fear of being alone? Do we decide against going to our best friend's engagement party on Friday night if we are shomer Shabbat?

We all have different answers to these questions, because what is right for one person may be wrong for another. People or circumstances constantly test us, whether we're in Hollywood or Toronto. When I am faced with difficult decisions, I think back to the best advice I ever got. Never compromise your integrity.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

The Canadian Jewish news

(Answers to the crossword are on page 50.)

Thinking Snow
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Across
1. Israel's airline (Take this to get to skiing on the Golan)
5. Kind of goose
10. ____ Christie
14. Spanish cat
15. Moray fisher
16. Mium starter
17. Golf club
18. Classic violin maker
19. Kings, in France
20. What you can do on an icy road
21. New Hampshire ski venue (2nd word abbrev,)
23. Buy a skiing guide at (options) ____ Dalton's
25. If you get hurt, the ski patrol will come to your ___
26. Canadian skiing mecca
31. TradeWind Carib. air carrier
34. Opposite of "out in the country"
35. Foyer or small chamber
37. Where trunks are often kept
38. T.E.D. lost to him in '48
39. Approached, in poetic contraction
40. Scottish for "no shoestrings"
42. Deprive of food
43. Aiport abbrev.
44. Ski mountain on Golan-Syria border
46. First open-mkt. stock issue
47. Weird
48. Ski environment, at this city north of Santa Fe
53. Selects, as a choice of actions
57. Start of a query, as in "Twenty Questions"
58. Competition venue
59. United, in Paris
60. Pianist-composer Schiffrin
61. Second sequel after "Ice Nine"?
62. Hawaiian state bird
63. Big oil company
64. Gathered leaves
65. Fortitude

Down
1. Sponsorship, as by hidden powers
2. Meadow bird
3. Yours, in France
4. English steak cut
5. Lighthouse between point M and point O
6. Market again
7. Alda
8. Profit nothing
9. Village in Caerphilly County, Wales
10. New England seafood dish
11. Second person singular, olde style
12. Ireland
13. Superlative word
22. Wrongly record a debit or credit
24. What hikers set up on successive nights after leaving the old ones
26. Rain forest vine
27. 9th century desert Romance of ____
28. Speak
29. One orgn.
30. Emmet or pismire
31. To make ready for battle
32. Smallest island of the Azores
33. Swiss town 25 miles east of Zurich
36. Bring up whelps and kits
38. Gee! in Gironde
41. Touches your cheeks on a not-so-cold day
42. "He said, ____", so the story went
45. _____-weenie
46. "Dear, the bathwater ____ hot!"
48. Ceramic wall or floor piece
49. Comparison words
50. Flaxseed and motor
51. Killer whale
52. Take a look
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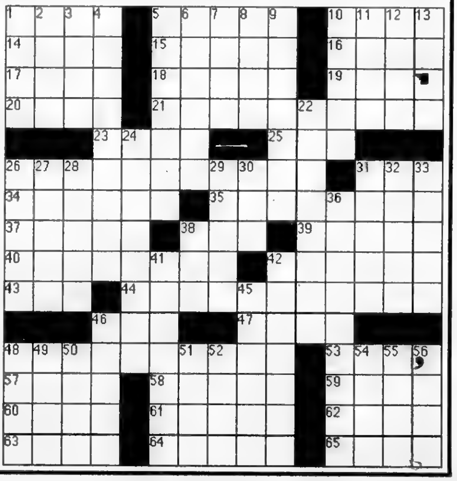

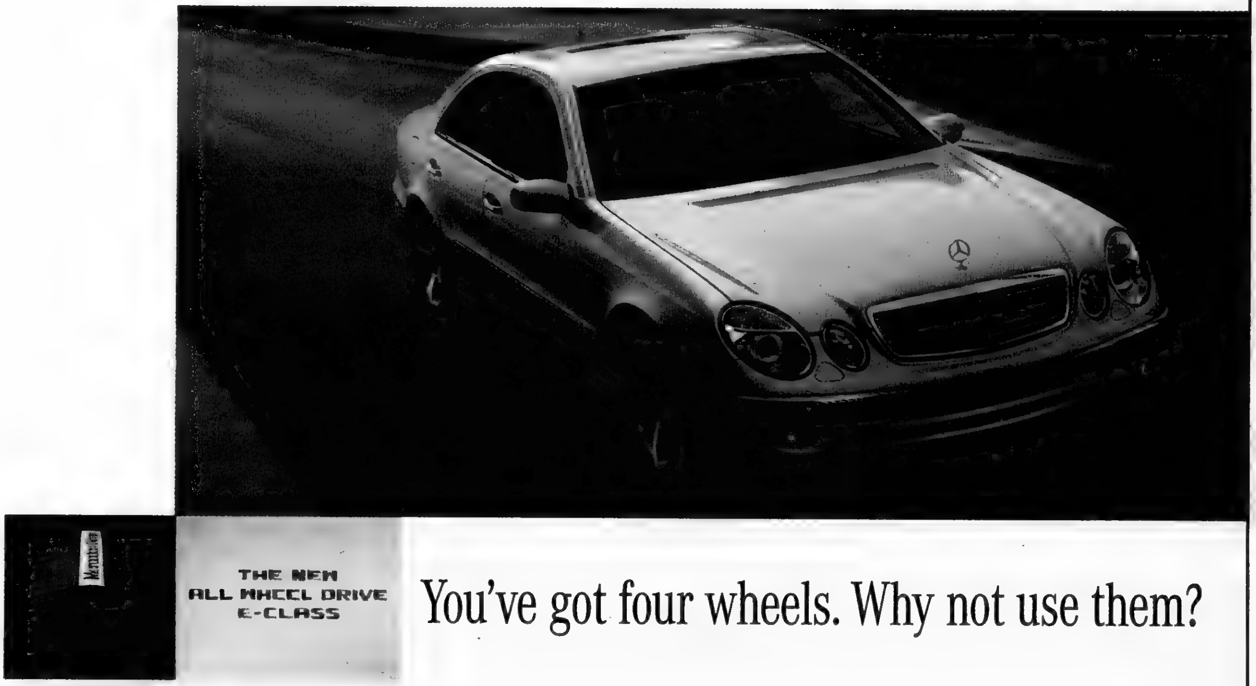

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Thousands of people marched through downtown Jerusalem last week in a salute to the city by delegates to the United Jewish Communities General Assembly (GA), which convened for the second time in five years in Israel's capital. Some 4,300 people attended the GA this year. The march ended at Zion Square with singing and dancing. Inset, a group of Canadian youth show their colours. *[Isranet photos]*

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Fini condemns Italy's fascist past

Deputy prime minister in Israel on official visit

Gianfranco Fini

By AMIRAM BARKAT
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Italian Deputy Prime Minister Gianfranco Fini on Monday condemned his country's fascist past and said lessons must be learned to deal with racism and anti-Semitism today.

Fini was speaking at the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial museum on the first day of a four-day official visit meant to purge his own neo-fascist past, which included an expression of admiration for Italian dictator Benito Mussolini.

Wearing a purple skullcap and a pin with the Italian and Israeli flags, Fini rekindled a memorial flame at the museum built in memory of the six million Jews killed in the Nazi genocide during World War II.

Speaking under a rainy sky outside the museum, Fini said: "We have to condemn the shameful chapters in the history of our people and to try to understand why complacency, collaboration and fear caused no reaction from many Italians in 1938 to the disgraceful, fascist race laws.

"We have to do this, not only to settle accounts with the past, but to prepare for the future. We have to do this so it is clear to all today, in 2003, with the racism and anti-Semitism, that no one can say, 'I am not connected, it has nothing to do with me, it is not my place to respond,' " he said.

Fini, head of Italy's National Alliance party, is the first leader of the former post-fascist party associated with Mussolini to be received in Israel with pomp and ceremony.

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CANADA

Grafstein Feted

NEW YORK — Senator Jerry Grafstein and Pamela Wallin, Canada's consul general in New York, were honoured at the Canadian Society of New York's annual ball on Nov. 14 . Both were big promoters of the "Canada Loves New York" rally in November 2001.

Shoah Bill Passed

OTTAWA — A bill proclaiming a national Holocaust Memorial Day passed in the Senate and received royal assent Nov. 12, marking Yom Hashoah as the day to educate Canadians about the murder of six million Jews. It was one of a handful of bills enacted prior to Parliament being prorogued.

ISRAEL

BBC Boycott Lifted

JERUSALEM — Foreign Ministry officials said last week Israel would lift its boycott of the British Broadcasting Corp. after it named an ombudsman to monitor its Mideast coverage and said it was committed to objective reporting of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Israel has long charged the BBC with bias and boycotted it last summer after a show on Israel's nuclear program implied it's a rogue state.

Slump Over: Netanyahu

JERUSALEM — Israel's recession is over, Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said last week after Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics announced Israel's gross domestic product increased by 2.7 per cent in the third quarter. Imported goods and services were also up 27.5 per cent, the bureau said.

One in seven depressed

JERUSALEM — One in seven Israelis is clinically depressed, a new poll says. The poll, published last week to mark Israeli Mental Health Week, said 10 per cent of the population feels "life is not worth living," while 60 per cent show symptoms of depression. The New Wave polling firm also found 13 per cent of Israelis could be considered clinically depressed. Referring to the country's security and economic woes, pharmaceutical expert Dr. Orna Dolberg told *Ma'ariv* the findings "are not surprising, perhaps, but should serve as a warning."

WORLD

Formula Maker Fires 4

BERLIN — Humana, the German maker of a baby formula believed responsible for the deaths of several Israeli babies, last week fired four managers – in product development, quality control and its chemical lab – after tests showed the kosher Remedia Super Soya 1 product contained less than one-tenth the advertised amount of crucial vitamin B1, *Ha'aretz* reported. An internal probe showed analytical errors and quality control failures were to blame for the deficient product, Humana CEO Albert Grosse Frie said, adding that Humana would tighten its procedures.

Arson Suspected

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Arson is suspected in a fire that destroyed a small Holocaust museum here last week. "Remember Timmy McVeigh," a reference to the Oklahoma City bomber, was scrawled on a wall of the Children of Auschwitz Nazi Deadly Experiments Survivors museum, known as Candles. Founded in 1985, it housed items from Auschwitz and documents relating to the notorious Dr. Josef Mengele.

Germany Drops Claim

BERLIN — Germany has withdrawn its appeals of a court decision awarding the Claims Conference rights to Berlin-area properties belonging to the Wertheim family that are reportedly worth several hundred million dollars. Most of the family, which owned department stores in Germany before the war, was killed in the Holocaust. Before it can recover the land, the Claims Conference must overcome a competing claim. If recovered, the land or sale proceeds would go into the organizations's Goodwill fund, which gives 80 per cent to the asset's heirs and keeps 20 per cent for the organization, a spokesperson said.

Chirac Pledges Action Against Anti-Semitism

PARIS — Jewish leaders in France have welcomed new government proposals to get tough on anti-Semitism.

Speaking after they met President Jacques Chirac last week, Haim Muzicant, executive director of the CRIF umbrella organization of French Jews, said Chirac "sent a strong message to all those who would wish to commit attacks against Jews. This is the kind of talk we have been waiting for."

Chirac earlier convened a special meeting of government ministers and announced that Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin would head a new cabinet committee to fight anti-Semitism. The committee is to meet monthly to examine reported anti-Semitic acts and decide on punishment, Raffarin said.

The proposals follow a suspected arson attack Nov. 15 that gutted part of a Jewish school near Paris. Raffarin said security would be beefed up outside synagogues and Jewish community institutions, while the government would ensure that heavy sentences were handed out to perpetrators.

"Whoever attacks a Jew in France must understand they are attacking the whole of France," Chirac told reporters.

Later, while announcing new measures to fight anti-Semitism in French schools, Education Minister Luc Ferry said right-wing anti-Semitism "has totally disappeared" in France. But he said the country now faces a new anti-Semitism that is Islamic in origin and "clearly linked" to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Also last week, in an interview on Radio Shalom, the community station, France's chief rabbi, Joseph Sitruk, advised French Jews to wear baseball caps instead of kippot while not in their homes, in order "to prevent being attacked in the street."

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Israeli deputy prime minister Ehud Olmert (left) with Jerusalem mayor Uri Lupolianski. [Isranet photo]

Israel may set its own border with PA, deputy PM warns

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Israel may have to draw its border with the Palestinians unilaterally, Israel's deputy prime minister Ehud Olmert warns.

If a peace agreement with the Palestinian Authority seems unattainable, Israel will have no alternative but to take action to protect its interests, Olmert said in an exclusive interview during a brief visit to Toronto earlier this month.

"Time is running out," said Olmert, who is also Israel's minister of industry and trade. "We can't afford to wait forever."

Olmert also defended a controversial statement he made in September that killing PA President Yasser Arafat is still an option Israel can exercise.

"This question is as relevant today as it was two months ago," he declared, apparently contradicting Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's recent remark that Israel has no plans to kill Arafat.

Commenting on the sensitive border issue, Olmert said Israel is fast heading toward a crucial crossroads.

"Israel has to make a choice between reaching an agreement with the Palestinians, which is highly unlikely, or taking unilateral steps to determine its border."

Olmert explained that Israel's "political border" should essentially be based on demographic considerations.

"The two guidelines should be to maximize the number of Jews and to minimize the number of Arabs."

Olmert readily acknowledged that any move by Israel to fix its border will be of lasting importance.

"It will be a major strategic decision. It will influence Israeli politics for many years."

He would not be drawn into a discussion as to timing, but said, "It should be sooner rather than later."

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Jerusalem mayor visits Toronto

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Jerusalem mayor Uri Lupolianski was scheduled to be in Toronto Nov. 26 for a whirlwind one-day visit.

It was to be his first overseas trip since his victory in last June's municipal election.

Lupolianski, an ordained rabbi and the city's first haredi mayor, was inititally appointed to the position, becoming acting mayor after his predecessor, current Israeli Deputy Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, tendered his resignation last winter and ran for a seat in the Knesset on the Likud list.

Lupoliansky, who says his goal is to maintain the religious status quo in Jerusalem, was coming to Toronto to drum up support for Yad Sarah, the largest voluntary organization in Israel.

Named for Lupoliansky's grandmother, who was murdered in the Holocaust, Yad Sarah provides relief to the sick, elderly and people with disabilities by lending medical and rehabilitative equipment on a short-term basis free of charge, and by running low-

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Jerusalem GA notes (1)

From the editor's desk

It was my great fortune to be in Jerusalem last week to represent *The CJN* at the General Assembly (GA) of the United Jewish Communities of North America (UJC).

Over the next three weeks, I will use this space to record some of my observations from the four-day gathering.

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Sunday night:

The atmosphere at the opening ceremonies in Binyanei Ha'ouma, Jerusalem's conference centre, was electric. The air crackled with high energy, back-slapping enthusiasm and good feelings, as if we were attending a huge reunion.

More than 6,000 people packed the building, some two-thirds of whom had come from North America. I was one of 32 foreign reporters on hand.

The roster of speakers for the opening event was impressive. It always is. In addition to UJC lay leaders and event chairs, it included Israel's president and prime minister, the mayor of Jerusalem and the head of the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI).

But most of the people in the audience were as excited at the thought of hearing the renowned singer Achinoam Nini – Noa, as she is popularly called – as they were to hear the quartet of celebrity leaders.

The speakers were firebrands, or tried to be, in their own way. Because they were speaking primarily to fellow Jews from the Diaspora, they imparted messages of – indeed pleaded for – participation in the great gift of Jewish peoplehood. (The gist of their messages were reported last week.)

President Moshe Katsav beseeched the federation leaders in the audience to place identity-building high on the communal agenda. His prescription was education.

"Jewish education," he said, "should be available for every Jew in the Diaspora." After expanding on the theme, he concluded his remarks with a dramatic flourish that elicited a standing ovation. "We are one people, one history, one future, one heritage, one tradition and one big family."

He set the tone for subsequent speakers. And Prime Minister Ariel Sharon carried the president's message further.

"What can you do for Israel?" he asked the audience rhetorically. And then he answered his own question.

"Be Jewish. Educate your children to be Jewish. Give them a Jewish, Zionist education. Make aliyah. Encourage visits to Israel among your friends. Invest in Israel. Be ambassadors for the Jewish people and for the Jewish state."

He concluded his remarks with a touch of tenderness not usually associated with the prime minister.

"During the War of Independence, I fought in the nearby fields and mountainside in the battle for Jerusalem. And I was wounded. Being wounded was painful. But being left alone on the battlefield was more painful.

"Today, 55 years later," the prime minister said, pausing slightly to emphasize his concluding words, "we are no longer alone."

Another standing ovation.

Monday:

The morning and early afternoon were divided into myriad programs. In all, over the four days, more than 250 different discussions and sessions were held.

In the mid-afternoon, delegates gathered in the main assembly hall/theatre to see and hear a tribute to the spirit of the IDF.

The leader of the session was Julia Koschitzky, chair of the JAFI education committee (and a member of the board of directors of *The CJN*). She eloquently summarized the significance of the afternoon program.

"We are here to pay tribute to the 18-, 19- and 20-year-old sons and daughters of the IDF who left their homes but didn't say goodbye, too many of whom did not return, falling in the field defending our land and our dignity with their last breath."

The featured guest was IDF chief of staff, Gen. Moshe Ya'alon. Tall, bespectacled, bald, with ramrod straight posture, Ya'alon resembles an earnest auditor on a mission of forensic discovery more than a decorated soldier on a mission of national defence. He was admiringly and appreciatively received by the audience.

But the most effusive response was elicited by two *chayalim bodedim*, "lonely" soldiers – the phrase used to describe volunteers from abroad whose families are not in Israel – who spoke about the nature of their responsibilities in the army and their reasons for volunteering.

One was a young woman from California, the other a young man from New York. Both were the subjects of short video presentations who were invited to speak about themselves and their experiences. The Californian spoke at length. The New Yorker was considerably shyer and haltingly answered Koschitzky's questions.

At the end of the short interview, Koschitzky received a telephone call on her cellular phone. Or so we thought. The call was for the young, bashful soldier. She gave him the phone. He heard his name called. But there was no one at the other end of the line. He heard his name again. But again, no one was on the line.

Perplexed, he looked away from the malfunctioning phone to see his mother walking briskly towards him from the other end of the stage. He ran to her, arms outstretched. They embraced and held each other for considerable moments. Her sobs of happiness could be heard by everyone.

The GA organizers had flown her to Jerusalem from New York to be with her son, whom she had not seen for more than a year. As I looked around, I could see no one who was not crying. ***–MBD***

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GA BASH IN TEL AVIV

Thousands of delegates at the GA in Jerusalem danced and partied to exhaustion last Tuesday night at the Suzanne Dellal Center in the Neveh Tzedek district of Tel Aviv. Delegates had just returned from their respective field trips around Israel. Organizers had arranged 57 different-themed bus trips throughout the country. At the end of the day, delegates relaxed at the party hosted by the municipality of Tel Aviv.

[Isranet photo]

Author deals with tensions between Muslims, Jews

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

Irshad Manji confronted head-on the tensions between Israel and the Muslim world when she appeared at three Toronto campuses last week.

The talks by the Muslim TV personality and bestselling author of *The Trouble With Islam*, called "Defending Israel is Defending Diversity," went smoothly at York University and the University of Toronto, but caused a stir at Ryerson University, where students complained about Manji's appearance and the student union withdrew its endorsement of the event.

Manji's appearance at all three campuses was sponsored by Hillel of Greater Toronto, and was also endorsed by four other campus groups at U of T, but only by KULANU, the Jewish gay and lesbian organization, at York and Ryerson universities.

RyeSAC, the Ryerson students administrative council, handed out flyers in the lecture hall the day of the event stating they do not endorse Manji's talk.

Rob Emerson, RyeSAC's general manager, said the group decided to withdraw its endorsement because "some folks on campus didn't want their student organization taking pro-Israel positions in the current conflict."

At the three campuses, Manji spoke about the need to defend countries that promote western multicultural values, including Israel. While she criticized some of the Jewish state's current policies regarding the Palestinians, Manji supported Israel's democracy, pointing out its basis in the principles of social justice that allow citizens legal recourse when the state impacts on their rights.

A visit to Israel shattered many of her preconceptions about the country, Manji said, and she realized that "Israel is one mother of a pluralistic place" that has a breadth and depth of diversity that exists in few countries in the world, let alone in the Middle East.

Manji encouraged her audience to hold Muslim states up to the same standards as western countries and to support governments that protect differences, including the freedom to express diverse opinions without fear of government reprisal.

Palestinian, Jewish students engaged in dialogue at York

Ann Whiteside at Ryerson's discrimination and harassment prevention office said she received "many concerns" from students on campus and elsewhere about Manji's appearance. However, the office allowed the lecture to proceed because they felt it was an issue of free speech.

"It is important to allow universities to be marketplaces of ideas where all viewpoints can be presented," Whiteside said.

After hearing Manji's talk, she said, "It was a very necessary discussion."

The day after Manji's presentation at Ryerson, the Muslim Student Association and the Arab Student Association presented counter speakers and a table in the hallway of Jorgenson Hall with signs that read "Defending Palestine is Defending Humanity," despite a university policy that forbids public lectures in hallway lounges.

The policy, which was enacted for safety reasons as well as to prevent political views from being forced on students, is a relatively new one, said Ryerson's director of public affairs Bruce Piercey.

Piercey said there was a miscommunication between Ryerson's student services and the student union. Organizers of the presentation claimed they were told it was acceptable to hold their lecture in the hallway, he said.

However, despite the fact that arrangements were made to move to a room nearby, the students voted to stay and refused to change locations.

Since "there was a fairly large group, it was decided to let them go ahead with their presentation," Piercey said.

Amy Greenfeld, program co-ordinator of Hillel at Ryerson, said it is particularly upsetting to see posters in the school with the entire state of Israel covered with a keffiyah, and then see that the counter-demonstration was allowed to proceed despite the fact that members from Ryerson security, student services and the discrimination and harassment office were there.

Greenfeld said Jewish student organizations go by the rules and book all events in private rooms, adding she hopes Ryerson won't use this incident to punish Jewish students by restricting all Middle East discussion.

Meanwhile, at York University, Manji's talk connected the Jewish and Muslims students in groundbreaking discussions.

Palestinian and Jewish students met afterward and talked for hours with Manji in the Hillel office, where Muslim students condemned suicide bombings and Jewish students criticized the Israeli treatment of the Palestinians.

"Manji's talk brought everyone together," said Seth Winberg, a Hillel vice-president at York University, and efforts are now being made to put together the first Muslim and Jewish anti-suicide bombing demonstration.

CORRECTION

In the article, "Fight the 'new anti-Semitism,' journalist tells students" (*CJN*, Nov. 20), the sponsor of the lecture at Ryerson University by journalist Martin Himel was incorrectly identified. His talk was sponsored by the Lodzer Centre Holocaust Congregation with assistance from Hillel of Greater Toronto. *The CJN* regrets the error.

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Rabbi compares Kach founder to Moshe Rabeinu

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

Eye-catching signs along Bathurst Street in recent weeks touting a lecture titled "Kahane was Right" brought out two crowds of roughly equal size to the Chabad Lubavitch centre in Thornhill last Thursday night – one to attend a memorial service for the late Rabbi Meir Kahane and the other to protest the event.

About 75 people carried signs outside the building decrying the radical views of the late Rabbi Kahane, known for his belief that Arabs in Israel should leave the country – by force if necessary – in order to preserve the country and the future of the Jewish people.

He served for a time as a member of Knesset, but was banned by Israel's Supreme Court, which prohibited openly racist candidates from standing for election.

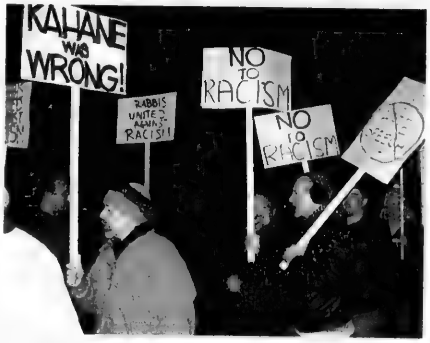
The firebrand rabbi, who founded the militant Jewish Defense League in New York and the far-right Kach political party in Israel, was shot to death by an Egyptian national in New York in November 1990.

His son Binyamin led the movement after his father's death and founded Kahane Chai, an offshoot of Kach. In 1994, Israel's cabinet outlawed both groups as terrorist organizations.

Binyamin Kahane and his wife were shot to death by Palestinian gunmen in December 2000.

The memorial was organized by the United Israel Action Committee, a grassroots community umbrella group that advocates for Israel.

Protesters outside carried signs saying "Kahane was Wrong," "Community Leaders United Against Racism" and "Say No to Racism." Rabbis representing a cross section of Jewish observance were on hand, as were members of Yosher, the Jewish Network for Social Justice.



About 75 people protested last week's memorial for the late Rabbi Kahane. [Ron Csillag photo]

The protest – without incident save for a a few heated words exchanged between the two sides – was triggered by the "in-your-face" signs along Bathurst Street, said organizer Martin Lockshin.

"We're not thrilled that a Jewish memorial preaches hatred," said Lockshin, an Orthodox rabbi and director of the Centre for Jewish Studies at York University. He stressed, however, that he had nothing against Chabad, which hosted the event.

The protesters were there "to stand up against the racist corruption of Judaism," said Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl of Beth Tzedec Congregation. The "vast majority" of Israelis, he added, are neither on the far left nor the far right of the political spectrum.

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein of Kolel, the Adult Centre For Liberal Jewish Learning, said the protesters represented "the voice of the rational, dialogue, discussion and, hopefully, peace. The easiest thing in the world is to say 'Kill 'em.' That's not a rational discussion."

Inside the centre, about 75 people gathered to hear speaker David Halvri, Binyamin Kahane's brother-in-law from Israel, but a plane connection from Chicago delayed him.

Instead, Rabbi Moshe Stern of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, praised Rabbi Kahane as "a man of phenomenal courage, who loved God with all his heart and soul," and said he had "great vision and prophetic insight."

The late rabbi "in a loose sense, can be compared to Moshe Rabeinu," Rabbi Stern said.

"Everything he said was true."

Of the protesters, Rabbi Stern said, "I pity them. They don't know their own Bible."

He recalled Rabbi Kahane preaching from Shaarei Tefillah's pulpit in 1982, after which he was arrested as a persona non grata.

Eventually, "every Jew will see the righteousness of what [Rabbi Kahane] stood for. We will not rest until the entire land of Israel, as stated in the Torah, is in the hands of the Jewish people," Rabbi Stern said.

Meir Halevi, head of the local chapter of the Jewish Defense League, said Rabbi Kahane "was right about one thing: anti-Semitism is spreading the world over."

Rabbi Ronnie Cahana, the former spiritual leader of Toronto's Lodzer Holocaust Congregation who is now at Congregation Beth-El in Montreal, said he was raised a liberal but is now changing his thinking.

He described Rabbi Meir Kahane, his late cousin, as "the gentlest, kindest person."

Rabbi Cahana led kaddish.

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Iran's nuclear threat

At a special security meeting Sunday, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon announced that he would personally head a ministerial steering committee to co-ordinate Israel's response to the growing likelihood that Iran will acquire nuclear weapons capability in the foreseeable future. Defence Minister Shaul Mofaz and Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom will also serve on the committee.

The committee will oversee a four-pronged response system:

- security and intelligence aspects directed by the head of the Mossad, Meir Dagan, that will include handling ties with foreign intelligence agencies;
- scientific-technological aspects directed by the Israel Atomic Energy Commission, which will also maintain ties with the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna;
- diplomatic efforts by the Foreign Ministry to convince international leaders to take steps against the Iranian threat;
- the activities of a joint Israel-U.S. committee on Iran's nuclear military capability that will be co-ordinated by Israel's National Security Council.

Although Israel has been effectively monitoring Iran's nuclear program for some time, the new oversight arrangement was put in place and announced only this past weekend, presumably because the Israelis are increasingly concerned over the international community's apparently questionable resolve to prevent Iran from "going nuclear."

Israel's concern is entirely justified.

Last Friday, at a meeting in Frankfurt, Germany, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) failed to agree on the wording of a resolution regarding Iran's clandestine nuclear program. Not surprisingly, European diplomats differed with their American counterparts over the issue.

The agency is considering the next step against Iran in light of the report filed by agency head Mohammed El-Baradei that chronicled Iran's secret nuclear activities, stretching over 18 years and including its use of advanced laser technology to enrich uranium.

The United States is demanding a tougher approach against the Iranian regime than the Europeans are willing to impose. The issue is scheduled to be on the agency's agenda again this week.

Writing in the *Wall Street Journal* last week, Gary Milhollin, director of the Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control, said, "Iran's cheating is a study in how far a country can get in making bomb material while pretending to comply with inspections. Iran seems to have set a record: it duped IAEA inspectors for 18 years. Now the mask is off."

Unmasked, the Iranian regime shows a face that glowers with menace and malevolence towards the Jewish state. In the absence of any meaningful response by the international community, Israel is left with no alternative but to plan, alone, if necessary, for all contingencies. It dare not leave the safety of its citizens in the hands of an equivocating, possibly craven, international community.

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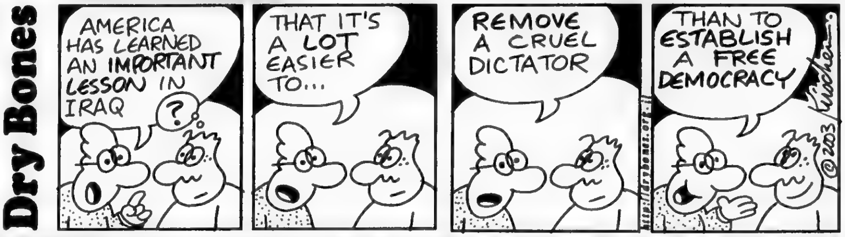
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No monopolistic representation

Your article on the swearing in of the new provincial government ("Ottawa's Rabbi Bulka adds Jewish touch to McGuinty's big day," *CJN*, Oct. 30) finished with a sentence that began, "Representing the Jewish community at the ceremony was Bernie Farber…"

We would like to point out that Farber did not represent the Jewish community. He represented the Canadian Jewish Congress, an organization within the Jewish community.

Indeed, no one person can represent or speak for the entire Jewish community.

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We should not undermine Israel

Bernard Katz of Toronto ("Lauds Canada's position," Letters to the Editor, *CJN*, Nov. 20), like so many Jews today, is worried about what the world will think of us if we do something like build a wall. He worries that his friends and neighbours will think his people are as bad as Palestinian terrorists because the wall encompasses some of the so-called occupied territory of the West Bank. He would have the Jews there uprooted and their homes destroyed or given to the Arabs. He would have peace at any price, as long as the world sees the Jews as givers and not takers.

If Israelis moved out of Jerusalem, left all of the West Bank and handed over all of Gaza, does he think there would be peace? What kind of dream world do he and his friends live in? The Arab world is out to destroy Israel by whatever means it can.

Canada, the country we call home and love dearly, is one of those means. It votes for almost every UN Resolution condemning Israel and it took its sweet time getting rid of a terrorist group collecting funds here.

So I say to Katz, you are welcome to your views, but you are also just another means the Arab world uses to undermine Israel.

Daniel Berk
Hamilton, Ont.

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Clarification of "frum" article

The article "Twelve per cent of Montreal Jews defined as frum" (*CJN*, Nov. 13), about a survey recently carried out by FEDERATION CJA and Ahavas Chesed, has created misconceptions within the community. These misconceptions occurred because the article neglected to identify one of the survey's objectives.

The purpose was to identify the service needs of a specific segment of the "frum" population whose religious observances and rejection of modernity limit access to public social services and limit involvement with institutions that support these ideas. It was not designed to look at the entire Montreal Orthodox Jewish community.

The community at large recognized that very little statistical information was available to describe this group of communities and their needs. The survey, which had rabbinical endorsement, was developed to obtain a statistical and demographic profile of these communities, which are under-represented in the social services, in order to provide them with appropriate, culturally adapted services.

Ahavas Chesed developed its mandate as an interface between these communities and various social service organizations. We are certain this survey will be an important tool in planning for their future.

Carol Polter
Director, Ahavas Chesed
Montreal

Editor's note: Reporter Janice Arnold did originally explain that the purpose of the survey was to identify service needs, but the information was inadvertently omitted during production. The CJN *regrets the error.*

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McGuinty's policy discriminatory

Ontario's new Liberal government has decided to cancel the Equity in Education tax credit for private school parents that was instituted by the previous provincial government.

This is an act of overt discrimination against non-Catholic religious minorities in Ontario, as determined by the United Nations. It has also been similarly viewed by virtually every provincial and state government in North America, where public funding of private religious schools is the norm.

It is clear from the situation in all other jurisdictions in Canada that provide public funds for private religious schools, that doing so does *not* impact negatively on the public and Catholic school systems.

Jerry Brodie
Toronto

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Jordan may be the answer

"Beware the New Tactic" (From the Editor's Desk, Nov. 13) correctly warns us of the dangers of a "one- state solution," arguing that this is just an extension of the Palestinian desire to destroy Israel. However, in describing it as a Palestinian idea, it omits the reason: the realization that a two-state solution will not provide a functional Palestinian state. Once the reason is clear, a one-state solution makes sense – except that the one state should be Jordan and the West Bank, not the West Bank and Israel. A one-state solution – a truly Palestinian state of Jordan and the West Bank – should be promoted by Israel. Only through such a state can peace come to Israel and the Middle East.

Jonathan Usher
Toronto

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Add Pollard to list

While I congratulate *The CJN* on including the names of those MiAs and kidnapped in your "Let Our People Go" section on the Editorials and Letters page, I believe the list is, unfortunately, incomplete.

As you may be aware, the Knesset recently amended its protocol by reading the names of MiAs and captives who were captured in the course of their service to the State of Israel, at the opening session of each weekly plenum. Among those names read is the name of Jonathan Pollard (Yonatan ben Malka).

I believe it is proper and necessary for you to amend your "Let Our People Go" notice at this time.

May we merit quickly the time when that section of this fine newspaper is no longer needed.

Morty Shapiro
Toronto

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A Birthright caravan.

My Birthright: 10 days in Israel

By RICHARD ROSENBAUM

On the first night of my Birthright trip in Israel, our tour guide Jonathan – a big guy originally from Nebraska with a fondness for the Grateful Dead – sat us all down so we could talk and get to know each other and say what we were hoping to get out of the 10-day trip. There were 31 of us, all from Canada. When it was my turn, I said that I was beginning to feel ridiculous about never having been to Israel before and that I hoped coming here could provide me with some perspective, and maybe some insight. I knew I wouldn't be disappointed.

The next day was the most intense day of my life. We went on a walking tour of Jerusalem, a truly stunning city. I won't even bother trying to describe its beauty here because I couldn't possibly do it justice. But it's at once modern and ancient, and gives off a vibe that lets you know every moment you're somewhere special.

We went to the Kotel, the Western Wall. As we got close to it, I started feeling strange, as if I would have somehow been drawn there even without our tour guide. After passing through a metal detector, we went up to the wall itself. I looked at it. I moved closer until it was directly in front of me. And then I touched it, laid both my hands on the stones, and I just felt so… I don't even know what. Moved. Touched. But it was much more a sensation than an emotion. It was as if my body was a pool of warm, still water, and someone was very gently moving their fingers through me. It was unbelievable.

That night, we went to a nearby dance club, and had an amazing time. It's the most fun I can ever remember having at a club, if not ever. I was actually dancing (albeit badly) – everyone was – and singing. After our crazy religious experience earlier in the day, this wild social experience was almost too much. But it was great.

The next day we went to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial. There was a lot to see, but the thing that affected me most was the children's memorial. It was pitch black, lit only by the flames of yahrtzeit candles that seemed to be suspended in the air within the glass walls and ceiling. But there were also mirrors behind the candles, so as we watched their reflections reflecting off each other, it was as if these candles commemorating the murdered Jews of the Holocaust stretched out into eternity, like the stars. Seeing it like that was awe-inspiring and at the same time unimaginably sad. One girl started to cry. I nearly did, too. It was just so simple, so poignant and so horrible.

A couple of days later, eight Israeli soldiers joined our group. It wasn't a security thing. Meeting and hanging out with Israelis is part of the whole Birthright experience. They were all incredibly cool people, and they made our trip that much more special. We made friends with them immediately. These people are the faces of the Israel Defence Forces, defenders of our nation against its enemies. They care about this place so much they feel it's their duty to come to its aid. It's the only country on Earth that will always love and protect the world's Jews, even when no other country wants us. Meeting the soldiers really helped bring that fact into focus. We're the same.

We went to some archeological sites, including one at Tel Marisha, where we spelunked through caves and dug up bones and pieces of pottery, all from around the time of Judah the Maccabee. Caves have always held a magical allure for me, but I've never actually had the opportunity to climb through any, especially as ancient and genuinely mysterious as these, so it was a real thrill. The history of Israel is so rich that you could start digging pretty much anywhere and come up with something interesting. There are dozens of excavations going on at any given time and ancient ruins are regularly discovered.

We did a lot of hiking during the trip as well. One day, we woke up at 4 a.m. to climb Masada, where King Herod built his fortress and where the Zealots later held out during the Jewish Revolt, eventually choosing to die by their own hands rather than be captured or killed by the Romans. Two thousand years later, there we were, watching the sunrise, with not one Roman soldier in sight.

Another day, we hiked for seven hours in the Golan Heights. At one point, we had to rappel down a waterfall into a river and then swim across. I discovered that I really like hiking. It's very physical, but also very intellectual. There's a lot of thought, a lot of philosophy, that goes into hiking a mountain. It requires a mental focus that I find so beneficial to the functioning of my mind. I couldn't have imagined it.

We also got to visit an air force base. We watched some F-16s coming down the runway and felt this blast of hot air when they turned around. We got to see and touch one of the fighter jets close up, which was awesome. Just imagine, a fighter jet with a Magen David on it! These things keep the State of Israel alive; these are the wings that prevent the nation from falling.

Guy Kreshover, a medic on Richard Rosenbaum's Birthright trip last summer.

We also drove all the way north to the Lebanese border and heard stories from a man who moved to Israel from South Africa in 1948. The Lebanese border isn't the safest place: Hezbollah likes to fire the occasional missile into Israel from Lebanon – you know, just to keep us on our toes. But nothing like that happened while we were there. It was all cool, and it emphasized the importance of these outlying towns in protecting Israel's borders on all sides as the country's basically surrounded by enemies (or at least not the friendliest of friends).

On the second half of our trip, we stayed at the Ein Gev Kibbutz. On Shabbat, I spent the whole afternoon sitting on the beach. It was so hot and beautiful, and I was so happy just to be there, sitting and resting. I had about four or five hours of pure calm and comfort. I was just being. It was nice.

Then it was time for Minchah in the little shul on the kibbutz. I got an aliyah, my first in a long time. I was shaking, but I think I did well. It made me feel so fulfilled and accomplished, so proud of myself. One weird thing was wearing sandals to shul. Back in Toronto, that would probably be frowned upon, but in Israel, it's perfectly normal. That's just the way Israelis do things.

On the trip's last day, we went to Independence Hall in Tel Aviv, where David Ben-Gurion declared the independence of the State of Israel upon the ending of the British Mandate on May 14, 1948. We listened to a recording of the declaration, followed by the first public performance of *Hatikvah*. It was quite moving and brought into focus the importance of Israel to the survival of Jews around the world.

I've had to omit a lot from this account, but the actual events are less important than the overall impression I got. The strangest thing about Israel was how comfortable and safe I felt there. There's this truly penetrating sense of familiarity. It was the first time I'd ever visited, but from the moment I stepped off the plane, it felt like I'd been born there. I'm so grateful to have had this opportunity, and I want to thank all the organizers, bus leaders and the other participants, both Canadian and Israeli – all my new friends. As a disaffected 20-something, I know I should be more cynical about this, but I can't be. In Israel, there was just this instant feeling of unity. It's love. It's home. And I'm going back as soon as I can.

Richard Rosenbaum is a student at the University of Toronto. This article is based on a journal he kept during his Birthright Israel trip last summer.

The global epidemic of Jew hatred

Mikis Theodorakis, the Greek musician who is best known for having crafted the score to *Zorba the Greek* and perhaps less well-recognized for having composed the Palestinian national anthem, has again shown his stripes as an ardent anti-Zionist. In referring to Israel, he has been quoted as saying that "this small nation is the root of evil." His noxious comments come on the heels of former Malaysian prime minister Mahathir Mohamad's anti-Semitic tirade a few weeks ago and the publication of a recent opinion poll in which 7,000 European respondents identified Israel (ahead of North Korea and Iran) as the single greatest "threat to world peace."

Lawrence Hart in Hamilton

Moreover, as anti-Jewish invective is translated into heinous action, we have seen, in rapid succession, the destruction by arson of a Jewish school in Paris and the deadly bombing of two synagogues in Istanbul. Israel's foreign minister, Silvan Shalom, has alluded to the likely interconnectedness between the violence in Turkey and the increasingly pervasive "anti-Israel and anti-Jewish incitement in the Arab world," as well as the "anti-Israel and anti-Semitic remarks heard in certain European cities in recent months."

More and more, scholars and analysts are addressing the causes and manifestations of Jew hatred. There are sometimes subtle and sometimes more obvious differences, we are told, between Arab and European variants of anti-Semitism. Even within Europe itself, there are apparent nuances in the expressions of anti-Jewish sentiment – with geo-political and socio-cultural factors driving specific, and not always comparable, agendas in countries such as Germany, France, Russia and Britain.

But whether fuelled by propaganda or the parochial interests of ideologues in Europe or elsewhere, Israel and Zionism are invariably the common denominator in most expressions of modern day anti-Jewish sentiment. In her compelling new book *The New Anti-Semitism*, Phyllis Chesler draws attention to the forces of anti-colonialism, anti-imperialism, anti-racism and pacifism as major facilitators of today's anti-Semitism. By embracing the tenets of political correctness, the new anti-Semite claims to speak on behalf of all oppressed peoples and thereby weaves a web of lies that is not easily dispelled.

This juggernaut of self-righteous political rectitude, with Jews as its target, is undoubtedly gaining momentum. But it has to be stopped. Through education, prudent advocacy, the cultivation of meaningful alliances outside of our own communities and a variety of other creative strategies, we may at least begin to stop it. In medicine, epidemics are generally best managed when they're caught early and when there is an effective antidote. Let us hope that in dealing with today's global epidemic of anti-Semitism, we are not too late and that we have the right treatment to contain it.

Dealing with the deal

Every Sunday morning, government ministers converge on the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem for the weekly cabinet meeting. Under the watchful eye of journalists and TV cameras, they arrive in state-issued white Volvos, enter the non-descript building, climb a flight of stairs, and do their best to look very serious.

Robert Sarner in Jerusalem

Once the photo-op is over, the 23 ministers meet behind closed doors. The sessions usually last a few hours, during which they tackle issues of state, later providing waiting reporters fresh fodder for the evening news.

Earlier this month, the cabinet endured one of its longest and most emotionally charged debates in recent years. The business at hand: a proposed prisoner swap with the Iranian-backed, Lebanese-based terror group Hezbollah. It was the most anguished meeting of the Sharon government.

The issue is an excruciating one that most countries never have to grapple with. Ministers had to decide whether to accept a German-mediated deal that would gain the freedom of one kidnapped Israeli (Elchanan Tannenbaum) and retrieve the bodies of three Israeli soldiers – Benny Avraham, Adi Avitan and Omar Sawayid – killed by Hezbollah in 2000. In exchange, Israel would pay dearly, releasing 425 Palestinian and Lebanese prisoners. All this without receiving even a shred of information on the fate of missing airman Ron Arad, who was captured in Lebanon in 1986.

After eight hours of intense non-partisan debate and strong pressure from Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, the cabinet narrowly approved the swap 12-11. The division among the ministers reflected a similarly charged debate among the public.

There is no debate about the desire to bring home all those held, alive or dead, in Lebanon. Their continued absence gnaws at the hearts of all Israelis, who know it could have been their relatives or friends captured by Hezbollah. Given the deeply rooted Israeli principle of getting all its boys home and the importance attached to the traditional Jewish value of giving each person a proper burial, the prisoner swap is a highly sensitive issue.

The dispute centres on the price and security consequences of this deal. Opponents argue Israel is yielding to extortion that rewards terrorists and will only encourage future kidnappings, and they say that agreeing to such a grossly uneven exchange will boost the standing and strength of Hezbollah in the Arab world. Critics also says that in making such a deal, Israel sends a signal of weakness, and based on past experience, many of those released will carry out murderous attacks against Israelis. Finally, they argue that by including Musafa Dirani, a Lebanese terrorist leader who held Arad for more than a year after his capture, the government is effectively abandoning Arad. (In 1994, Israel seized Dirani to use him as a bargaining chip.) These arguments are not easily dismissed.

Yet there are strong humanitarian factors behind the deal. The pain of the families of Tannebaum and the dead soldiers strongly influenced the ministers.

Nevertheless, the deal is perplexing. The most emotional point concerns Arad. Since his capture 17 years ago, he has become a folk hero to Israelis. His continued absence and unknown fate haunt the nation.

It's surprising the government would accept a deal that doesn't involve Arad. In the late 1980s, he was reportedly transferred to Iranian officials. Hezbollah claims it knows nothing of his whereabouts. Surely Hezbollah leaders could ascertain the fate of Arad with one phone call to their paymasters in Tehran, if doing so was made important enough.

Equally mystifying is the deal's arithmetic. The numbers just don't add up. I've yet to see any explanation of how the two sides arrived at such hugely lopsided terms: Israel frees 425 prisoners (including many terrorists) for one live civilian and three dead soldiers.

True, Israel has made similar outrageously imbalanced prisoner exchanges in the past based on its readiness to sacrifice more than others to obtain the release of its citizens. But how many Israelis were later murdered at the hands of these freed prisoners?

For all the inconsolable grief of the families involved, the government owes it to all Israelis to hang tougher in future negotiations. It's time Hezbollah came clean on the fate of Arad. The cabinet must accept no less. Like all Israelis, I pray he is still alive and will come home soon.

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Israel's rightful place among the nations

The recent spate of direct attacks on "Jewish power," including the speech delivered by since-retired Malaysian prime minister Mahathir Mohamad does not, we are told, represent a new form of anti-Semitism. Instead, the hateful rhetoric and the physical attacks against individual Jews and institutions, particularly in Europe, are said to be a reflection of anger at "Israeli aggression."

Gerald Steinberg in Jerusalem

In a public opinion poll released earlier this month by the European Union, Europeans named Israel as the greatest threat to world peace – ahead of Iran, Pakistan, and North Korea. In some countries, a significant number of people said Israel does not have the right to exist. But, according to the aforementioned line of thinking, this was a protest, not a manifestation of anti-Semitism.

The same logic is applied in the quick dismissals of television programs based on the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* that were broadcast recently on Egyptian and Syrian television and of the regular diet of hate in the Saudi media. According to the apologists, if Israeli "brutality," settlements and occupation ended, the hatred would disappear.

But this effort to distinguish between classical Nazi-style anti-Semitism and the demonization of Israel is artificial. Starting in 1975, when the United Nations adopted its resolution equating Zionism with racism, and continuing in 2001 with the UN's anti-racism conference in Durban, South Africa, the new Israel-oriented hatred of Jews has grown.

The core of the new anti-Semitism is the attempt to deny the Jewish people the right to a homeland, and to hold Israel to extraordinary standards that make self-defence impossible.

The formula for demonization is quite simple and has not changed since 1948. First, Israel is attacked, whether by conventional armies, missiles, or, more recently, by suicide bombings. Then, Israel is condemned for fighting back, destroying terror networks and building protective barriers. After the Arab invasion during the War of Independence, Israel was (and still is to this day) blamed for the plight of the Palestinian refugees who fled the war's path of destruction.

Egyptian president Gamal Abdel Nasser's explicit threat in 1967 to "push the Jews into the sea" has been forgotten, while the resulting occupation of the West Bank and Gaza is condemned without context. The latest version of this demonization also repeats the totally inappropriate comparison of Israel to the South African apartheid regime.

Whether or not you agree with Israeli responses to aggression and terror, the systematic policy of deliberately ignoring the context that forces Israel to act in its own defence can only be explained as a form of anti-Semitism. The automatic and one-sided condemnations of Israel adopted by the UN and echoed by the thousands of misnamed non-governmental human rights organizations further reflect this moral and ethical breakdown.

Stripped of the apologetic rhetoric, which is sometimes repeated by Jews and Israelis, the new anti-Semitism is based on the effort to deny the Jewish people and culture an independent state like all others. While it is apparently permissible for the French people to have a country where French is the dominant language and French culture is preserved and developed, this is somehow not acceptable for the Jewish people. And the same can be said for Swedes, Norwegians, Spaniards, Egyptians, Chinese and everyone else – except Jews.

According to this illogic, Muslims and Arabs, as well as different Christian denominations, Hindus and many other peoples and cultures are entitled to sovereignty, but for some reason the Jewish people and civilization are subject to a different and unique standard. Many years ago, in a similar vein, British historian Arnold Toynbee called the Jewish people a "fossil civilization."

In recent weeks, however, there have been signs that the new anti-Semitism, in the form of blanket condemnations of Israel, is losing some followers.

Mahathir's comments were widely condemned, even in Europe (after French President Jacques Chirac understood that the old excuses would no longer wash). Official Europe also sought to distance itself from the findings of the EU public opinion poll, recognizing for the first time that the propaganda war against Israel had become anti-Semitic.

There is still a long way to go in this process, but the first step is the most difficult.

Letter from China

Mainland China, though distant from our shores and far removed from everyday Jewish concerns, is inextricably woven into the broad canvas of Jewish history.

Sheldon Kirshner in Beijing

The connection between China and Jews is historic. Jews supposedly ventured into China after the destruction of the first temple in Jerusalem. Thomas Torrance, a Scottish missionary who visited the Ching-Min people of Chengdu in 1918, claimed they were the descendants of the ancient Israelites. Whether he was engaging in fanciful speculation is debatable.

More than 1,000 years ago, however, hardy Jewish merchants from Iran, India and Afghanistan penetrated China, or Cathay as it was then known, via the fabled Silk Road, a trade route linking the Mediterranean basin with central Asia. At the express invitation of a Northern Song dynasty emperor, they established a permanent community in Kaifeng, some 300 kilometres west of Beijing. The Jews of Kaifeng, the subject of Chinese scholarship past and present, were gradually assimilated into Chinese society. Some of their present-day descendants, such as Moshe Zhang Xingwang, are keenly aware and proud of their Jewish ancestry.

A new wave of Jews, mainly from the Middle East, streamed into China in the aftermath of the first Opium War in the 1840s. These Sephardi traders, among them the Sassoons and the Kadoories, settled in, among other cities, Shanghai and Hong Kong.

In the wake of the pogroms that swept czarist Russia in the 1880s, and following the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution, Russian Jews immigrated to Harbin, in the northeast Chinese province of Heilongjiang. There they prospered as shopkeepers, bankers and hoteliers.

With the rise of Nazism, tens of thousands of German and Austrian Jewish refugees flowed into the free port of Shanghai, which did not require visas.

By 1949, the year the People's Republic of China was founded, virtually all the Jews in China had left for greener pastures. Practically the only ones remaining behind were idealists and Sinophiles such as Israel Epstein, who was brought to China from Poland at the age of five and became an official in the new political order, and Sidney Shapiro, a New York lawyer who married a Chinese actress, raised a family and earned a living as a literary translator and occasional actor.

A fresh influx of Jews, largely transient businessmen, arrived in China with the unveiling of far-reaching economic reforms enunciated by Deng Xiaoping in the late 1970s. To cater to their social and religious needs, Chabad Lubavitch opened centres in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou.

Israel, one of the first countries to recognize the People's Republic, forged diplomatic relations with China in 1992 after a period of unofficial contacts. For Israel, and for Jewish businessmen based here, China – the world's most populous country – is a market of infinite possibilities.

Dominated by Western powers in the 19th century, and invaded by Japan in 1931, China is a budding superpower. Not since the Tang dynasty (618-907 C.E.) has China been so prosperous. Admitted into the World Trade Organization two years ago, China's gross domestic product is the sixth largest in the world.

Its red hot economy, which has registered an average annual growth rate of about nine per cent, continues to sizzle as Western investments pour in. A nation that suffered through civil war in the 1930s and 1940s, famine in the 1950s with the disastrous Great Leap Forward and ideological fanaticism during the Cultural Revolution (1966-1970), China today is clearly on the ascendancy.

Poised to become an economic powerhouse, if political stability can be maintained in the face of demands for democracy, China has reinvented and modernized itself in the past 15 years.

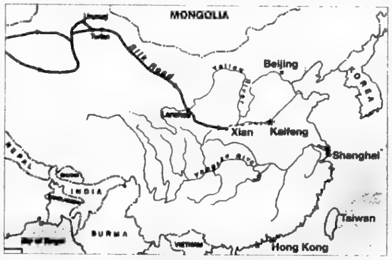
From a country that could barely feed its burgeoning population not so long ago, China has fostered the creation of a fast-growing middle class whose taste for once unattainable Western-style goods seems unquenchable. The requirements of Chinese consumers are being met by a building boom whose towering condominiums bespeak upward mobility and whose gleaming malls, foreign car dealerships, exclusive clubs, sparkling supermarkets, fancy restaurants and chic cafés are the last word in luxury. Goodbye communism, hello capitalism.

And in every large Chinese city, from Shanghai to Zhengzhou, all of which are remarkably clean, the skyline has dramatically been transformed with the proliferation of skyscrapers, museums and concert halls that rival, even surpass, those of New York, Chicago and Toronto in terms of height and avant-garde design.

At night, Chinese cities, much like Hong Kong or Tokyo, pulsate with the flamboyant glow and flicker of a thousand neon lights. And the crowds that descend on congested commercial streets such as Shanghai's Nanjing Road are mind-boggling, as are the monumental traffic jams that clog Beijing, the capital, at almost all hours of the day.

What would Mao Zedong, the guiding light of the People's Republic, think of China's startling capitalistic transformation were he still alive? Mao, whose Little Red Book of aphorisms and philosophical ruminations is widely sold in souvenir shops, mostly as kitsch, would doubtless be shocked by the increasingly yawning gap between rich and poor in China.

Of late, Chinese consumers have bought about one million new cars per year as China's automobile industry has expanded to meet demands. Yet the simple bicycle, the transportation of choice for legions of workers who cannot afford four wheels as yet, is still king throughout China. Whether old, middle-aged or young, they ride their bikes in unhurried, leisurely fashion, waves of sedate cyclists merging with the general hum of traffic, everyone respectful of each other's space.



The fabled Silk Road

China, whose great civilization has beckoned travellers for centuries, has opened itself up not only to Western entrepreneurs, but to foreign tourists as well. There is much to see in this vast, intriguing, dynamic and constantly changing land – from the Forbidden City and the Summer Palace in Beijing and the Great Wall in Badaling to the Bund in Shanghai, the terracotta warriors in Xian and the Dragon Pavilion in Kaifeng. Last winter's SARS epidemic dealt China's tourist industry a stinging blow, and only now is it recovering.

China, which will host the 2008 summer Olympics and the 2010 Expo, is home to a considerable Muslim community, the majority of whose adherents can be found in the far-western province of Xinjiang.

In Kaifeng, and subsequently in Xian, I had my first encounter with Chinese Muslims. Islam, one of China's five state-sanctioned religions, was exported to China by Muslims from the Middle East.

At 4 a.m. in Kaifeng, I was abruptly awakened by a meuzzin's call to prayers, my hotel being right next to a mosque. That afternoon, I visited the mosque, which is attached to a school, and was greeted warmly by a wizened old man wearing a typically white Muslim cap. But I incurred disapproval from two young men when I began flipping through a dog-eared Koran.

Strolling through Xian's teeming Muslim quarter, I ventured into a unique mosque, the world's only one shaped like a Chinese pagoda. I was not the sole Western visitor gazing upon its symmetrical contours.

Later, as I walked through Xian's bazaar, munching a somewhat crispy Chinese pita, I stopped at a shop selling silken scarves. When the elderly Muslim store owner learned I was a Canadian, he beamed, shook my hand and held it in his grasp. Through me, he paid tribute to a revered Canadian in China, the late Dr. Norman Bethune, who laid down his life for the cause of Chinese nationalism.

On one of my last days in Beijing, 24 hours before its earliest snowfall in 20 years, I paid a visit to Mao's mausoleum on Tiananmen Square, the site of a 1989 massacre of pro-democracy students. Along with thousands of Chinese men and women, some bearing bouquets in Mao's honour, I filed somberly past his waxen corpse.

On the morning of my departure from China, after a satisfying two week trip, I met with Eyal Propper – the minister counsellor of the Israeli embassy – at the Beijing Hotel. He and his Israeli colleague, Dan Catarivas, an old China hand who served in China before the establishment of formal diplomatic relations, spoke effusively of China's immense potential as a market for Israel's high-tech exports.

As we talked, I could not help but reflect on the fact that, 1,000 years after Jewish traders reached the Middle Kingdom via the Silk Road and settled in Kaifeng, Jewish businessmen are once again tapping into this immensely rich and promising market.

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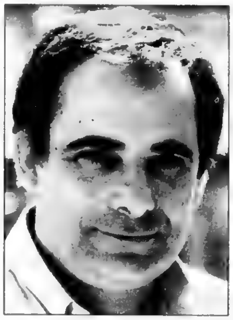
Israeli journalist slams Sharon's leadership

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Israel's prime minister, Ariel Sharon, has failed as a leader, says seasoned Israeli journalist Hirsh Goodman.

"Sharon's leadership at every level has been an abject failure," Goodman declared in a hard-hitting speech at Holy Blossom Temple last week.

Goodman, a senior research associate at Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, was founding editor of the *Jerusalem Report* and before that a military reporter for the *Jerusalem Post*.



Hirsh Goodman

He said Sharon has reneged on a 2001 election promise to bring Israelis peace and security.

Describing the Palestinian uprising as "a full-scale war" rather than a revolt, Goodman, a South African native who settled in Israel in 1968, said the conflict has brought immense human suffering and psychological pain to both Israelis and Palestinians.

"I do not remember a period [in Israel] as scary as this," he said, suggesting that the intifadah has caused widespread insecurity and fear throughout the country and resulted in the deaths of some 900 Israelis and more than 2,000 Palestinians since Sept. 2000.

Claiming that Sharon's popularity is slipping, Goodman said the prime minister's only tangible accomplishment has been political survival by keeping his coalition government intact.

Goodman said every diplomatic initiative designed to end the intifadah and restart peace talks has "come to nothing," largely because Sharon does not want to alienate the far-right ministers in his cabinet who oppose territorial concessions.

Israel could have helped former Palestinian prime minister Mahmoud Abbas to consolidate his grip on power by releasing far more prisoners, but Sharon chose not to shore him up, Goodman said.

Sharon "speaks out of both sides of his mouth" by supporting the expansion of settlements while expressing support for peace efforts, he said.

Noting that 56 illegal settlements have been established in the past two years, Goodman said the Israeli army has been diverted from its mission of protecting Israel from terrorism by having to guard these unauthorized outposts.

Referring to a recent incident in the West Bank, he criticized a group of young Israeli settlers who cut down 200 olive trees and thus deprived their Palestinian owners of a livelihood.

Calling the incident a disgrace that besmirches Israel's image and fans anti-Semitism, he accused the Israeli government of paralysis in the face of this provocation.

"We've created a monster," Goodman said of the settlers.

The deliberate placement of Jewish communities in heavily-populated Arab areas in the territories is "meshuge," he said, citing Netzarim in Gaza as an example.

And Israel's recent destruction of three seven-storey apartment buildings in Gaza to avenge the murder of three Israeli soldiers was counter-productive, Goodman said. "Suicide bombers in Gaza are standing in line to volunteer. That's what we've been creating."

He said the Israeli army can't eliminate terrorism because it doesn't know how to fight civilians.

Comparing the mood in Israel today to a boiling pot, Goodman said Israelis are increasingly fed up with Sharon's lack of leadership and direction and his inability to crush terrorism.

Sharon acts as he pleases because the United States is bogged down in Iraq and Israel's opposition parties are impotent, he said.

Calling Israel's security fence through the West Bank an illusion rather than a solution, Goodman said it's no substitution for diplomacy.

Palestinian gunmen will have no difficulty firing rockets and mortars over the fence, which, he said, places almost 200,000 Palestinians on the Israeli side.

The fence's real purpose, Goodman argued, is to emphasize that Sharon has no intention of retreating to pre-1967 borders.

He said the failure of diplomacy is dooming the prospects for a two-state solution and ushering in calls by Palestinian intellectuals for one state. "Their battle cry and strategy will be 'One man, one vote,' and who can oppose that?"

Goodman warned that if this slogan gains international legitimacy, Israel will be put in a very difficult position and may well be branded as an oppressive apartheid state.

In this vein, he said Israel faces a looming demographic crisis, because by 2010, there will be more Arabs than Jews between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea.

Goodman said 70 per cent of Israelis and Palestinians want peace, but their leaders can't deliver a political settlement.

"There is no Ben-Gurion on either side," he lamented, referring to Israel's first prime minister.

Goodman urged Palestinians to rid themselves of Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat. But he said Israelis cannot blame Arafat for all their current troubles.

Israel needs leadership and vision, Goodman said, "but we're not getting it."

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Effects of Rabin's death continue today: Israel's consul general

By ADAM SEGAL
Special to The CJN

Yitzhak Rabin fought in many battles, but even in the constant face of death, the sanctity of life was paramount to him, a memorial to the slain Israeli prime minister heard last week

Israel's consul general in Toronto, Ya'acov Brosh, said his murder and the strife that has lingered since speak volumes about the need to value life the way he did.

"The only lesson that we might learn [from his murder] is that no matter what terrible internal struggles we should face in the coming future, we should never, ever raise a hand against each other," Brosh said.

"The value of human life is above everything."

As part of the Nov. 15 ceremony at the Lodzer Centre Congregation – marking eight years since Rabin's assassination – teens from eight different Jewish youth movements joined in singing harmonies and reading excerpts from speeches made by and about Rabin.

Yitzhak Rabin

"We are in the midst of building the peace… layer by layer, brick by brick," Rabin was quoted as saying at Oslo in 1994, where the foundation for Israel's peace accords with the Palestinians were laid. "We are determined to do the job well."

The teens lit a series of candles that illuminated a striking poster of Rabin, the first Jewish political leader to be assassinated by a Jew in 2,500 years.

Brosh said the reverberations of the murder continue to be felt in Israel.

"I don't know if Israel has ever recovered since the killing," he said. "[Rabin] represented real hope and faith… and many people who did not agree with him [still] admired his way."

In speaking of Rabin's character, Brosh said that in 1994 when the Jewish extremist Baruch Goldstein killed 27 Palestinians at a Hebron mosque, Rabin not only condemned the act, he also expressed his personal sorrow.

"I am ashamed as a Jew, as an Israeli and as a human being," Rabin said at the time.

Born in Jerusalem in 1922, Rabin graduated from agricultural school before embarking on a decorated 27-year military career, first in the pre-state Haganah and then in the Israel Defence Forces, that was capped by his stint as IDF chief of staff during the Six Day War in 1967.

After the war, Rabin was Israel's ambassador to the United States until 1973. He served as prime minister from 1974 to 1977.

The Labor MK then served in various high-ranking government portfolios, including as Minister of Defence.

He was elected prime minister once again in 1992, starting a historic term in which he signed the Israel-Palestinian Declaration of Principles in 1993 and a peace deal with Jordan in 1994. For his efforts, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1994, along with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Labour MK Shimon Peres.

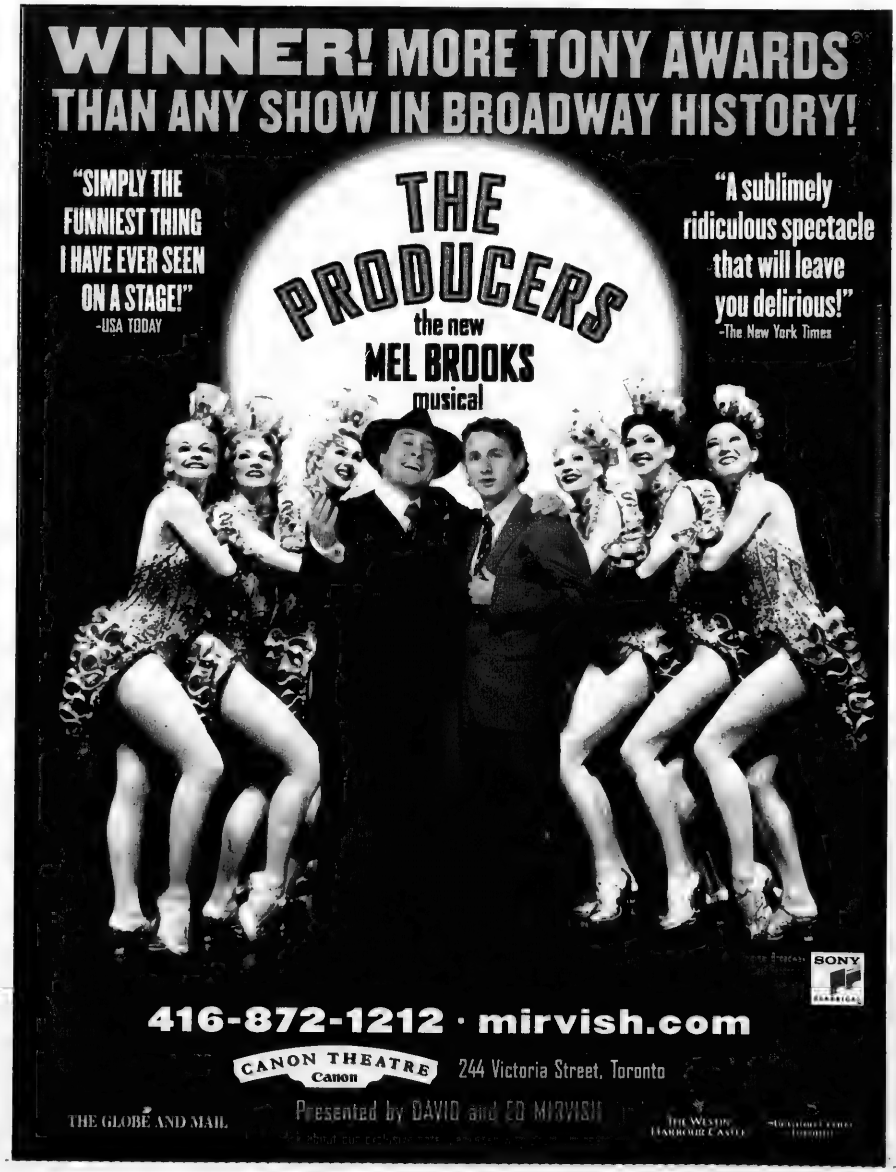
On Nov, 1995, after a rally for peace whose theme was "Yes to Peace, No to Violence," Rabin was assassinated by a young Jewish extremist.

Channa Pinchasi, the representative from the Jewish Agency to the UJA Federation Board of Jewish Education, told the members of the Jewish youth groups that their participation signified their support for Israel.

"I salute Toronto's youth… for promoting our common goal for a Jewish and democratic state of Israel," she said. "Your presence here is a strong statement expressing your unending support."

The ceremony concluded with the teens singing *Shir Hashalom.*

STUDENTS PRACTISE GEMILUT HASADIM: **Shaar Shalom Religious School students, from left, Matthew Cohn, Michael Kates and Hayley Eidelman are seen packing candy for the Out of the Cold program, as part of the school's gemilut hasadim (deeds of loving kindness) project. The school recently completed a four-week project beginning with the study of Jewish stories about acts of kindness that students read or listened to and acted out. Among other activities, students made get-well cards to send to the Hospital for Sick Children and cards for the Thornhill Out of the Cold program.**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Lost Holocaust music to be performed in Toronto

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

In the early 1920s, Erwin Schulhoff began creating jazz-inspired compositions, integrating new syncopated rhythms with more traditional classical sounds.

By the time the Holocaust caught up with the Prague-born musician in 1941, he had created and produced symphonies, concerti, chamber music and an opera called *The Flames*. That June, he was imprisoned the Wulzburg concentration camp in Bavaria, where he died of tuberculosis.

While works by Schulhoff and others such as Hans Krasa, creator of the children's opera *Brundibar*, were performed before or during the war, other pieces were discovered later, often by chance.

Paul Schoenfield

On the weekend beginning Dec. 5, music by Schulhoff, Krasa and other artists will be performed, some for the first time in North America, in a three-day festival on music related to the Holocaust called Music Reborn.

The music, which will be performed by Artists of the Royal Conservatory of Music (ARC) and students of the Glenn Gould Music School, will not only reflect the wealth of repertoire written at that time, but will also explore how the Holocaust affects our musical perceptions generally, said ARC's musical director Simon Wynberg.

When music is heard through the lens of the Shoah, the listener is often affected by the knowledge of the horrors that took place, Wynberg said.

Pieces that were written before the Holocaust, such as Sergei Prokofiev's *Overture on Hebrew Themes*, are received very differently now than when it was first heard by a New York audience in 1910, he said.

Interestingly, much of the music composed by Jewish musicians during the war is light and witty.

As an example, Wynberg pointed to *Buds*, a piece by Karel Berman, which is very innocent and has no reference to his Theresienstadt experience. The irony of these types of works, which were probably created to help the artists escape the horrors of their environment, is not lost on the listener, he said.

After the war, the hopelessness of the Holocaust began to inform compositions and more ominous, sinister elements emerged, Wynberg said.

Camp Songs by American composer Paul Schoenfield was written after the war and "is a very different type of remembrance piece," he said. The lively music, which incorporates tangos and dance melodies, is coupled with the solemn lyrics of Aleksander Kulisiewiz, a non-Jewish political prisoner who spent six years in the Sachsenhausen concentration camp.

"The poems describe the horrors of the camp with a sarcastic, graphic and vengeful honesty that draws us in as observers to bear witness to the terror," Wynberg said.

The weekend event will include the North American premier of a piano concerto by Szymon Laks, who was the conductor of one of the orchestras at Auschwitz.

The event will also include lectures by several writers and academics including one by Gottfried Wagner, the great-grandson of operatic composer Richard Wagner, known for his anti-Semitic views.

While Gottfried was born after the end of the war in 1947, he grew up on stories about his family legacy and their close friendship with "Uncle Wolf," a man the rest of the world referred to as Adolf Hitler. Over the years, Gottfried separated himself from his family and began to confront his past and the role Germans played during the Holocaust.

He published a book titled *Twilights of the Wagners: The Unveiling of a Family's Legacy,* and has dedicated himself to the pursuit of German Jewish reconciliation, establishing the Post-Holocaust Dialogue Group.

Also at the event, Bret Werb, resident musicologist at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., will discuss the work of Aleksander Kulisiewicz, author of the texts used in Schoenfield's *Camp Songs*, and York University history professor Michael Kater will talk on "Jewish Musicians and the Music in Nazi Germany and Beyond."

Special guests will include mezzo-soprano Kimberley Barber, bass-baritone Thomas Goerz, bassist Robert Pomakov and violist Rennie Rehehr.

Wynberg said that ARC, a musical ensemble made up of senior RCM faculty, was established to produce educational, as well as entertaining, concerts.

"The music chosen for the weekend has survived not simply because of its connection to the Holocaust," he said.

"In a few hundred years, when the Holocaust is a little less real than it is today, this music will still be there because it is simply good music."

For tickets or more information, call 416-408-2824, ext. 321.

University paper pulled after anti-Semitic comment

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

Copies of *The Gargoyle*, the bi-weekly student-run newspaper of University College at the University of Toronto, were pulled off newsstands last Friday after an anti-Semitic note by the editors appeared in the Nov. 21 edition.

The comment, which stated "…shut the fuck up, you stupid greedy Jew," was written following an article by Josh Lieblein criticizing a cartoon that appeared in the previous paper.

Part of a series called "Adventures in Objectivism," the cartoon showed two men "poking their heads out," Lieblein said, with one of them carrying a bag of money and wearing a black hat and sideburns. He questioned whether the artist had meant to intentionally portray the character as a Jewish Shylock.

The editorial note defended the cartoon and concluded with the anti-Semitic slur. It said the drawing was made by "a 19th-century British guy with mutton chops."

The university responded to complaints immediately after Hillel public relations co-ordinator Johanna Herman and Hillel executive member Elanna Mosoff noticed the comment when they picked up the paper on Friday.

Principal of University College Paul Perron met the same day with members of the Hillel student executive board, director of the Wolfond Centre for Jewish Campus Life Lisa Isen Baumal, and the executive members of University College's literacy and athletic society. It was decided that publication of *The Gargoyle* would halt until the editorial policies of the newspaper could be reviewed.

Hillel has demanded that the editorial board resign, but no decision has yet been made.

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Jewish soldier remembers his fallen comrades

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

Cpl. Dan Matthews just wants to move on.

He needs time to heal, to reflect and ultimately, to put behind him the horrible events of Oct. 2, when a vehicle in a convoy he was riding in hit a landmine near the Canadian base in Afghanistan, killing two soldiers and wounding three others.

Only Matthews, one of two known Jewish soldiers serving in Afghanistan, escaped without a scratch. He'd rather forget the incident, but he will never forget his fallen comrades.

The 32-year-old Toronto native, a signaller with the 3rd Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment Para Company, was sent home for two weeks after the blast to be with his wife and young son, then returned to his duties at Camp Julien, the Canadian base in southwest Kabul.

Matthews, who has been in Afghanistan for four months, politely turned aside questions about the incident in an e-mail interview.

"I would like to move on with my healing and remember my friends the way I knew them, not the way I saw them," he wrote.

On that terrible day, Sgt. Robert Short and Cpl. Robbie Beerenfenger were killed when their Iltis jeep, just 20 metres ahead of the vehicle in which Matthews was riding, hit a landmine while on a routine off-road patrol in the foothills southwest of the Canadian base.

Three other soldiers were wounded, including two in the front seat of Matthews' jeep. But Matthews was unscathed because he was facing backwards in the rear seat.

Matthews made a brave but futile effort to help his fellow soldiers. The deaths stunned the nation.

In the days following, he wrestled with overwhelming guilt and convalesced at home. In time, he attributed his fate not to sheer luck, but to his mother, who died when Matthews was 15.

"Well, let's just say I feel I had a guardian watching over me that day," he says, "and I like to think it was her."

Asked how the incident affected his outlook on life, Matthews replied, "in a year or so, I'll be able to answer that better."

As for the Canadian Forces, which Matthews joined nearly seven years ago, "I feel even [more] strongly that we are doing the right thing being here because when I see a small child with a smile, I like to think that Sgt. Short and Cpl. Beerenfenger were able to give that child a chance to smile."

Matthews, who attended Shaarei Beth El congregation in Oakville while growing up, knows of just one other Canadian Jewish soldier serving in Afghanistan, someone at Kabul Multinational Brigade headquarters, and the two speak regularly.

Matthews, who uses the camp chapel for prayer, says he's free to practise his religion in Afghanistan. "It is like being a Jew back in Canada, just everyone wears combat uniforms."

Cpl. Dan Matthews in Afghanistan. **[CP Photos/Stephen Thorne]**

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Jewish Life

Where do you get your water?

By RABBI LEIGH LERNER

Rabbinic Reflections

Isaac dug anew the wells of his father Abraham. Wells are one of three basic ways Middle Easterners obtain water. One way is to go down to rivers and lakes to draw water. The second method is to dig a pit and plaster it, thus making a cistern, a miniature lake from which water can be drawn as necessary. Rain water flows towards the cistern and is trapped for future use. Finally, people can dig a well and tap the water table.

These three means of obtaining water remind us of three different ways of living.

Like the people who go down to the river to draw water, some live by the flow of life around them, making no effort to go deeper or seek more permanent sources of inspiration or connection. A person can live like this most of their days without difficulty.

Those who use the river and lake discover, however, that in the severest seasons of heat, their resources are challenged. Lacking any other basis of survival, they may either die of thirst or be forced to submit to the will of those who control other water supplies.

Similarly, people who take inspiration from the daily flow of events – from business, fashion, sport and the surface relations they have with individuals – may find that when life gets tough, they lack the resources to withstand their trials. That's when they turn to other sources of inspiration, and since their hour of need may produce unwise decisions, they might pay exorbitantly for their choice. Most of us are of this type of person.

The second source of water echoes another kind of person, the one who builds a cistern – a collector of water to be used in the dry season. These days, when we find life's road bumpy, we often head for advice to the bookstore or library, or perhaps to an advisor, professor or clergy person. These are our cisterns, for they gather knowledge and concentrate it in one spot.

If you want to meet a troubled person, go to the nearest cistern: the self-help section of the bookstore. There, you'll find people searching for the volume with the solution to their unique problem.

Those who use cisterns must understand how to use them, and they must also understand that these cisterns must be maintained. A cistern requires a liner of plaster to retain water. Likewise, a bookstore cannot exist without customers, a library without a tax base, an advisor without a fee, the professor or clergy person without the institution that sustains them. Just as people must tend to their cisterns, particularly when the water level becomes low, so in the most difficult of times is it necessary to maintain the institutions of learning and wisdom in our society.

Finally, there is the well. A well taps the water table, that ancient source of water that the earth itself has filtered and purified. In times when we're desperate for water, we go to the extra expense and difficulty of digging deep in the hope of finding life-giving, fresh water. Similarly, when survival matters most, we dig deepest for our inspiration.

This can be seen in the way we use our tradition of Torah. During ordinary times, we skim the surface. In harder times, we open our library of books for commentary and inspiration. In the most critical of moments, we do not abandon Torah, but we dig deeper and deeper for meaning until at last a fresh, life-giving interpretation emerges that inspires us to go forward again.

When biblical religion could not answer questions of the day, the oral tradition – first codified in the Mishnah – emerged. When Mishnah could not cope with new problems, we dug deeper and found Gemarah. When Gemarah lacked answers to certain contemporary questions, the academies advanced with takkanot, general decrees, and with simplified codes of law. When these codes failed to inspire in the face of dispersion, kabbalah developed. Since then, the old prophets have re-inspired us with their ethical imperatives.

Every few generations, we need to dig new wells or uncover old ones, as Isaac did long ago. Individually, we may need to refresh and drink from deeply filtered waters of inspiration that we have not touched before, but we must know that an effort – a personal effort – is required to dig so deeply.

Each of these three sources of water, the natural stream, the cistern and the well has its time and place, and each also speaks of how we live our lives. Are you drinking from a stream, a cistern or a well? Is it the right source for you? Something to ponder.

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Stoned and cast out

By ELLIOTT MALAMET

JEWISH EDUCATION
The Next Generation

Like one of those Dr. Seuss learning-to-read sequences, an undeniable and consistent picture has taken shape in our modern world.

Teenagers take drugs.

Jewish teenagers take drugs.

Secular Jewish teenagers take drugs.

Orthodox Jewish teenagers take drugs.

And unlike former U.S. president Bill Clinton, our kids do, in fact, inhale. They get stoned in basements, cars, parking lots, parks (I can smell it when I'm jogging), washrooms, street corners, at friends' houses, at parties, alone, in pairs, in groups, at concerts, with headphones on, with kippot off, as an act of belonging, as an anti-social statement, because they like it, because they're afraid not to like it, to combat depression, to combat boredom, to combat nothing at all, monthly, weekly, daily, as an adjunct to sex, with ascetic purity, to defy their parents, to copy their parents, with giggling followed by hunger, with calm followed by melancholy, with fear, for money, for free, with recklessness, with indifference, with anger, with sweetness, with clarity, and with confusion.

As hackneyed as it sounds, every child is different, so, by extension, every child who has smoked a joint has a different story. Some are perfectly in-control children who will doubtless graduate high school and go on to fulfill their parents' dream of medical school and a materially prosperous future. They smoked some doobies. No big deal. They're too smart to throw out their lives on drugs. But for the child who is invested in getting high and the rest of their day is pretty much an asterisk, it doesn't take a Freud to see their are some underlying issues.

My experience of Jewish communities in this regard is, to be euphemistic, disappointing, and this is especially true of the Orthodox population, which I am quite familiar with. Kids are given a ubiquitous label – "teens at risk" – and then are socially exiled as the "problem child." It's hard to address what you would rather not believe, and Orthodox kehillot have denial to burn when it comes to believing there are children who are angry at Judaism, disgusted with their parents and feeling contempt for their teachers and communal leaders, who they feel have betrayed the spirit of compassion and sophisticated empathy.

Whether such a perception is accurate or paranoid or many shades in between is less relevant than finding a way to approach these children with honesty and respect. Instead, these young people are often treated as if they are contemporary lepers – a dangerous contagion to be thrust "outside the camp," lest the disease spread.

Love your neighbour as yourself is a fairly empty platitude if it is not applied to those outside our circle of agreement and social tolerance. As Rav Abraham Isaac Kook writes, "Loving the Jewish people and labouring to defend them, both collectively and individually, is not just an emotional task. It is an important discipline in the Torah. It is a deep and broad science with many branches."

When we don't believe in others, is it their characters that are deficient, or our faith?

Thoughts on Jewish Book Month

Books

Bernard Baskin

Every year, worldwide, about 70,000 books are published in English. A small portion of these come under the heading of literature. How many of these are good books? How many are of enduring value? What follows are some broad and general criteria.

In the first place, good books do not end with the reading of them. Something remains of intellectual or spiritual or esthetic value, something that will advance the culture of our souls and something that will augment us. In a word then, the first thing a book should do is to provide a dilation of the spirit, a stretch of the imagination, a view of new horizons.

In the second place, a good book should interpret and explain what we ourselves, unaided, would find difficult to understand or appreciate. A great writer will shed light and irradiate the dark corners of human personality and relationships. He or she can help us to understand ourselves and our own problems more clearly by unfolding for us the life and problems of other people. How did they stand up to the shocks of life? What trials and tribulations and temptations were theirs? How did they grow or fail to grow because of them?

In good books then, something of ourselves will always appear, something of our own confusion or weakness. They may even awaken within us thoughts that we feared to acknowledge to ourselves. They will reach down to the very source of our being.

In the third place, good books should not only set us thinking, but should challenge us to action. As we read ourselves into them, we unconsciously recreate ourselves. We are startled into a new awareness and we want to do something about it. To a certain degree, then, literature remakes, redirects and activates us.

All books communicate a selection of judgments about life. All books try to teach. The essential differences are between those books that teach well and those that teach badly, between those that teach valuable things and those that teach foolish or trivial things.

Finally, good books deal not just with surface truth but with what we might call poetic truth. They reveal that often behind things as they are there is another truth, a different reality, other possibilities. They open up a world of wonder.

The fact that such truth cannot be proved in the scientific sense does not render it invalid. On the contrary, it is essential to our sanity and well-being. It is indeed a "furtherance of life," a going forward to meet life, not a pleasant escape from it or a holiday from the limitations of time and space and respectability.

Perhaps it all comes down to these words of Aldous Huxley: "Those who know how to read have it in their power to magnify themselves, to multiply the ways in which they exist, to make their lives fully significant and exciting."

Sheva Brachot on the World Wide Web

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

The Jewish Highway

"May there soon be heard, Lord our God, in the cities of Judea and in the streets of Jerusalem, the sound of joy and the sound of celebration, the voice of a bridegroom and the voice of a bride, the happy shouting of bridegrooms from their weddings and of young men from their feasts of song." –From the Sheva Brachot, the Jewish wedding blessings. **[http://www.ou.org/wedding/7brachot.htm]**

The Sheva Brachot (Seven Blessings) are among the most joyous and beautiful blessings in Judaism. Recited under the chupah and over festive meals during the first week of marriage, they represent the happiness not only of the couple, but of the entire community. Today, a look at Sheva Brachot insights and resources on the World Wide Web.

The roots for the Sheva Brachot tradition can be traced back to biblical times. After Laban tricked Jacob into marrying Leah instead of Rachel, the father-in-law Laban commanded Jacob to "wait until this week [of wedding celebrations] for [Leah] is over. Then we will give you the other girl." (Genesis 29:27) **[http://makeashorterlink.com/?X1D941746]**

The ceremony is also mentioned in the Talmud, by the Ramban and in the Shulchan Aruch, the Code of Jewish Law. But as Herb Geduld writes in the *Cleveland Jewish News*, since the festive meal was eaten only in the presence of 10 men, "it was not a widespread ceremony in eastern Europe, where feeding 10 or 20 people was often an unaffordable expense." The week-long practice only regained wide popularity in the past 50 years. Geduld tells the story of a couple in 1960 who planned to celebrate their Sheva Brachot aboard an El Al plane. But when a crowd congregated in the rear of the old Britannia Jet-Prop, the plane became unbalanced and they all had to return to their seats. The festivities continued after the couple arrived in London. **[http://makeashorterlink.com/?C21A52746]**

The seven blessings are recited under the chupah and at the conclusion of each of the week-long festive meals. If you are going to be honoured with reciting one of the blessings, you can practise your rendition at Paul Evans and Rebecca Schwartz's Sheva Brachot Page. Each blessing is presented in Hebrew, English transliteration and English translation, along with an audio file of the traditional melody. While you're at the site, take a look at Rebecca and Paul's July wedding. **[http://www.bexandpaul.com/Wedding/Sheva/]**

There are several interesting laws and customs connected to the Sheva Brachot. For example, Rabbi Doniel Neustadt explains that one of the participants at the celebration should be a "panim chadashot" – literally "a new face" – someone who was not present at the wedding ceremony. **[http://www.torah.org/advanced/weekly-halacha/5760/vayechi.html]** Rabbi Neustadt notes that the first week of marriage is considered a "private Yom Tov" during which there is an obligation of simchah. **[http://www.torah.org/advanced/weekly-halacha/5760/mikeitz.html]** For more details, check out Rabbi Eliezer Chrysler's Daf Yomi quiz. **[http://makeashorterlink.com/?A22B13746]**

Couples who decide to observe the traditional week of Sheva Brachot should expect to see plenty of family, friends, meals and public celebrations. It also means postponing thoughts of escaping to a private honeymoon. And that's a good thing, says author Michael Medved in his article "Banish the Honeymoon."

"Consider the underlying message that the honeymoon habit conveys. Even when the bridal pair is fortunate enough to enjoy a very public wedding ceremony, they follow this occasion with an abrupt escape from the very community that helped them consecrate their vows." Medved acknowledges that seven days of feasting with friends may sound like an ordeal but it really isn't. He says we should take a look at the "synthetic and temporary environment of the honeymoon" compared to the grounding that a ritual like the Sheva Brachot gives us. **[http://www.taemag.com/issues/articleid.163 50/article_detail.asp]**

Gilah Langner continues that theme and makes a lovely observation when she describes the conclusion of the Sheva Brachot ceremony. **[http://www.kerem.com/journals/journal3.htm]** Wine is poured from two cups into a third and then back into the original cups. "The newlyweds sip from the wine and share the third cup with their guests. The Sheva Brachot ritual thus extends the sense of blessing expressed in the words just recited… The couple's joy reverberates through the community."

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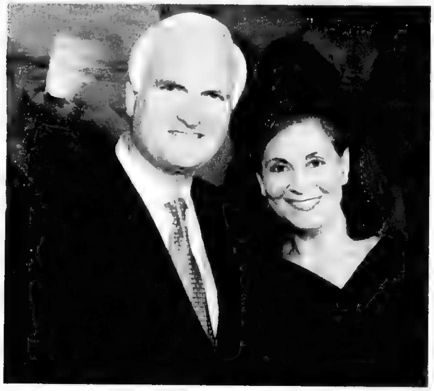
Rubinsteins keep Israel all in the family

By **ADI NEUBERGER**
Special to The CJN

In the Rubinstein household, ahavat Yisrael is a family affair.

"A strong connection to Israel is all part of growing up Jewish in our home", says Renee Rubinstein, who along with her husband Eli, is being honoured by the Jewish National Fund Negev Dinner on Nov. 30.

Both Renee and Eli are children of Holocaust survivors. Eli, who was born in an Italian displaced persons camp just months before the War of Independence, would have gone to Israel with his parents, Bill and Judith, if not for a law that prevented people with small children from immigrating to the new Jewish homeland.



Eli and Renee Rubinstein

His parents decided to start their new lives in Canada instead. "If I hadn't come along at that time, my parents would have gone to Israel. Instead, Israel is now my second home," says Eli.

The two met in New York, where Renee was born and raised.

Eli, a philosophy student at the University of Toronto was visiting with his professor and good friend Emil Fackenheim. Shortly afterwards, Renee moved to Toronto and the two married in 1974.

After their first child was born, their love of the Jewish state served as the impetus for their growing community involvement. This dedication and commitment flowed through to their children as the family grew.

"It was a natural thing to do," says Renee, who has volunteered for numerous causes here and in Israel over the last 30 years including the Israel Biotechnical Institute, Emunah Women of Toronto, Canadian Friends of Shaarei Tzedek Hospital, the Hebrew Academy for Special Children, and the Canadian Friends of Ezrath Nashim Herzog Hospital in Jerusalem, where she served as president for over a decade.

After leaving his career as lecturer in religious studies at the University of Toronto, Eli took his place in the family-owned business, H&R Developments.

He dedicated himself to many organizations over the years: Bnei Akivah Schools in Toronto, the Canada Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Canadian Jewish Congress and Canadian Friends of Yeshiva University, which he serves as president.

"Our children have surpassed our connection to Israel," says Renee.

Their eldest daughter Tamar, lives in Raanana with her husband Jonathan Koschitzky and their four children; their son Ilan, whose wife is Israeli born, and Erez, 22, now pursuing a post graduate degree at New York University, spent a number of years studying in Israel; and their youngest daughter Hadassa, spent last summer visiting Israel and Ukraine and plans to return to Israel to study next year.

Although Renee admits it is sometimes difficult to have her children in Israel during unsettling times, frequent visits and telephone conversations ease her mind. "I wouldn't have it any other way," she says.

Both Renee and Eli hope their whole family will be on hand to celebrate the opening of a new park and playground in one of Tel Aviv's poorest neighbourhoods, B'nei Brak.

The Orthodox neighbourhood, with a large number of children, has almost nothing in the way of recreational facilities. The Rubensteins plan to change that with funds raised at this year's Negev Dinner, which will be held at the Sheraton Centre Hotel.

At this year's dinner, a new award will be presented to Maurice Benzacar, Alex Eisen, Frances Mandell-Arad, Michael Rosenberg and Rose Ziner, who are all being honoured for their involvement in the community.

For information on the dinner, to be held at the Sheraton Centre Hotel, call 416-638-7200.

Bereaved Jewish Families launch Web site

By **CAROLYN BLACKMAN**
Staff Reporter

Bereaved Jewish Families of Ontario, a support group for Jewish parents who have lost a child through death, recently launched its first Web site.

By logging onto www.bereavedjewishfamilies.on.ca, parents can find information on the group's activities as well as on Jewish rituals and on such things as handling holidays and special days after the death of a child.

There is also a list of resource books, a place to share thoughts with other parents and links to other organizations.

The group, which was formed in 1989 with eight newly bereaved parents, believes that early intervention and assistance can facilitate healing, and that the support that comes from the group can alleviate the aloneness that bereaved parents often experience after the loss of a child.

Anne Isenberg, whose son Darrell, 20, was killed in a car accident 11 years ago, says the Web site provides a place for people to turn to when they don't know where to go.

"Losing a child is not that common, and people often feel alone. The site allows them to reach out and find some comfort," says Isenberg, who has two other children and three grandchildren.

The grief of losing a child is always with you, she says.

"Grief is grief, no matter where you live, and the Web site provides people with a place to reach others they may not normally meet. We are working on a chat room which should be up and running soon."

It is a good outlet for parents who may not yet feel ready to talk to anyone in person or by phone, Isenberg says.

"People may feel freer to talk online. They can log on without having to pick up the phone. The organization does not do outreach. Parents have to call Bereaved Parents when they feel ready."

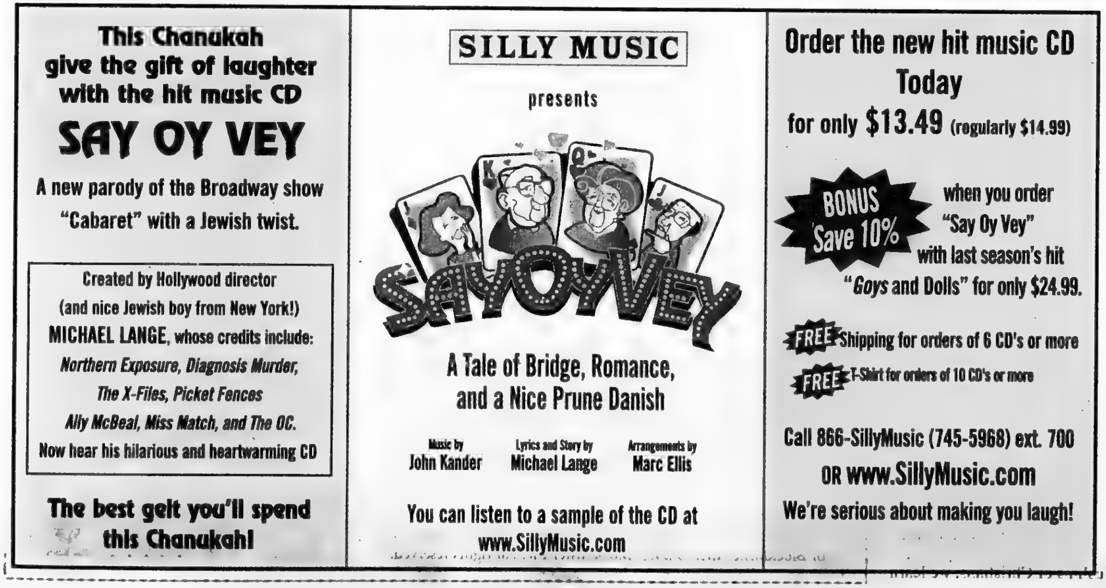
Isenberg first approached the organization when she needed help handling her daughter's marriage.

"It was the birth of my grandchildren, especially the first one Daniel, named after my son, who really turned the tide and brought some measure of joy back into our lives.

"I was told by a grief expert that you know you are healing when the joy outweighs the pain at special events, and that was the first time that the joy really outweighed the pain," she says.

Bereaved Jewish Families Ontario has also started a support group that is run by social worker Marcie Wargon and takes place on the last Tuesday of every month at the Lipa Green Building.

For more information, call 416-638-7800, ext. 202, or e-mail support@bereavedjewishfamilies.on.ca.



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Humanism can help to end Arab-Israeli conflict: educator

By **ADI NEUBERGER**
Special to The CJN

Religious tolerance, racism and land rights are perceived by many to be at the centre of the Arab-Israeli conflict. But if trying to foster understanding along these lines has yielded relatively little progress, could it be time for a new approach, one that places the combatants on common ground?

The answer is "yes," said Deborah Weissman, director of Jerusalem's Kerem Institute for Teacher Training for Humanistic-Jewish Education, in a Nov. 16 lecture at York University titled "Educating Towards Humanism and Judaism in Israel Today." Her talk was part of the Harry Crowe Lecture series at York's Centre for Jewish Studies.

Weissman said both Jews and Arabs have a lot to learn from humanism, which she defined as a philosophical system that considers people to be basically good and rational creatures who can improve themselves and others through their natural human attributes of reason and action.

"Seeing others as human is the first step to a more empathetic relationship between Arabs and Jews," she said.

As an example of humanism at work in Israel, Weissman cited haredi Jews who weave humanism into their beliefs and practices.

"In the past two years, there has been an amazing development among haredim," she said, referring to the yellow-vested members of Zaka who attend to victims of suicide bombings.

"They used to only help themselves, [but] now they're helping other Jews as well as Arabs. Terror has become the great leveller in Israeli society."

As a result, although "most people think of humanism as anti-religion…we don't have that association in Israel," said Weissman, who is Orthodox but also considers herself a humanist.

Indeed, she contended, "there is no contradiction between humanism and being a religious Jew."

In fact, she argued, Israeli society, with its Jewish majority, is ripe for adopting a humanistic approach such as the one put forward by Rabbi Shimshon Raphael Hirsch, the 19th-century founder of neo-Orthodoxy (later called modern Orthodoxy), in which Torah study is coupled with secular learning under the slogan "Torah *im derech eretz*."

"[Rabbi] Hirsh provided a model of how one can live as religious Jews in the modern world and incorporate western values into the study of Torah," Weissman said. "Were it not for him, we would not have Jewish girls learning Torah and Orthodox men serving in the Israel Defence Forces."

Weismann said the Kerem Institute, which she has headed for the last nine years, is another example of humanism taking root in Israel.

All its students pursue bachelor of arts degrees at Hebrew University while studying in the institute's Jewish education program.

They also represent a wide range of religious observance and political views.

"We have students who live in West Bank settlements learning side by side with others who won't even set foot in a settlement." Weissman said.

She said humanistic education is not only important for Jews to be able to relate to one another, it's also key to establishing equal ground for Jews and Muslims to work out their differences.

"Whether we are Jews, Muslims or Christians, we learn more about ourselves by learning more about the religion of others."

For example, "it's amazing how similar Arabic and Hebrew are," she said.

"Our only hope for survival is if serious Muslims integrate some humanism into their own faith – a kind of 'Koran im derech eretz.'"

ROAD SHOW: The Mincer Troupe, cousins between the ages of three and 12, are seen entertaining at the Terrace Gardens earlier this month. The Mincers, lead by Maggie Mincer, sing, dance, play piano, guitar and clarinet. The kids enjoy the smiles on the faces of residents at the nursing homes they visit around Toronto.

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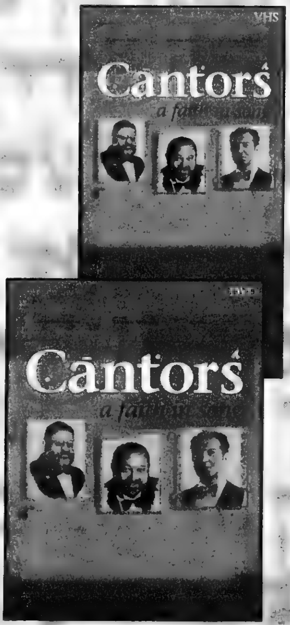

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The organizing committee for the 50th reunion of the graduates of Harbord Collegiate Institute are: standing from left, Irwin Siderson, Marvin Tameanko, Mitch Greenberg, Marty Poizner, Eddie Richman and Franklin Pulver; seated, from left, Harvey Silver, Joyce (Ashrow) Sniderman, Rebecca (Kumer) Moscoe, Margie (Snow) Keshen, Marv Cohen and Aileen (Swartz) Goodfield.

Harbord class of '53 gathers for 50th reunion

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Many graduates of Harbord Collegiate Institute, once the centre of activities for Jewish teens in Toronto, have wonderful memories of their time at the school.

The graduating class of 1953 recently held its 50th reunion dinner at Meron Banquet Hall, where 88 graduates, spouses and partners gathered, from places as far away as Kingston and Parry Sound in Ontario, and cities in Alabama and Arizona.

The invocation was given by accountant Irwin Talesnick, who presented a non-denominational prayer that encompassed the various ethnic and religious affiliations of those who attended the reunion.

"It was an amazing experience to see people, some of whom I have not seen in 50 years, even though we have spent our lives in the same city," said architect Marty Poizner, who spearheaded the organization of the reunion.

"Some faces have changed. Most hairlines and waistlines have changed, but the personalities haven't." He added that the members of the organizing committee met half a dozen times to plan the event, "and we had great fun."

On a sadder note, psychologist Harvey Silver, who was MC, noted that 20 students and most of their teachers had died.

He introduced their Latin teacher, Elizabeth Staples (now Vowles). He said that this had been her first teaching job, "and many of the boys had a crush on her. To me, she was the equivalent of Doris Day. Miss Staples went on to teach at the Associated Hebrew Schools."

In introducing Staples, he said, "You may be shorter and heavier, but you still have the sparkle and enthusiasm and caring for people."

Silver spoke about the economic and geographic reasons for choosing Harbord and said, "Looking back, it is more the attitudes than the aptitudes that determine the altitude of our success."

Throughout the evening, people told stories about the highlights of their years at Harbord.

They spoke of the school strike after the principal decided that the speeches for the student council elections were offensive to him and he cancelled the council. The newspapers were called, the principal recanted and the student council was reinstated.

Tom Alderman, a journalist for CBC radio and television and a featured writer, spoke of the students betting on the races at school.

Alderman was called "The Commissioner of Racing" and co-ordinated the betting for the races to take place that afternoon at Woodbine Race Track. The newspapers sensationalized this story and the gambling was brought to a halt.

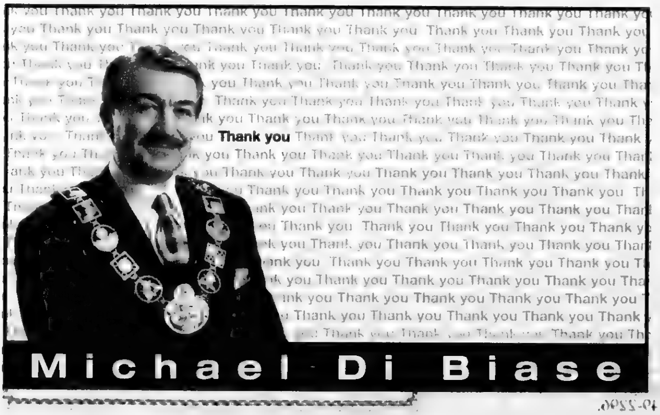
Some graduates recalled that the State of Israel was declared when they were students in Grade 9. The school orchestra and the students marched down University Avenue to join the celebration at Maple Leaf Gardens.

During the dinner, graduates were given their graduation pictures with the comments that were in the 1953 yearbook. At each table, the graduates read the comments and then spoke about some of the things that have happened in their lives in the 50 years since they left the school.

Speakers also recalled the sold-out Gilbert and Sullivan productions, their winning basketball teams and the Arthur Murray dance lessons which, Silver said, "taught awkward teenagers like me to box step, something I remember to this day."

There was much camaraderie and story swapping and Silver concluded his speech with: "The past is history, the future is a mystery, the present is a gift. Please enjoy tonight and for the rest of your life."

He told *The CJN* that many of those present do not want to wait another 50 years to meet again. "They are planning to have a follow-up reunion in five years."



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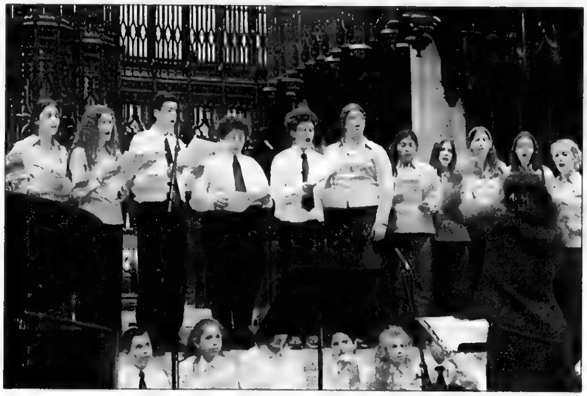
Renanim choirs move to Beth David

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter



The Renanim Youth Singers and the Renanim Children's Chorus perform at community events throughout the year.

The Renanim Youth Singers and The Renanim Children's Chorus, founded and directed by Susan Michaels, have recently relocated to Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation.

The choirs are now in their fifth year and accept youth from ages 9 to 19, who must audition.

Michaels, a music educator who has directed the Scarborough Wind Ensemble and is a past member of the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir, says she started the choirs because "there is a need for a [place] in the Jewish community where talented kids can perform in a group in which they take pride, while they explore and develop their potential.

"The Jewish community has a rich cultural heritage, and it is being lost to pop culture. Kids today do not have a good sense of who they are culturally."

Choir members come from at least seven Jewish day schools, as well as from public and other private schools, Michaels says, "so it enables youth from all denominational backgrounds to come together in song."

The groups have performed for UJA Federation Women's Campaign installations, Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations, Beit Halochem Aid to Disabled Veterans Israel gala programs, and at a 9/11 memorial program.

Most recently, the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto had the choirs perform at its opening program for Holocaust Education Week.

Michaels says she goes through hundreds of musical pieces before choosing the groups' repertoire.

"I pick music that I think will inspire the kids, and they usually come to choir practice saying they've been singing the music all week. I never have to tell them to practise.

"The music elevates all of us. We may come to practice – each choir practises two hours a week – exhausted, but we always come away energized," she says.

"The practices are highly disciplined, and I push the kids hard," Michaels says, "but there is also a lot of laughter. The choir members learn to find their musical voice in an appropriate way.

"Good quality music hits you in the soul, and we try to pull out the emotions from every piece of music. We're always working on the emotional elements that we are trying to communicate to our audience.

"I've found that the higher I make my expectations, the harder the kids work. I notice a quantum leap from week to week," she says.

The Jewish community needs a musical voice, and the kids need a voice to express their feelings about being Jewish, she says, "We always get standing ovations at our concerts, and sometimes the audience is driven to tears. That's what makes the choirs exciting."

To arrange an audition, call Michaels at 416-449-2296.

Zale Newman (right) is seen here with NCSY kids.

Newmans to be honoured at NCSY concert

National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) is honouring Zale and Rochel Newman with the National Business Leadership Award at its 23rd annual concert, Dec. 8 at Roy Thomson Hall.

Rabbi Glenn Black, regional director of NCSY, says the Newmans are being honoured for the more than three decades they have devoted to NCSY's extensive youth outreach.

He said that in January, the Newmans are moving to New York, where Zale, who has produced the concert for the past 20 years, will take over as national director of NCSY, the youth arm of the Orthodox Union (OU).

The concert will feature Avraham Fried and Dedi, together with Yehuda and other surprise guests, said Rabbi Black.

A fundraising dinner is being held before the concert to help finance NCSY's expanding catalogue of programs including Torah High, a Jewish learning program providing Ontario Ministry of Education credits; Jewish culture clubs in public high schools; drop-in centres; Shabbaton week-ends; and structured trips to other cities.

"There could not be a better venue to honour Zale and Rochel. Jewish music and Jewish teenagers are at the centre of their lives.

"Zale was the inspiration behind, and among the creators of, a Jewish music phenomenon known as Uncle Moishy and the Mitzvah Men, which recorded dozens of songs that Jewish children are still singing today. He was also record producer for Shlomo Carlebach," said Rabbi Black.

Newman's primary objective in his new role, said Rabbi Black, is to expand the number of teenagers influenced by the organization through more extensive research, greater use of the Internet and innovative outreach technique."

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Bar mitzvah a walk down memory lane for family

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

The former Anshei Ostrovtzer Synagogue, now the Cecil Community Centre, was sold to the City of Toronto in the 1960s.

Nathan Friedman-Burley's bar mitzvah was a walk down memory lane for his family.

The event took place at the Cecil Community Centre at 58 Cecil St. in downtown Toronto, once the home of the vibrant Anshei Ostrovtzer Synagogue where Friedman-Burley's great-grandfather, Israel Nachman Weinberg, was one of the founders in 1922 and the first president, and where his grandparents, Helen and Jack Friedman, were married in 1943.

The invitation read, "Nathan's bar mitzvah renews Cecil Street as a sacred and significant space for our family."

The centre, which is now in the heart of Chinatown, was built in 1835 as a Free Baptist church. In 1906, it was sold to the Agudath Achim Society. At the time, the city's Jewish population was climbing – it rose from 3,090 in 1901 to 34,614 in 1921 – and many landsmanshaft shuls were being built by the new immigrants.

Nathan's parents, Debra Friedman, a photographer, and Robert Burley, an assistant professor at the School of Image Arts at Ryerson University, said they "wanted to have a historical and personal reference" for the bar mitzvah.

In 1922, Israel Weinberg, who was born in Krasnik, Poland, in 1896 and emigrated to Canada in 1920, and David Sussman negotiated the purchase of the building for the Ostrovtzer congregation, which became the Anshei Ostrovtzer Synagogue. It was sold to the City of Toronto in the early 1960s.

"My grandfather was largely responsible for negotiating the sale of the synagogue," said Debra Friedman. "One of the stipulations was ensuring that various elements of the Ostrovtzer Synagogue remain[ed] in place – the chandelier, the white marble Hebrew founders' date stone, the marble yahrzeit plaque and the corner stone."

Friedman and Burley said that when they began to look for a venue for Nathan's bar mitzvah, they recognized the importance of the Cecil Street location for their family.

"It turned out to be a great experience for everyone," said Friedman. "People in my parents' generation had wonderful memories. Nathan and his friends loved it as well. They learned the significance of the building and had a glimpse of Toronto's Jewish history. It was nostalgic and we made history part of our ceremony."

She said the family was "delighted that the Ostrovtzer Jewish roots are still evident in the building on Cecil Street.

"We will certainly consider the former Anshei Ostrovtzer Synagogue when we plan bar mitzvahs for the other boys."

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Holocaust Centre program honours youngsters who did not survive

By DANIEL HOROWITZ

Well over one million Jewish children under the age of 16 were murdered during the Holocaust. Many of them did not live long enough to enjoy a bar mitzvah.

Today, thanks to a heartwarming program created by the UJA Federation Holocaust Centre of Toronto, there is a special way of remembering and honouring those youngsters who did not survive.

The Centre has established a "twinning" program through which a boy or girl who is becoming a bar/bat mitzvah "shares" this special moment with a child who perished in the Holocaust.

As part of the twinning procedure, the bar/bat mitzvah youngster conducts several educational research assignments, such as finding detailed information about the child with whom he or she is about to be twinned. Conducting the research not only teaches participants about the child who died, but about the Holocaust itself.

When 13-year-old Joshua Marcus of Thornhill was recently called to the bima at Beth David Synagogue, he was accompanied by 76-year-old Stanley (Zelic) Frydman.

"I chose to twin my bar mitzvah in honour of Volvela Frydman (1925-1943), a Jewish boy who was unable to experience his own bar mitzvah," says Joshua. "When Mr. Frydman walked with me to the bima, he stood there silently so that his late brother was, in a way, finally having his own bar mitzvah, through mine. Mr. Frydman was born in the city of Chmielnik, Poland. My great great bubby Rose and my cousin Hilda also came from Chmielnik."

In undertaking his research on Volvela Frydman, it's easy to understand why Joshua Marcus was so moved by his life story.

In 1942 the Nazis took Volvela, along with his younger brother, Stanley, and two uncles to the slave labour camp, Skarzysko-Kamienna.

On a Saturday in 1943, 10 men were awakened in the middle of the night. Volvela was one of them.

"Zelik my brother, they're going to shoot me – I'm not lucky," Volvela said. "Our father told us the war will someday be over. I hope you will be lucky. I hope you will survive. You must promise me that you will tell everyone what the murderers did to me and our family. Tell this to everyone you meet."

Volvela took off his jacket and boots. He gave them to his brother and said, "they're going to shoot me now." Volvela then walked away barefoot to the Nazi guards. Zelik never saw him again.

"Mr. Frydman wasn't really too keen to talk about the Holocaust, but his wife convinced him to do it for his brother," says Joshua. "It was such an honour for me to see a man like Mr. Frydman, a man who has endured so much in his life, open up to me, and do this for his brother, and for me. "

"This twinning program is wonderful," says Sandra Marcus, Joshua's proud mother. "We didn't want Joshua to get caught up in the bar mitzvah party mentality. We wanted his bar mitzvah to be something that would fill his soul. He worked so hard on the research involved. If parents are looking to instill our past, present and future as Jews in their children, this is a great way to do it."

(l-r) Renie Frydman and her husband Stanley spend some time with their new friend, recent bar mitzvah boy Joshua Marcus.

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Judy Feld Carr – a heroine in our midst

By WENDY LAMPERT

Many of those rescued by Judy Feld Carr named their daughters after her as a tribute. Here, Feld Carr hugs one of her namesakes, Judy Hamra, daughter of Rabbi Ibrahim Hamra, the former Chief Rabbi of Syria and Feld Carr's first contact there.

Community activism on behalf of Jews in need around the world is a defining trait of Jewish Toronto. Wendy Eisen was at the forefront of the movement to free Soviet Jewry. Julia Koschitzky and Phil Granovsky assumed international leadership positions, and Rabbi Gunther Plaut continues to advocate forcefully for understanding between Jews of diverse backgrounds and beliefs. Then there's Judy Feld Carr, the force for freedom on behalf of Syrian Jews.

It's hard to believe that this unassuming former music teacher and grandmother of 10 was responsible for the rescue of 3,228 Jews from Syria over 28 years, in a story of international intrigue that is the stuff of legends.

To the Jewish families she rescued, she is known only as "Mrs. Judy," if they know her name at all. And it was only after she secretly smuggled her last Jewish family out of Syria (they arrived in New York less than an hour before two hijacked planes flew into the World Trade Centre) that this formidable woman's story became more clear.

Born in Montreal and raised in Sudbury, Feld Carr felt the sting of anti-Semitism from a young age. "I grew up in a small town and was the only Jew in school. I was beaten up in Grade 2 for killing Christ – they knocked out my front teeth."

It was through her Sudbury neighbour and Holocaust survivor, Sophie, that Feld Carr says she learned the horrific plight of the Jewish people. Sophie, whose two children were killed in Auschwitz and who was a victim of Dr. Joseph Mengele's horrifying experiments, inspired her.

"When I was 10 years old, Sophie told me, 'you have to do something so that this never happens again to the Jewish people.' I never forgot it," said Feld Carr. "Every time I thought about quitting, which was every second day, I'd always think of Sophie, and say, okay, I'm going back. I promised her, and I did it."

'God works in strange ways...'

How did she enter the dangerous world of smuggling, bribery, escape routes and secret agents?

"God works in strange ways," says Feld Carr. "This isn't my background. I'm from Sudbury. How did I know how to do this? The whole thing is surreal."

It all began in 1972, when Feld Carr and her first husband, Dr. Ronald Feld, learned about the plight of 12 young Jewish men who died trying to escape from Syria.

They decided, with some friends, to take up the cause of Syrian Jewry. Through a single phone call, "the one and only phone call that was ever made to Syria from a Jewish community," notes Feld Carr, she managed to connect with Rabbi Ibrahim Hamra, the Chief Rabbi of Syria in Damascus, and boxes of religious books began to flow from Toronto to Syria. They communicated through code in the addresses of telegrams.

Then in 1973, her husband died. Feld Carr decided to continue her work, helped by the Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab Lands, set up by the board of governors of Beth Tzedec Congregation. She mounted a human rights campaign to lobby politicians and the media. In 1977, she married Donald Carr, who also supported her efforts.

Over time, it became clear that there were people in Syria who could be bribed – that Jews could be "ransomed" out of the country. "So I started to buy people for a price," she said.

Feld Carr developed networks through which she funneled money to agents for ransom and to reliable smugglers. "This rescue was so successful because I told nobody how it was working," she said.

"The stress was terrible," she added. She traveled all over the world to undertake her secret negotiations, which were always conducted through intermediaries. "I had to live two lives – a life of international intrigue, and then I had to be a mother and do the normal things of life."

'Everyone can make a difference...'

The danger was immense – both for the families she was trying to rescue, who could be killed if discovered, and for Feld Carr, who received many threats. "The fact that I'm still alive is a miracle," she said.

The work itself was, at times, distasteful. "The disgusting part was buying another human being. How do you negotiate the price of human lives? I was breaking up children from their parents. It was like the 1940s – they were desperate to get their children out," Feld Carr noted.

Many of those Feld Carr smuggled out are now living in Israel, although they can be found as far away as Mexico City and Sao Paolo, Brazil. And many have named their children after her.

She has received several awards for her heroic efforts on behalf of Syrian Jewry, but the one she holds closest to her heart is the Order of Canada. "It's amazing – I got the Order of Canada for saving Jews. That had never happened in Canadian history. Now, that's something," she said. "Everybody does things according to what they are put there for. Everyone can make a difference."

B'yachad participants get emotional high from mission

By DVORA WILSHANSKY & WENDY LAMPERT

With most participants now home after a spectacular week in Israel, members of the UJA Federation *B'yachad* Mission are still feeling the emotional high of being in Israel with so many other Jewish North Americans.

Some Torontonians getting ready for the GA Solidarity March.

The mission, chaired by Michael Buckstein, Stephen Goldhar and Barry Zagdanski, counted more than 300 participants from Toronto. It coincided with the General Assembly (GA), the world's largest gathering of Jewish leaders. About 6,000 people participated in the GA, including a Canadian contingent of more than 600.

"I went to Israel to have a look, to see and enjoy things, expecting it to be very educational. But it was so much more. Everything was so alive; it made me feel good that I could help just by being there, that we've done our bit to help," said participant Bernie Abrams.

"I was here two years ago, and it was so deserted at the Cardo you could have shot a cannon down the street," noted *B'yachad* participant Tona Abrams. "This week it was packed, but I know it won't be that busy now that we've all left. We have to make sure that there is a constant flow of people to change this," she said.

B'yachad included unique experiences such as a day of volunteering with social service agencies and *Canada Salutes Israel* at the Palmachim Air Force Base, where more than 700 IDF soldiers joined the Canadian delegation for a celebration and a special address by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

B'yachad was JoAnn Gould's first UJA Federation mission experience, and she won't forget how it has made her feel. "At Palmachim, I felt the total effect of sending your children into the army," she said. "They were babies in uniform, and they are protecting our country. It was a spiritual evening. We were thanked all the time for coming, and then we turned around and told them, 'no, thank you for caring!" she said.

"The entire mission was marvelous," said participant Sheila Dropkin. "I've been to Israel many times, and this is one of the most outstanding experiences I've ever had. It was just wonderful."

Mission participants took part in the GA solidarity march through the flag-lined streets of Jerusalem. Bernie Fine walked with his wife, Andrea, their friends and their grandson. "The country is alive, there are people in the streets," Andrea said.

B'yachad *mission participants joined 300 other Canadians and more than 700 IDF soldiers in celebration at* Canada Salutes Israel *at the Palmachim Air Force Base.*

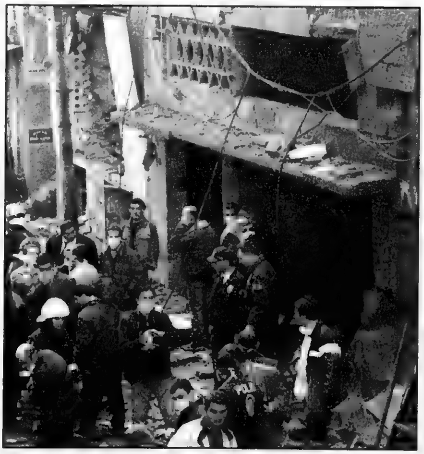
(Photo by Jack Vainunska, Keren Hayesod/UIA Federations Canada)

"This mission was a special one – it was hands-on," she added. "Every single person who came on this mission wanted to be there. No one was afraid. It was fabulous, and I was sorry to go home."

Toronto partner organizations come to the aid of Turkish Jewry

By DANIEL HOROWITZ

The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) - UJA Federation's overseas partner organizations – are assisting the grieving Turkish Jewish community after the recent synagogue bombings in Istanbul.



The entrance of the N'vei Shalom Synagogue is seen after an explosion in Istanbul on November 15. Suicide car bombers attacked two synagogues in simultaneous blasts, killing 26 people and injuring over 300. The N'vei Shalom Synagogue is the city's largest. The other bomb severely damaged the Beth Israel Synagogue.

(AP Photo/Murad Sezer)

A total of 26 people were killed in the attacks and more than 300 were injured.

"These terror attacks on Jews praying in the N'vei Shalom and Beth Israel synagogues were perpetrated by Israel's enemies and haters of peace. Jewish people in the Diaspora are under fire," said JAFI Director General Giora Romm. "In recent years, Jews worldwide have become the target of those who hate Israel, who hate the U.S., and those who hate the west as a whole."

Immediately after the simultaneous attacks took place, JAFI sent an eight-member team to Turkey consisting of social workers, psychologists, and youth counselors who are experienced in dealing with victims of trauma.

The organization also quickly opened a Situation Room in Jerusalem to handle queries from relatives and olim (new immigrants) from Turkey presently living in Israel.

JAFI Chairman Sallai Meridor and JAFI Board of Governors Chair Carole Solomon, together with JAFI senior staff, participated in a telephone conference call following the bombings with leaders of Istanbul's Jewish community. The JAFI leadership was updated on the situation in Istanbul and heard about the pressing needs of the Turkish Jewish community.

Among the 26 killed in the attacks were 6 Jews: a pregnant 35-year-old; an eight-year-old girl and her 85-year-old grandmother; a synagogue security guard, and a 60-year-old woman who died of a heart attack after the explosion.

"In the case of the Istanbul community, they called us to request post-trauma assistance to children, as well as educational activities for young people," says Romm. "Every time something like this happens, the only Jewish organization that has such a global reach is the Jewish Agency."

Lina Filiba, executive vice president of the Turkish Jewish community attended a recent JAFI Board of Governors meeting in Jerusalem for one day after the bombings to thank the organization for its humanitarian gestures, particularly because the medical team in Turkey is not experienced in trauma after terror attacks.

Turkish women ask for help from a policeman as they try to obtain informaton about their relatives following the recent suicide car bombings in Istanbul. *(AP Photo/Ibrahim Usta/CHA)*

"This was bound to happen," said Filiba. "If we didn't have security as good as it is, the tragedy could have been a lot worse. We wouldn't have been as lucky. Something here is changing. The peaceful life here is different now."

Turkey's Jewish population, with a 1,000-year history, numbers about 27,000, of whom 24,500 live in Istanbul.

In response to the twin bombings, JDC has opened a Turkey Relief Fund to assist victims. To make a donation, please call Shimmy Wenner at UJA Federation, 416-631-5699.

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Thursday, Nov. 27

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Friday, Nov. 28

JRCC SHABBATONS

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Saturday, Nov. 29

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MINI FILM FESTIVAL

The Toronto Jewish Film Festival is screening favourite films from past festivals at the City Playhouse Theatre in Vaughan tonight and Sunday. For more information, visit www.tjff.com or call 416-324-9121.

DIASPORA ZIONIST PARTY

Join the "Anglo Saxon Golden Exile Diaspora Zionist Party" on the 56th anniversary of the 1947 UN vote to partition Palestine into Jewish and Arab states. Live music by Bais Groove and Israeli wine. $15. 8 pm. 58 Cecil St. To reserve, visit www.zionistparty.com.

POETRY SLAM

An evening with Toronto poets at the Minsker Shul, 10 St. Andrew St. 8:30 p.m. $7. 416-595-5723 or reachus@theminsk.com.

Sunday, Nov. 30

WINGATE MEETING

The Wingate branch of the Royal Canadian Legion general meeting. 9:15 a.m. 788 Marlee Ave. 416-782-5024.

WOMEN AND ORTHODOXY

Kehillat Shaarei Torah presents a day of discussion called "What Can Orthodox Judaism Offer Me, Today's Woman?" Keynote addresses: "Beyond the Yom Tov Dinner: Orthodoxy, Women and a Modern World" by **Rachael Turkienicz** and "Self Esteem and the Media: Reclaiming Your Body, Your Beauty, & Your Dignity" by

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CHAT's CHATchkes Holiday Gift & Craft Sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 200 Wilmington Ave. Great things to buy and activities for kids including face painting, beading and more. Free admission.

SINGLES BRUNCH

Dynamic Singles of Adath Israel presents **Avrum Rosensweig** speaking on "Singles: Can They Repair the World?" 11:30 a.m. Pre-registration $10. $15 at the door. Call **Rachel** at 416-635-5340.

UNHEARD VOICES

Beth Tikvah Synagogue presents *Unheard Voices*, an original play performed by **Gael Hannan**, in support of children with hearing loss. 2-3:30 p.m. Suitable for children more than 10 years of age. Adults $20, children $10. Call for tickets 416-221-3433, ext. 358.

AN AFTERNOON OF YIDDISH

Toronto Workmen's Circle is hosting an afternoon of Yiddish songs with **Janie Respitz**. 3 p.m. 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Members free, nonmembers $10.

TIKKUN OLAM

Peter Geffen, founder of The Heschel School in New York City, will speak on tikkun olam/social justice 4 p.m. at the Downtown Jewish Day School, 750 Spadina Ave. RSVP: 416-928-3537 or e-mail doris@djds.ca.

PRAYER EXAMINED

The Jewish Health Alliance, a social and professional network of health-care professionals, presents **Rabbi Abraham Greenbaum** discussing "Prayer in Clinical Practice" 7:30 p.m. at 446 Spadina Ave., suite 203. $10. Reserve. 416-208-0610.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR KIDS

Rabbi Noach Orlewek discusses "Your Unique Child: A Guide to Understanding and Improving Your Kids" at the Village Shul. 8 p.m. $18. 416-785-1107.

HADASSAH AUCTION

Carmel Chapter of Hadassah presents its 29th annual open auction at Earl Bales Community Centre. Light supper 6:30 p.m., auction 7:30 p.m. $10. Call **Anna** 416-926-0034 or **Elva** 416-665-4366.

Tuesday, Dec. 2

JEWS AND THE WEST

Dennis Duffy talks on "Louis Riel, The Métis, and the Lost Tribes: How Did the Jews Get So Far West?" at Holy Blossom Temple. 7:30 p.m. 416-789-3291, ext. 235.

Wednesday, Dec. 3

SPINOZA: THE 1ST ZIONIST

The Jewish studies program at the University of Toronto presents **David Novak** on "Spinoza: The First Zionist." 6:30 p.m. New College Residence, 45 Wilcocks St. 416-946-5937.

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Beth Tzedec Max & Beatrice Wolfe Library presents York University professor **Eric Lawee** on "Maimonides: Snapshot of Genius-Rabbi, Scholar, Physician, Scientist, Philosopher." 7:30 p.m. 416-781-3511.

GALA CONCERT

Kehillat Shaarei Torah hosts a gala concert of Jewish music featuring the **Emunah Orchestra**. 7:30 p.m. Free. 416-229-2600.

Other news

NCJW GIFT SHOW & SALE

National Council of Jewish Women is holding their Holiday Gift Show and Sale, Thursday, Dec. 4, 6:30-10 p.m. at Temple Sinai Congregation. $5. 416-633-5100.

UNITED AS ONE DINNER

Friday night dinner for young adults between 19-27 in affiliation with Aish 20s, the Birthright Israel Alumni Committee and UJA Federation of Greater Toronto. Friday, Dec. 5 at The Sephardic Kehila Centre. $25. Housing and Saturday lunch available. Tickets must be purchased by Dec. 1. Call **Ilana** at 905-764-1818, ext. 213.

NCSY DINNER & CONCERT

NSCY honours **Zale** and **Rochel Newman**, Monday, Dec. 8 with a tribute dinner at 6 p.m. and concert featuring **Avraham Fried, Dedi, Yehuda** and **Nafshenu Orchestra** at 8 p.m. For tickets, call **Roz** 905-761-6279, ext. 21.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service information/registration 416-638-7800, ext. 215.

"When You're About to Separate: What to Tell the Kids": a 1-session workshop for parents about to separate or in the early stages of separation. Monday, Dec. 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Promenade Mall, suite #313.

"High-Conflict Divorce": A 1-session workshop that teaches parents strategies to deal with a high-conflict situation and to lessen the impact on their children. The workshop requires active participation and is not appropriate for people in abusive situations. Tuesday, Dec. 9, 6:30-9 p.m., Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

"Adolscence & Divorce: A Trying Time For Teens": A 1-session workshop for parents on how teens cope when their family changes and what they can do to help. Wednesday, Dec. 10, 7-9 p.m., Promenade Mall, suite #313.

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Chai Shalom of Beth Emeth Synagogue hosts **Frank Diamant**, executive vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada, on "The Jewish World 2003," Thursday, Nov. 27 at 7:30 p.m. Members $5, non-members $7. For tickets, call 416-633-3838.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the boardroom of the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Call 416-630-9444 for more information.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Casino Rama, Dec 3. Saturday dance, Dec. 6, 20. Sunday dances, Dec. 14, 28. Bridge every Monday, Wed. and Thursday at 1 p.m. Call 416-395-7881.

Association of Jewish Seniors Annual Chanukah Dinner, Tuesday, Dec. 16 from 5:30-8 p.m. at Adath Israel Congregation. $20. Purchase tickets in advance: 416-635-2860.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. Nov. 27, evening of stories and jokes; Dec. 9, day trip to Dixie Mall. **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 416-630-5771.

Young at Heart Seniors winter trip to the Glatt Kosher Saxony Hotel. Live entertainment, free breakfast and bar daily. Call **Helen**, 416-635-6343.

Senior Bowlers meets every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Playtime Bowl, 33 Samor Rd.

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"How To Tell A Story" with **Steve Gahbauer,** Dec. 2 and 9, 10-11:30 a.m.

Get Together With a Bagel & Coffee, a new program for Hebrew speakers 55+ begins Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 2:30 p.m. followed by a program at 3:15 p.m.

Israeli Club Etrog for Hebrew speakers meets Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 2, Israeli movie *The Neighbours*; Dec. 9, lecture with Gadi Anavi. Call **Anna**, ext.110.

MILES S. NADAL JCC

Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211 or www.milesnadaljcc.ca.

Books & Bagels presents Michael Redhill, author of *Fidelity*. Sunday, Nov. 30 at 11 a.m. Coffee and bagels served. Members free, non-members $5.

The community is invited to an Open House Sunday, Nov. 30 from 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m. See the newly renovated facility and enjoy free classes, entertainment and other activities.

The Decadent Berlin Revue will be performed at the JCC Saturday, Dec. 13 at 8:30 p.m. Tickets $18 for adults, $15 for students and seniors. Call 416-924-6211.

BATHURST JCC

Bathurst Jewish Community Centre and Koffler Centre of the Arts, 4588 Bathurst St. 416-636-1880 or www.bjcc.ca.

The Gesher Project, designed to bridge the topic of the Shoah between generations, is a collection of 17 mixed-media paintings and 10 smaller pieces created in Vancouver by 19 survivors, child survivors and 2nd generation. Koffler Centre of the Arts Loggia until Dec. 14.

"Lines Painted in Early Spring" at the Koffler Gallery until Nov. 30.

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CHILD SURVIVOR ON MARCH: Rosalie Nowell (left), the past president of Club Beersheva of Na'amat Canada, thanks Faigie Libman, a child survivor of the Holocaust, who gave a talk recently to Club Beersheva about her experiences as a guide on the March of the Living.

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Intelligent Gospel *will not encourage anti-Semitism*

By MICHAEL COREN

Guest Voice

My kids have a habit of telling me about movies by giving me the numbers of stars the films receive in the newspapers.

"Two stars, Dad, no good."

Problem is, the givers of the stars see the world, and the movies, through the prism and sometimes the prison of their own values. The beauty-is-in-the-eye-of-the-beholder cliché holds true.

That's interesting when it comes to the new *Matrix* film, but it's profound and often painful when it comes to movies that focus on religion. I sat through Garth Drabinsky's *The Gospel of John* and was moved to tears by its sensitivity, faithfulness and sheer beauty. I can't say that my Jewish friends have reacted in the same way, but many have appreciated it.

Then there are the others, including Paul Shaviv, the author of a Nov. 6 review in this newspaper, who think the film is horrible. Some have even compared a number of scenes in the movie to Nazi propaganda. As someone who generally won't shut up, I'm speechless.

I should provide some background. I'm a Christian, and therefore have biases. I also had three Jewish grandparents, and on my television and radio show and in my *Toronto Sun* column, I am an outspoken supporter of Israel and the Jewish people. Which is why I receive an average of 20 anti-Semitic letters a week promising to kill my entire family.

So I've paid my dues. I also speak in churches every week, and in my years of doing so, have found only a love for the Jews, one based not on some twisted idea of biblical prophecy, but on a genuine commitment to Israel, to the people chosen by God.

I haven't the heart to tell them that terribly clever liberal Jewish writers mock evangelical Christians, question their integrity and show crass ingratitude for their love. Not that they would mind. They would just be surprised. We marginalize the best and sometimes the only friends we have.

Which leads me to John. He was a Jew, and the people he wrote about were, with a few Latin exceptions, Jews as well. The movie goes out of its way to acknowledge this from the start, explaining that this was, so to speak, an in-house debate between Jews.

Some of the Pharisees are shown as kind and gentle, others as harsh and unbending. But even the latter seem curious and confused rather than malicious. This may seem redundant, but this is a movie about Jesus, not a public relations film about the Pharisees.

It's also important to know that Jewish people were involved in every stage of the film's production.

It's clearly impossible to make a central plank of the New Testament completely amenable to Jews. That would be an insult to Christianity as well as to Judaism. There are differences, and only a sloppy and silly ecumenism could obscure them. But if anyone thinks that this jubilantly intelligent movie would encourage anti-Semitism, they are seeing the world through their own fears rather than through the goodness of the mainly Christian audiences who will go to see it.

Compromise works both ways. Jews rightly demand empathy from non-Jews. Christians would also like a little understanding from those they regard as their spiritual siblings.

Broadcaster and columnist Michael Coren is the host of Michael Coren Live *on CTS and of CFRB radio's* Michael Coren Show. *He also writes a syndicated weekly column for the* Toronto Sun.

COMMUNITY HELPERS: Associated Hebrew Schools Posluns Education Centre, grade 1 students Community Helpers program welcomed parents to class to share their role in the community. From left to right: Dr. Jeff Handler (E/R physician), with students Carly Handler, Deborah Benlezrah, Yoel Yakobi, Geoffrey Handelman.

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Olmert slams concessions made by former PM

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Olmert would also not speculate on where a new border should be drawn.

"It's too early to suggest any specific line, but it won't be the June 4, 1967 line," he said, adding that the border should include "a united Jerusalem under the full sovereignty of Israel."

Olmert, who served as mayor of Jerusalem from 1993 until last winter before resigning to seek a seat in the Knesset, lashed out at concessions reportedly made by former prime minister Ehud Barak at the 2000 Camp David summit.

"[Barak] breached the confidence of Israel's voters," Olmert said. "He promised not to divide Jerusalem. And then he offered almost every precious part of Jerusalem. History will never forgive him for that."

Asked whether Israel should relinquish communities in the West Bank and Gaza as part of an agreement with the Palestinians, Olmert replied, "Under no circumstances will Israel ever pull out from all the settlements. No [Israeli] government would survive that."

When pressed about whether Israel will have to relinquish isolated settlements, he said, "It won't be smart to discuss this issue outside a comprehensive agreement [with the Palestinians]."

But in the next breath, he said, "We'll reach the inevitable conclusion that a comprehensive settlement is not within reach."

Olmert suggested that the internationally sponsored road map peace plan will remain frozen until the Palestinians fulfill their obligations to crack down on terrorism.

He expressed hope that the new Palestinian government, led by Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia, will deal with terrorism.

"We're ready to give the PA a chance," Olmert said.

But, he noted, the PA's security organizations are still under Arafat's "complete control," and he said Arafat's probable domination of the new Palestinian cabinet will make it impossible for the PA to wage war against terror.

"Chances are the PA will not fight terror. That may kill the road map for good."

Asked whether he is still committed to the option of killing Arafat, Olmert said, "What I meant to say is that if he is individually responsible for terror, as he is, why should he enjoy any immunity?"

During his visit, Olmert spoke at a Canadian Society for Yad Vashem dinner, met with local investors and had meetings with Foreign Minister Bill Graham and Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty.

50 YEARS: Some 250 people attended the recent 50th anniversary reception of the Toronto Friends of Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavneh at B'nai Torah Congregation. Seen, from left, are Harav Mordechai Greenberg, rosh yeshiva of Kerem B'Yavneh, and Aron and Miriam Frankel, longtime supporters of the yeshiva in Israel, where North American boys can come and learn Torah for a year.

Jerusalem mayor visits

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cost dental clinics and centres for disabled children.Lupolianski, who has 12 children and 12 grandchildren, founded Yad Sarah in 1976 when he was a teacher in a school in Jerusalem.

The organization, which is open to Jews and Arabs, has received many awards, including the Israel Prize and the Knesset Speaker's Award. It has 96 branches and some 6,000 volunteers,

Yad Sarah took shape after a crisis in Lupolianski's own family. When Lupolianski had to borrow a vaporizer from a neighbour for a sick child, he discovered that such devices were hard to find in mid-1970s Israel.

He bought a few, then lent them to others, and soon neighbours started dropping off vaporizers and other equipment – crutches, walkers and wheelchairs – they no longer needed.

Realizing there was a great need for an organization to help the sick and needy, Lupoliansky established Yad Sarah in 1976 as a non-profit organization.

Before long, thousands of Israelis all over the country were being assisted by Yad Sarah.

Haim Divon, Israel's ambassador to Canada, was to hold a reception in his honour in Toronto. "There is a great interest here in learning from his experiences," Divon said.

Lupoliansky was also slated to meet with the mayor of Toronto.

Before coming to Toronto, Lupolianski was to visit New York City and and Baltimore.

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On Campus

Police called in for defacements of election posters

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Toronto Police Service's hate crimes unit has been contacted over attempts to undermine the election campaign of York University student Paul Cooper, who is running for president of the York Federation of Students (YFS).

Cooper, who is majoring in political science, is president of the Young Zionist Partnership, a right-wing activist group he co-founded in 2002. His 31-member slate is the first that Hillel has ever endorsed. (See "York Hillel endorses student govt. slate," *CJN,* Nov. 20) The elections were scheduled to be held from Nov. 20 to Nov. 26.

Talia Klein, director of Hillel at York, called the university's security services and the Toronto Police Service after she discovered an election poster with a "Hitler moustache" drawn on Cooper's face on Nov. 14, along with other defaced signs.

"It upset me that anyone was going to suggest that a Jewish student is akin to Hitler, especially a week after Holocaust Education Week. It's hateful," said Klein.

Cooper agreed that the timing made the poster defacement "pretty insensitive and very hurtful."

Even before this incident, he told *The CJN* there was "a concerted effort to demonize him" as a Jewish student. In an e-mail sent on the Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights list serve, for example, a supporter of Cooper's opponent Abdul Salick denounced Cooper's "York-Kahanist partnership" and its "slate of Islamophobic racists who want to shut down all political discourse on campus."

But Cooper, like Salick, says he is focusing on general – not political – student concerns.

Among the eleven Cooper posters presented to the police, the other 10 bore the words "racist hack," "hack" or "racist."

Det. James Hogan of the hate crimes unit said he "could not say with any confidence that there is hate involved," in part because other candidates' posters were also vandalized and also because of the limited nature of the incident.

In a separate incident, a candidate for faculty of education councillor, Nariman Abu-Abed, was disqualified from running as part of Salick's slate on the basis of slander against Cooper and his list of candidates. Her comments were made publicly at a Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights event, said YFS returning officer Ryan Jarvis.

Experiencing Israel in a whole new way

By CARLY KIRSHEN
Special to The CJN

Guest Voice

I hear a siren outside of my apartment window and my mind immediately flashes to Israel. The team and I pull up to a head-on collision and everyone knows what they have to do. I grab one stretcher and bandages and run to help the injured.

This summer I volunteered for Magen David Adom (MDA), the Israeli equivalent of the Red Cross. In collaboration with the Jewish Agency, MDA trains international volunteers to be a part of Israel's emergency response teams.

I worked 40 hours a week on the ambulances in Bat Yam. The program is designed for youth to experience life in Israel and to gain insight into the country's spirit.

Like many '20-somethings, I have travelled to Israel. I have done the family trips, not to mention the Birthright tour. This summer, however, I was able to experience Israel in a whole new way that only an extended, rooted stay could provide. It was as if I became a temporary citizen. I experienced the daily joys and traumas that accompanied my special window into my homeland.

One Shabbat, near the end of my trip, I was invited to a medic's home. I was instantly treated like part of the family as I blessed, ate, drank and sang. Just as we were about to start dessert, we were interrupted by the news on the television. There had been a bomb, and I could hear everyone's heart hit the floor. While I scrambled to the sofa, I was shaken to see some of the MDA workers and volunteers that I personally knew appear on the screen. The tragedy took on a whole new meaning.

Countless people in Israel have very little in terms of material possessions and sometimes tend to live beyond their means. Still, many Israeli citizens give unselfishly of their time to volunteer whenever they can. In fact, 90 per cent of those working for MDA are volunteers

In this case, time is more valuable than money. MDA cannot exist without donations from Jews in the Diaspora, but they also rely heavily on physical effort. Israelis are proud of their country and want to contribute to make it prosper. Volunteers give up hours of work, home life and sleep in order to be on duty.

Eight straight hours could be used for daily life activities, but this large time commitment is never a problem. Even during the endless 11 p.m.-7 a.m. shifts, I was inspired by the volunteers who had been at work during the day and still stayed alert all night to help those in need.

In spite of everything, there remained a pane of glass in my window separating me from my homeland. I knew that at the end of August I would board the El Al airplane and return to my university life in London, Ont. I knew that when an emergency call came to the station, a stranger was in danger. I knew that a suicide bomber did not claim the life of a family member.

I am thankful that I had the opportunity to go to Israel, and I hope that soon I will be able to return. The trip awakened a heightened sense of awareness of the dangers that Israeli citizens face everyday and encouraged a new amazing sense of pride in my Jewish identity. As the airplane touched down at Pearson International, I couldn't help but think that even though I physically left Israel, my heart remained behind.

Carly Kirshen is a second year biology student at the University of Western Ontario.

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Concert held in memory of TV stars

By DANY HOROVITZ
Special to The CJN

Hillel Montreal organized Music in Memory, a concert at Club Soda Nov. 16, to raise funds in memory of Jaclyn Linetsky and Vadim Schneider, who both died in a car accident Sept. 8.

Proceeds went to the Jaclyn Linetsky Memorial Fund.

"After Jaclyn passed away, her parents started this foundation. It's a sub-division of the Montreal Just for Kids Foundation, which buys medical equipment for the Montreal Children's Hospital," said Josh Elberg, chair of Music in Memory.

Linetsky and Schneider were co-stars of the YTV program *15/Love*, and Linetsky was also the English voice of the popular children's cartoon *Caillou*.

"I don't think there are many kids in North America who don't know who Caillou is," Elberg said. "She had such a profound impact on their lives, and now she is continuing to do so because we are having a charity that's in her name and helping children who are sick."

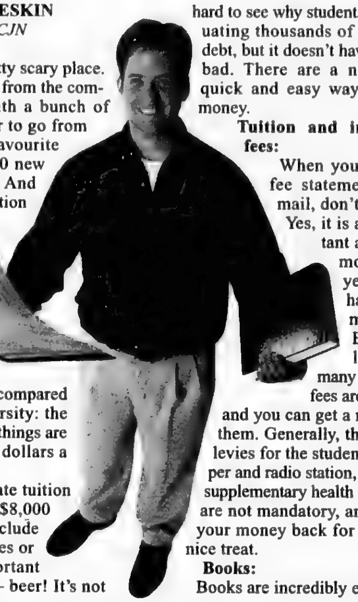
Hundreds of people came out to support the cause. The concert, which took more than a month to organize, featured all kinds of music, including punk, rock and R&B. Headlining the show were Chris Brown and Kate Fenner, folk performers and former members of the Bourbon Tabernacle Choir.

Coyne said live music is a great way to raise money because "if you're trying to relay a message to somebody, then they can see it in your face. Contact is the most important thing."

Towards the end of the evening, a video tribute in memory of the lives of Linetsky and Schneider was shown. It was made by the producers of *15/Love* and featured the pair in their roles. Afterwards, Hillel presented the Jaclyn Linetsky Memorial Fund with a cheque for $5,000, raised through ticket sales.

Saving money on campus

By LEORA BERESKIN
Special to The CJN



University can be a pretty scary place. It's not easy to move away from the comforts of home to live with a bunch of strangers. It's even harder to go from being your teachers' favourite student to just one of 500 new faces to your professors. And I'm not even going to mention how frightening it is to watch your grades decrease in direct proportion to the increase in your weight.

But all that is kid stuff compared to the real fright of university: the fact those aforementioned things are costing you thousands of dollars a year.

University undergraduate tuition can range from $3,000 to $8,000 a year, and that doesn't include living costs, books, supplies or the single most important expense of college life – beer! It's not hard to see why students are graduating thousands of dollars in debt, but it doesn't have to be so bad. There are a number of quick and easy ways to save money.

Tuition and incidental fees:

When you get your fee statement in the mail, don't pass out. Yes, it is an exorbitant amount of money, and yes, you do have to pay most of it. But luckily, many incidental fees are optional, and you can get a refund for them. Generally, things such levies for the student newspaper and radio station, as well as supplementary health insurance, are not mandatory, and getting your money back for them is a nice treat.

Books:

Books are incredibly expensive. They can easily cost more than $600 for a semester, if purchased new. Fortunately, most universities have used bookstores, either on campus or nearby, so you can buy previously owned books at a discount price.

Some students decide to save money by photocopying entire textbooks. That's not the best idea, because it's both illegal and – perhaps more importantly – incredibly time consuming. A better option is to get a previous edition from the school library. Old editions are a great resource for courses that don't change much over time, so use them for history, not computer science.

In fact, in my first year, I used a plant biology text that was published two years before I was even born. But hey, it was free.

Going Out and Having Fun:

Although it's good to watch your money, it's also important to go out and enjoy yourself. Your years at university are supposed to be spent having fun – late nights at the bars, dancing up a storm, going out for nice dinners. And if you can fit a bit of studying into that hectic schedule, that's great too. But it's important to distinguish the good ways of saving money from the bad ways. For instance, don't try to save by not doing your laundry. And as appealing as it might be to live off super cheap macaroni and cheese, you need more variety to achieve a balanced diet – and ward off scurvy.

There are many ways to cut back and save while at university. Just remember to opt for a good long distance phone plan, so you can call your parents to ask for more cash when you inevitably run out.

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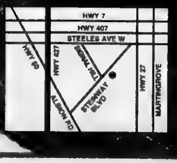
We want to hear from you!

We'd like to publish more student tips for saving money. What works for you and your friends? E-mail them to On Campus editor Frances Kraft at fkraft@cjnews.com, and be sure to include your name and the name of your campus.



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Quebec firm invests $2 million US in Israeli biotechnology

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL – A Montreal-based venture capital fund is so confident in Israel's biotechnology sector that it is investing $2 million (US) in a start-up company that has developed a novel means of administering drugs through a skin patch.

Bernard Coupal, president and chief executive officer of T^2C^2/Bio, said at a press conference held jointly with Israel's industry and trade minister, Ehud Olmert, that his company is joining in an $8.9-million (US) financing of Israel's TransPharma Medical Ltd.

The Israeli company, established in 2000 and now with 25 employees, has patented a drug delivery system that is unique in allowing medication to pass through the skin no matter what the size or type of the drug molecule. It can be used where taking the drug orally is unsuitable.

Coupal, who holds a PhD in chemical engineering, said he was impressed by Israel's achievement in the life sciences and high technology fields during three visits to the country in recent years, as well as by its "entrepreneurial culture." He finds the "incubator" system, a collaboration between the government, academia and business, an especially effective means of encouraging innovation and bringing scientific discoveries to market.

"We have been watching closely Israel's technology and life sciences sector for more than five years now. Based on our experience and knowledge, there is exciting potential for investment in select sectors where Israeli companies have a relative technological advantage, providing we can help them develop additional capabilities to become global market leaders."

He specifically cited medical devices as an area in which Israelis excel.

"Israel is emerging as a promising technology hot-bed for investment as Canadian venture funds scan the world to find future global leaders in high-tech and life sciences fields. We at T^2C^2/Bio are proud to be the very first Canadian venture capital firm to invest in a private life sciences company in Israel," he said.

T^2C^2 associate Philippe Coriat has been named to TransPharma's board of directors. Prior to joining T^2B^2 in 1998, Coriat found Biocorp International, an Israeli technological transfer consulting firm for the life sciences industry.

In a statement, TransPharma CEO Daphna Heffetz, who holds a doctorate in biochemistry from the Weizmann Institute of Science, said the investment "will move us closer to getting our first drug product onto the market."

The $8.9-million financing was led by Evergreen Partners, an American company that has a successful 15-year track record of venture capital investment in Israel. In addition to T^2C^2/Bio, investors are Pitango Venture Capital, one of Israel's leading venture capital firms and TransPharma's parent company, VitaLife and Biomedical Investments.

Coupal has no illusions he will get rich quickly from this investment. "It usually takes 12 to 15 years to recoup an investment [in a start-up biotechnology firm]. However, TransPharma is in Phase I clinical testing, so we expect to wait four to five years."

Seen at a joint news conference are, from left, Bernard Coupal, Ehud Olmert and Thomas Hecht. [Mickey Gutstein photo]

Following the press conference, Coupal was the guest speaker on investment opportunities in Israel at a luncheon at the Mount Royal Club, which his company co-hosted with the Israel Economic Mission to Canada, the Consulate General of Israel in Montreal and Thomas Hecht, chair emeritus of IBEX Technologies Inc. Olmert, who is also vice-premier of Israel, was the guest of honour.

Coupal said Israel represents an "interesting potential" for joint ventures or other forms of collaboration with Canada's world-renowned life sciences sector, for the development of new therapies, particularly at the clinical stage.

T^2C^2/Bio is one of three funds of T^2C^2 (Transfer, Technologies, Commercialization, Capital), which was founded in 1997 and headed by Coupal from the beginning. The company provides seed money to promising projects developed at universities, at research centres and in industry in both biotechnology and information technology.

The company has total assets of $59.5 million, $23 million of which is under the T^2C^2/Bio. It has founded and invested in more than 30 companies.

A former academic, Coupal was director-general of the Biotechnology Research Institute of the National Research Council of Canada and founding president of and CEO of Société Innovatech du Grand Montréal, a provincial government agency investing in high-tech, before founding T^2C^2.

Olmert said T^2C^2 is following in the footsteps of some of the leading high-tech companies in the world in investing in Israel. He noted that Intel Corp. recently put another $600 million (US) into its plant at Kiryat Gat, which was a $2-billion investment. "It's the largest R and D centre in the world outside the United States, with 2,000 workers."

IBM, Microsoft and Hewlett-Packard have also made major investments lately.

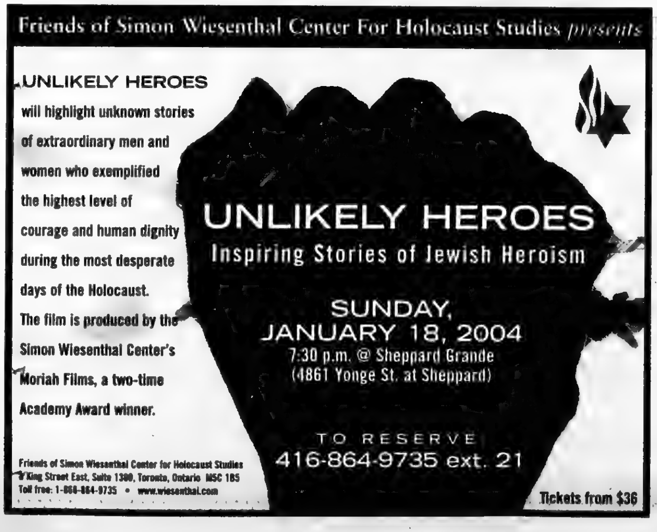
There is renewed interest in Israel in the investment community generally, he noted. The New York state pension fund manager, for example, recently made a $200-million investment in a new Israeli fund, he said.

"Israel has proven beyond dispute that the quality of its technological innovation places it among the highest in the world, almost equal to the U.S."

Olmert said the Israeli government is sweetening incentives for foreign investors. First among these is an amendment to the law which now forbids the export of intellectual property. "We have decided to allow the export of intellectual property, but, of course, there will be a price tag, a certain premium to be paid."

The government is also considering "dramatically" improved tax benefits for companies eligible for government assistance in area defined by Israel as "national priorities." These will mostly be companies engaged in export. Today, the maximum withholding tax is 25 per cent. That may be reduced to 10 per cent or less, Olmert said.

Meanwhile, the Israeli government continues to invest 4.2 per cent of the country's gross domestic product in R and D and the number of high-tech graduates over the past decade has doubled to 8,000 a year.



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Heschel urges more funding for Jewish women's studies

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Leading Jewish feminist Susannah Heschel brought her thoughts on Jewish feminism to Winnipeg earlier this month and called for increased funding for Jewish women's studies.

Heschel, the daughter of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, one of the most important Jewish thinkers of the 20th century, noted that women play a very important role in transmitting Judaism to the next generation through their practices in the home, and she said Jewish institutions need to change their attitudes toward women.

"There is still condescension toward women," she said. "It is important to highlight patronizing attitudes and try to change them."

> *'Important to highlight patronizing attitudes and try to change them'*

Heschel, an associate professor and chair of the Jewish studies program at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, edited a prominent 1983 collection of essays titled *On Being a Jewish Feminist* and is currently preparing another anthology on feminist readings of classical Jewish texts.

She spoke as part of the Rabbi Rappaport Education and Lecture Series, under the aegis of the Rose and Max Rady Jewish Community Centre and Congregation Etz Chayim.

Heschel's topic, "An Orange on a Seder Plate: Jewish Feminism in the New Century" derived, she explained to an audience of about 150, from a feminist Haggadah written by students at Oberlin College in Ohio.

The story goes, she said, that a woman once approached a rabbi on erev Pesach and asked where lesbians fit in Judaism. The rabbi's disdainful reply was that a lesbian in Judaism is like a crust of bread on a seder plate. In response, the Oberlin authors included a crust of bread on their seder plate as a symbol of solidarity with people who are marginalized.

Heschel said she felt that because a crust of bread violates the rules of pesach, an orange would be a more appropriate symbol (because, she has explained, you can spit out the seeds as if you're spitting out bigotry and homophobia), so she helped start a different tradition among Jewish feminists.

The initial goals of Jewish feminists in the 1970s and 1980s, she said, were inclusion and equality in the synagogue.

"The next stage was the recovery of our history and traditions – such as Rosh Chodesh celebrations, reclamation of the mikvah and women's interpretations of Pesach," she said.

"Not much had been written by Jewish women. We needed new commentaries to address the low self-esteem many women feel."

Heschel also called for more inclusive language in the liturgy and gender-neutral references to God.

"We haven't figured out how to make those changes yet. That will have to be resolved by future generations," she said.

"Prayer is both from the community's and the individual's heart. God's otherness is not necessarily oppressive. On the other hand, that personal relationship with God is important, and if we eliminate all of God's personal attributes, we would eliminate that relationship."

Canada, Israel sign agricultural agreement

OTTAWA — Israel's Agriculture Research Organization (ARO) last week signed a letter of intent on agricultural research and development with Agriculture and Agri-food Canada.

The agreement was signed following a three-day Canada-Israel agricultural research seminar hosted by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – the first in its kind between the two countries.

The seminar covered four main areas that are at the forefront of agricultural research in the world today: functional genomics, food safety and quality, insect resistance and precision agriculture.

Scientists from Israel and Canada have identified specific projects in which complementary work could benefit both countries. They include solutions for better and safer agricultural products and farming practices as well as the utilization of agricultural research for medical applications.

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Israel and Canada have also agreed to sign a memorandum of understanding on agricultural research and development in the coming months.

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Israel's treatment of press unique among wartime democracies

According to Reports

By

PAUL MICHAELS

How does a democracy deal with the media during wartime?

In the 1991 Gulf War, the United States largely restricted media access to the battlefield. Britain did the same during the Falklands War in 1982. In the war in Iraq last spring, the Americans decided to court the media, but they still attempted to control coverage by "embedding" reporters within army units.

Russia, a quasi-democracy, greatly restricts journalists' access to Chechnya, so much so that most people in the West are oblivious to the fact that in the past decade, more than 100,000 Chechens have been killed in combat. Many other conflicts fall into the same category. In Colombia, Kashmir, Congo, Sudan and Algeria, terrible carnage is occurring, but the coverage is either too restricted or simply too dangerous for all but the most intrepid to report on.

Israel, as always, is unique. For decades, journalists have had virtually unrestricted access to a hot story, covering the conflict with the Palestinians in relative safety and in a place where freedom of expression is generally respected.

In the spring of 2002, following a horrific spate of terrorist attacks, the Israel Defence Forces mounted an operation in the West Bank, which it temporarily closed off to foreign correspondents. This decision, some analysts argue, badly harmed Israel when many in the international media reported outrageous claims of a "massacre" of hundreds of Palestinians in the Jenin refugee camp.

Once the media restrictions were lifted, the truth came out. There was no massacre, and in fact 23 Israeli soldiers died in house-to-house combat trying to avoid endangering Palestinian civilians. But night after night, most television news reports showed Israeli tanks amid the rubble of Palestinian cities and towns, leading viewers to identify only with the Palestinians, who were portrayed as being under a merciless attack. All context was lost, particularly Israel's desperate efforts to thwart Palestinian terrorists from blowing up men, women and children on buses and in cafés.

Determined to stem this tide of negative coverage of Israel, which has helped spur the growth of anti-Semitism especially in Europe, the Israeli Government Press Office recently tried to "control the message" by making all correspondents who apply for a press card submit to a review by the Shin Bet internal security service. Protests from a number of organizations, including the Foreign Press Association (whose members include a majority of Israeli journalists working for foreign media), led to a governmental review. The plan was scrapped.

Israel's acceptance of negative media coverage is all the more pronounced when compared with the Palestinian Authority. The PA can, and does, intimidate journalists who file negative reports. But such is the price Israel must pay, even during a prolonged conflict, precisely because it is a free and democratic country. Dictatorships have it easier. Expectations by the foreign media are far lower, and the message can readily be restricted and manipulated.

However, it is much better to work with reporters than to treat them as enemies, which only results in greater resentment. When Israel learned earlier this month that the British Broadcasting Corporation was to undertake a serious review of its Mideast coverage, the government press office lifted its boycott of the corporation. BBC reporters will now once again have access to official briefings and interviews with Israeli officials. The move is a testament to Israel's ultimate respect for freedom of the press – even in a time of war.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY: Sam Romberg, president of General Wingate Branch 256 of the Royal Canadian Legion, visited with the students of grade 6D at Bialik Hebrew Day School and their teacher, Marc Kates, Sam's great-nephew in honour of Remembrance Day.

Canadian film won't be in Canadian theatres

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL – *Prisoner of Paradise*, a Holocaust documentary that was nominated for an Academy Award this year, will be shown theatrically in the United States starting on Dec. 5, but the Canada-U.K. co-production will not be returning to Canadian theatres.

The film's co-director, producer and writer, Montrealer Malcolm Clarke, is incensed and charges that Alliance Atlantis, the Canadian distributor and a co-producer of the largely Canadian-financed film, is shelving it because it won't make money.

"Nobody in Canada is going to see this film," Clarke said.

Prisoner of Paradise is opening on Dec. 5 in New York at the Quad Cinema, a Greenwich Village house specializing in foreign and independent films, and then in Los Angeles on Dec. 12. Other U.S. cities may follow.

To qualify for the Oscars, the film had a brief run last fall at the Empress Walk Theatre in Toronto. Its official world premiere was at the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles in December 2002.

Clarke said Toronto-based Alliance Atlantis put its focus on Michael Moore's *Bowling for Columbine*, the much more popular film that beat *Prisoner of Paradise* for the Oscar. Alliance Atlantis is the Canadian distributor and a co-producer of *Bowling for Columbine*.

Clark charged that while Alliance Atlantis "dined out" on the prestige of having two Oscar contenders in one year, placing full-page newspaper ads to publicize the fact, it is now forsaking one of those films. He said that may be because films about the Holocaust don't sell any more.

Prisoner of Paradise, which was shortlisted for best documentary feature, tells the little-known story of Kurt Gerron, a German Jew who was a leading actor, director and cabaret performer in prewar Berlin. (He co-starred with Marlene Dietrich in the classic *The Blue Angel* and sang "Mack the Knife" in the original production of the *Threepenny Opera*.)

While an inmate at Theresienstadt during the war, Gerron was forced by the commandant to make a Nazi propaganda film whitewashing the concentration camp as a utopian haven for Jews. He was deported to Auschwitz in 1944, where he died shortly thereafter in a gas chamber.

The 90-minute film asks whether Gerron was a traitor, concerned only with saving his own life, or is beyond judgment for his actions because the circumstances were so horrific.

The movie contains never-before-seen archival footage, including scenes from Gerron's film, *The Fuhrer Gives a City to the Jews*, as well as interviews with Theresienstadt survivors.

Mark Slone, vice-president of marketing and publicity for Odeon Films, a division of Atlantis Alliance, told *The CJN* the film was intended for television, not theatre, and was, in fact, made on video. It was only when the company realized it had Oscar potential that the film was reformatted at considerable cost for the Empress Walk screenings. It was this single copy that was shown at a number of film festivals in Canada this past year.

Slone said it will not be shown again in theatres because it was sold to the History Channel and more recently to the American PBS channel.

"Once it has been sold to TV, it cannot be re-released theatrically. That would infringe on the rights of the TV purchaser."

PBS spokesperson Cara White said *Prisoner of Paradise* was originally scheduled to be broadcast last April, but after it got the Oscar nod, the network acceded to a request made by the film's other co-director/producer, Emmy Award-winning television producer Stuart Sender, to schedule its TV premiere after a theatrical run. The film will be broadcast sometime next year, she said.

"The point here is that, instead of a few hundred people seeing this film in a theatre, it is going to be seen by millions on TV, coast-to-coast in North America. That's a pretty sweet thing," Slone said.

While he agreed *Prisoner of Paradise* is not "a big money-maker" and was never meant for mainstream distribution, he rejected Clarke's assertion that Holocaust films are too numerous. He said he and many of the principals of Atlantis Alliance are Jewish, and that the company has been involved in many films on Jewish subjects.

Officially, *Prisoner of Paradise* is a Canada-U.K. co-production, but it was made mostly in Canada following shooting in Europe and received between $70,000 and $80,000 in Canadian public funding, Clarke said.

Steven Spielberg, the founder of the Shoah Foundation, contributed the first $100,000 (US) and lent his name to the project, which helped immeasurably in raising the remaining $1.6 million (US) necessary to make the film, Clarke said.

Clarke, who is not Jewish, believes the film can educate the public about the Holocaust because it takes a very different angle. Making the film deepened his own understanding of the atrocity, he said.

"From an intellectual perspective, I knew a huge amount about the Holocaust, but it was academic… It was not until I sat opposite someone talking matter-of-factly about the most mind-numbingly horrendous stuff that it upset me emotionally."

Popular Montreal show *Chai Montreal* axed

MONTREAL – *Chai Montreal*, the Jewish community television show that has been on the air for over 30 years, is being dropped by CH Montreal, the ethnic station owned by CanWest Global, to make way for a new show that it hopes will appeal to a younger – and larger – audience.

The half-hour show *InMontreal* will debut Dec. 7 at 8 p.m., the same time slot that Chai Montreal occupied.

InMontreal is the trademarked name of the magazine for young Jewish adults published by ProMontreal of FEDERATION CJA, with which CH is producing this show.

ProMontreal runs programs aimed at encouraging young Jews to stay in Quebec, and has focused over its 10-year history on helping them establish careers here.

The show's co-hosts are Mark Bergman, an announcer at radio station Mix 96, and Lisa Rubin, a singer with experience in TV research.

CH station manager Linda Fraraccio said the federation is not sponsoring the show, nor is it committed to purchasing any of the six minutes available for commercials during its slot. Her vision of *InMontreal* is one that reflects the community and is not limited to federation-related content.

The relationship, however, is close. The federation's publicist and writer Tara Glazer is the show's researcher and will co-ordinate its content.

Fraraccio said CH does not conduct ratings of its ethnic programming, but the sense is that *Chai Montreal*, which is hosted by Lisa Winston, was not being watched by enough people because of the lack of "feedback" and little advertising revenue. CH also has an advisory board with representatives drawn from different communities that offers its opinion, she said. Jonathan Goldbloom is one of its members.

The last *Chai Montreal* is Nov. 30, with repeats through that week. In keeping with CH's policy, *InMontreal* will be about Jewish life from a cultural and communal perspective, and will avoid politics or hard news.

–J.A.

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David Suzuki warns about dangers of biotechnology

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL – Environmentalist and broadcaster David Suzuki warns that the long-term repercussions of biotechnology are unknown.

"Mark my words, genetically modified organisms are going to have totally unexpected effects," Suzuki said during a speech at a recent Canadian Technion Society fundraising event.

He compared the situation to the experience with the pesticide DDT and CFCs, chemicals commonly found in aerosols, which were used widely before their negative effects became known. DDT has been found to accumulate in human tissue and CFCs are known to cause depletion of the ozone layer.

Suzuki said it is "far too early" to be consuming genetically modified food, even though certain products have been permitted in Canada for the past five years.

Suzuki, a geneticist by training best known for his long-running CBC science television show *The Nature of Things*, said human beings are animals inextricably tied to nature.

"There is no environment out there. We are the environment. There is no separation," he told an audience of 230 at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim.

"We no longer feel part of the natural world. We see it as a resource for us to use. We have to rediscover we are dependent on nature, and not just see it as an opportunity."

In an illustration of just how fragile the environment is, Suzuki said if Earth was the size of a basketball, the biosphere would be as thin as Saran wrap.

"We are pumping all of our effluvium into that," he said. "We use [the environment] as a toxic dump and think it does not affect us. We are living in a shuttered world and don't see the consequences of what we do."

He attributed the dramatic rise in the incidence of asthma in children to pollution.

"Our own kids are the canaries in the mine. One out of five has asthma. It's an epidemic in the grade schools. When I was a boy, we never heard of asthma," said Suzuki, who is 67.

He said we can learn from indigenous peoples who believe that they are literally composed of the essential elements earth, water, air and fire (sunlight).

Without these, human life would be insupportable, he argued.

"Science confirms this ancient knowledge."

If we see nature as sacred, we will treat it differently, he said.

Suzuki criticized the belief that "the economy is the bottom line" and protection of the environment is secondary.

"As a biologist, this never made sense to me… It is the biosphere that makes economies possible.

"We ignore the environment at our peril. We are animals; we have needs. If they are not met, we sicken and die."

The disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species is a direct result of damage to the environment, he said.

After 40 years of activism, Suzuki has not lost his zeal.

"You may win a battle, but it is a war that must be fought over and over again."

Nor has he lost his sense of humour.

"I know a lot of people say, 'Oh God, here he comes again, Chicken Little.'"

Suzuki has launched a nature challenge to Canadians through the David Suzuki Foundation, an environmental organization he founded in 1990. It suggests 10 ways people can protect the environment in their everyday lives. Just doing three out of 10 over the course a year qualifies for the challenge.

"It's for people who know in their gut something is wrong, but don't know what to do about it," Suzuki said.

That's "good news for a change."

You can register for the challenge through the foundation's Web site at www.davidsuzuki.org.

"If we get one million people, even Ralph Klein will sign on. This is all about political change."

The evening raised more than $150,000 for the construction of Canada student residences at Technion, Israel's Institute of Technology in Haifa. The $20-million project will house more than 300 students.

Arab Israeli speaks out to defend Bedouin

By DANY HOROVITZ
Special to The CJN

MONTREAL – Israeli Bedouin Ishmael Khaldi says he's proud to be Israeli. Khaldi was speaking at Concordia University Nov. 11 as part of a Canadian tour on Israeli democracy and multiculturalism sponsored by Hasbara Fellowships and UIA Federations Canada.

"Twenty per cent of Israel's population is not Jewish, including the Bedouin, who are the smallest minority," Khaldi said in a talk that went without incident. Earlier this month he spoke at Langara College in British Columbia, where the student union made an unsuccessful attempt to ban his talk.

"Israel has many problems dealing with their minorities, but we enjoy the benefits of democracy as a modern country.

"There is no doubt" Bedouins are underrepresented in Israel's government, he said.

"[N]ot many Bedouins are educated like me. But of course, we are fully respected and have our rights as a small minority within the democratic law of Israel."

Part of the reason for this lack of education, said Khaldi, is that "Bedouins are nomads. It is part of our tradition. We used to move from place to place. [Formal] education was never a part of our tradition."

Khaldi, who has a master's degree in political science from Tel Aviv University, has served with the Israeli police and Israel's Defence Ministry. He will soon begin working for the Foreign Ministry as Israel's first Bedouin diplomat.

"Israel has been struggling since 1948 for its existence. The story of the Bedouins is an integral part of Israeli society, and today, after so many years, Israel is still struggling to live in peace and security against people who want to eliminate them. Everybody wants peace, but I think that [war] is unfortunately a needed thing."

Khaldi says the Bedouins can be used as mediators in the conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians.

"We are part of the Arab and Muslim world, but we are proud to be a part of Israel, too. We try to be, given our background, an example for other ethnic groups to be a bridge of understanding between Israel as a Jewish state – which we are a part of – and the Arab world."

Khaldi said he was once asked after a lecture he gave at the University of Illinois if he had the right to vote in Israel.

"[The questioner] said, 'I heard if you aren't Jewish in Israel, you don't have the right to vote.' I was surprised. For me, it portrayed how deep the lack of background information people here have is.

"Israel is not a perfect state," he said, but added that countries like Canada and the United States "have problems too… I'm very proud to be Israeli."

Khaldi, who spoke at McGill University the same day, also made tour stops at York University in Toronto, Carleton University in Ottawa and at the University of British Columbia, where his talks also went without incident.

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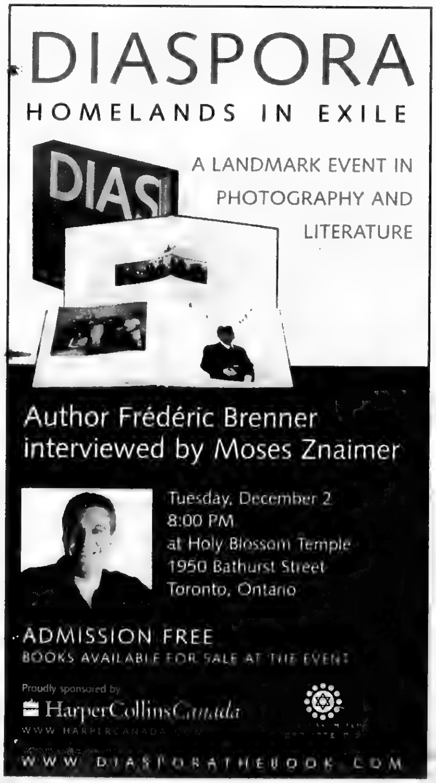

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Sharon met secretly with U.S. emissary

By ALUF BENN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon met secretly last week in Rome with Eliot Abrams, a member of the U.S. National Security Council, for talks described as "relationship maintenance" by Israeli sources.

Abrams, who is in charge of White House relations with Israel, reportedly informed Sharon of administration demands that Israel fulfill its promise to dismantle illegal outposts and freeze settlement construction.

Abrams apparently also told Sharon of the administration's intention to deduct the cost of the security fence from U.S. loan guarantees to Israel. Sharon informed Abrams of his intentions to initiate "unilateral measures" in the territories, and said he was examining various ideas, which he did not elaborate on.

The Sharon-Abrams meeting took place last Monday, two days before the speech in London by U.S. President George W. Bush in which Bush presented his demands on Israel and repeated his call for a change in Palestinian leadership.

In a meeting Sunday, called by Sharon, between the prime minister and Industry and Trade Minister Ehud Olmert, Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom, Defence Minister Shaul Mofaz and Justice Minister Yosef Lapid, Sharon did not elaborate on his "unilateral steps."

Sharon told the ministers that the Palestinians are demanding concessions and gestures from Israel as a condition for the expected meeting between himself and Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia. "We will sit with them, but we have no intention of compromising with them before we see what they will do," Sharon said.

Preparatory talks were expected to take place this week between Sharon's bureau chief Dov Weisglass and senior Palestinian officials.

The Sharon-Qureia meeting was expected to take place next week. Late Monday, however, the PA announced that Qureia had accepted a recommendation by participants in the so-called Geneva Accords to postpone his meeting with Sharon until after the official signing ceremony for the accords in the beginning of December.

Qureia accepted the view that the signing of the accords would generate international and internal pressure on Sharon that may benefit the Palestinians ahead of the meeting.

On Monday, Qureia told the Al-Jazeera satellite news station that Sharon will find a serious partner in the Palestinians if the seriousness is reciprocated and if Israel implements Palestinian demands such as releasing prisoners, halting construction of the separation fence and ceasing settlement activities – steps that would show Sharon wanted to turn over a new leaf in his relations with the PA.

A date has yet to be set for the meeting with Sharon, Qureia added, repeating his opinion that the groundwork must be carefully laid for the meeting so that it generates favourable results for both sides.

At their meeting with Sharon, Shalom and Mofaz reportedly said they did not believe a ceasefire would hold up if terror infrastructure is not dismantled in the territories. Lapid suggested holding a discussion about a change in the route of the security fence, which was opposed by Olmert, Shalom, and Mofaz.

William Burns, U.S. assistant secretary of state for the Near East, is due to arrive in the region next week. Burns' visit is seen as part of U.S. measures to pressure the PA into working harder to investigate the killing last month of three U.S. security guards in an attack on a convoy in Gaza, and Burns is expected to bring up the issue with Qureia.

About 10 days ago, U.S. and Israeli officials met in Washington, D.C., in another of their periodic discussions about the war on terror. The members of the Israeli delegation, headed by Danny Arditi, who heads the counter-terrorism task force in the Prime Minister's Office, heard harsh criticism about faulty Palestinian co-operation in the investigation of the Gaza attack.

Freeze leads Sharon to change his position

By ALUF BENN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon will soon present a new political initiative that will probably include unilateral steps for withdrawing from the territories.

He is reluctant to give details, preferring to prepare public opinion and the political system gradually for the turnaround in his position. But the talk about "painful concessions" and changes in the Israel Defence Forces deployment that would "make things easier for Israel" and do not depend on parallel Palestinian steps or on understandings with Washington, imply that he means moving settlements or, at least, is approaching such a decision.

Analysis

Until now, Sharon had ruled out unilateral steps. He had declared his readiness for concessions and establishing a Palestinian state, but conditioned any progress on stopping terror and getting rid of Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat. Sharon had rejected proposals for an Israeli political initiative, and refused to hear of evacuating settlements, although he would not commit to avoid doing so. His official position was that the debate on the future of the settlements, with the exception of freezing settlements and evacuating illegal outposts, would take place only in the context of negotiations for a permanent agreement.

But a unilateral withdrawal does not depend on negotiations, and Sharon does not intend to discuss it at his upcoming meeting with new PA Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia. So what caused a change in Sharon's position? In private conversations, he speaks of a new analysis that led him to conclude that this is the right move. It is not hard to detect the reasons for it. The political freeze with the Palestinians presented Sharon with a problem vis-a-vis the public. The relative calm in terrorism has led to a breakdown in the national consensus that Israel enjoyed during three years of war with the Palestinians. Suddenly, left-wing peace initiatives such as the Geneva accords have emerged, while the chief of staff has criticized the cabinet's policy and Sharon's popularity, which had soared, has plunged. Sharon realized he must once again demonstrate leadership and lead the national agenda.

He knows his new initiative will raise objections on the right, but he is convinced he will be able to muster a majority in cabinet, as he did in previous controversial decisions. From this point of view, the recent decision on the prisoner exchange deal with Hezbollah was a prelude for a new move.

Sharon's new proposals came as a surprise, and as of Sunday, he had not shared them with his ministers, only hinting at them to the Americans. The first political test of his plan came Monday when he confronted questions from his ministers. But the ideas for changing the IDF's deployment in the territories are not new. About two years ago, the head of the IDF's strategic brigade, Col. Eival Giladi, presented a plan to evacuate the settlements in Gaza and seven isolated settlements in the West Bank. The Giladi plan was not meant to appease the Palestinians but to serve Israeli interests by renouncing assets to improve security and strengthen international legitimacy.

The plan was shelved, the government denied its existence, and Chief of Staff Moshe Ya'alon publicly warned of withdrawal and settlement evacuation without an agreement, saying this would be seen as giving in to terrorism.

Deputy Prime Minister Ehud Olmert believes that even a small withdrawal would arouse public controversy and sharp protest from the right, but would not solve the problem, so it would be better to make a more decisive move to set the border and leave as many Palestinians as possible beyond it.

So far, Sharon has avoided far-reaching steps, preferring to manage the confrontation with the Palestinians carefully and not take chances. Therefore, it would be better to wait until his initiative is fully published before assessing its seriousness and chances. However, it appears already that he is willing to change his position should circumstances force him to do so.

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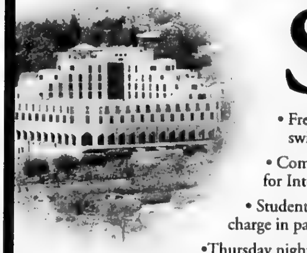

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Steinhardt education proposal steals show at GA

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JERUSALEM — Imagine a world in which every Jewish newborn receives a voucher toward early childhood Jewish education and a free trip to Israel.

That's what philanthropist Michael Steinhardt asked 4,000 delegates to the North American Jewish federation system's General Assembly to consider last Wednesday.

The "Newborn Gift" would be part of an overall investment plan Steinhardt is proposing to strengthen Jewish education. He told delegates he was willing to contribute $10 million (all figures US) to the project, which he called the Fund for Our Jewish Future – on condition that his contribution represent no more than 10 per cent of the total fund.

In other words, the former Wall Street tycoon was challenging the audience to raise at least $90 million for Jewish education in the Diaspora.

Steinhardt said the proposal is a response to decreasing Jewish identification among non-Orthodox Diaspora Jews.

He mustered a litany of statistics to prove his point. Some 49 per cent of American Jews identify as secular; only 20 per cent give to Jewish causes, down from a post-World War II period when half the community gave to Jewish causes; and the number of American Jews is dwindling, according to the 2000-01 National Jewish Population Survey, he said.

"This part of the Diaspora community – its majority – is in crisis," Steinhardt said. While most Jewish activists focus on threats to Israel, in some respects the Diaspora is "far more vulnerable," he said.

"We don't know enough about our religion to take true pride in it. We remain Jewish on the vapours of cultural memory," Steinhardt said.

He also bemoaned what he called a glaring lack of Jewish leadership and innovative ideas.

By contrast, he pointed to the Birthright Israel program, which offers free trips to 18-26-year-olds who have never been on a peer tour to Israel. Steinhardt is one of the program's major funders.

"Birthright has been nothing less than a transformation in Jewish life," he said, but added that "the future of the program is tenuous – not because there are no young people who want to partake of this venture," but "simply because there's not enough money to pay for them."

While North American federations have raised hundreds of millions of dollars for Israel, it has difficulty raising "a fraction of that amount" for Birthright, Steinhardt said.

He called for a "Jewish renaissance for our young people," saying his plan would focus on the "centrality of Israel for the Jewish soul," the "pre-eminence of Jewish peoplehood," encouragement of vibrant rabbis, the principle of charity and the "imperative of a Jewish education."

He said, "Our survival depends on the next generation being educated."

The audience, which buzzed with electrified chatter after the speech, seemed to feel the same way. Many in the room found his proposal groundbreaking and rushed the stage to shake his hand.

Passing out flyers outside the auditorium, Jewish students said they would raise $500,000 for Steinhardt's fund.

Federation leaders largely praised the initiative, rejecting the idea that the appeal might undermine their own fundraising efforts, but said the challenge it poses is significant.

But as far as Steinhardt is concerned, the project is an imperative.

"The Jewish future of our children" is at stake, he said. "We owe our children nothing less."

The Week in Israel

Nov. 17

• Leaders of Turkey's Jewish community met with President Moshe Katsav at his residence in Jerusalem and discussed security issues in the wake of two terrorist attacks in Istanbul.

Nov. 18

• An ancient Jewish village was unearthed on the outskirts of Jerusalem. Some of the walls of the nearly 2,000-year-old village, discovered by archeologists, were still intact. The village is estimated to have been built around 60-70 C.E. and abandoned 70 years later during the Bar-Kochba Revolt. The village, located near the entrance to the present-day Shuafat refugee camp, was discovered during infrastructure work on Jerusalem's light-rail system.

Nov. 19

• An Ecuadorian tourist wounded in an attack at an Israeli-Jordanian border crossing near Eilat died after being taken to a Be'er Sheva hospital. Monica Patricia Teran Navarette, 33, was one of five Ecuadorian tourists injured in the shooting. The Palestinian man responsible for the attack was killed.

Nov. 20

• The push to bring to Israel some 20,000 Falash Mura – Ethiopians who claim Jewish ancestry – is gaining steam. The Jewish Agency for Israel's board of governors announced the agency would share the costs of the operation with the government of Israel.

Nov. 21

• The leader of Hezbollah, Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, said his guerrillas would retaliate fiercely if Israel attacked Lebanon and Syria. He made the remarks in Beirut before hundreds of unarmed Hezbollah members in military dress who paraded in front of him chanting "Israel must cease to exist."

Files from JTA and Ha'aretz

Fini condemns his country's 'disgraceful past'

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He held meetings with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom on Monday, and was expected to meet with opposition leader MK Shimon Peres and President Moshe Katsav later in his stay.

Israel followed Fini's moves skeptically for eight years before agreeing to invite him. Foreign Ministry sources said there were three reasons for inviting Fini now: his pro-Israel positions and firm objection to anti-Semitism; the fact that the United States and other countries have recognized him; and the position of the Italian Jewish community, which has gradually overcome its suspicion of and hostility toward him.

Alessandra Mussolini

In addition, Jerusalem looks favourably upon Fini's unwavering support of Sharon's policies – especially on the separation fence – which makes him the most prominent supporter of Sharon's government in Europe today.

The visit has received some criticism. Former deputy foreign minister Yossi Beilin called the visit a "disgrace to Israel." He hinted at political motives behind the visit, saying that "only because he supports the fence is he receiving a red carpet here."

Official sources at the Foreign Ministry responded by saying that Fini is accepted as a welcome visitor in nearly all western countries. In October 2001, he met with American Vice-President Dick Cheney, and in December 2002, with French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin. Last month in Spain, he met with Prime Minister Hose Maria Aznar.

Fini has been preparing for this visit for a long time. It is perceived as the culmination of an almost decade-long campaign to haul the National Alliance out of its post-fascist fringes and into the mainstream. In an interview with *Ha'aretz* in September 2002, he said that on this visit, he intends to assume historic responsibility for the fascists' crimes and ask for the Jewish people's forgiveness.

Considered one of the most brilliant and sophisticated politicians in Italy, Fini started out as a member of a racist youth movement. His left-wing rivals have embarrassed him in the past by quoting his praise of Mussolini, whom he once called "the greatest politician of the 20th century." Fini has since retracted that statement and denounced Mussolini.

For a long time, Israel refused to respond to his courtship. In 1997, for instance, the Foreign Ministry told four lawmakers from Fini's party who were about to visit Israel that they were not wanted.

The leaders of the Italian Jewish community also regarded him with suspicion and their pressure apparently led to the cancellation of his scheduled meeting with then-prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu in January 1996.

Undaunted, Fini continued his efforts. Last November, a minister of his party visited Israel for the first time. Earlier this year, Fini spoke at a meeting of the B'nai Brith organization in Milan in favour of the separation fence. Jerusalem sources said then: "Apart from converting, he has made every possible step to get closer to us and to Italy's Jews."

In related developments Alessandra Mussolini, granddaughter of Italy's World War II dictator and a member of parliament for the National Alliance, said in an interview with *Ha'aretz* Sunday that "not only Fini, but the entire world, including the Vatican and the Pope, should beg forgiveness of Israel."

The interview coincided with the Fini's arrival for his first official visit to Israel. Mussolini's statement is no small matter from someone who has declared: "My grandfather is the greatest of them all. I will continue to believe this all my life."

Her father, Romano Mussolini, once said Alessandra is "more of a Mussolini than me or the whole family put together."

When Fini retracted his statement that Mussolini was the greatest politician of the 20th century, Alessandra was so angry that she demonstratively crossed parliamentary lines to sit with members of the Forza Italia party instead of her own.

"In the end, he will circumcise you all," she taunted other members of her party, "so that Fini will finally be able to make his pilgrimage to Israel."

Of Fini himself, she declared: "I don't like politicians who try to distort history for their own purposes."

When asked what she thought of Fini's plan to apologize to the Jewish people, she said that, in her mind, he had already done so at the 1995 party conference in which Fini denounced anti-Semitism.

"What is important to me is that Fini listen to the people, as I did during my visits to Israel," she said.

Mussolini, then a movie actress, visited Israel 11 years ago, at which time she also visited Yad Vashem.

"I saw the piles of shoes and I was shocked. When I went outside, I saw soldiers walking around with guns, and I thought how sad it was that you are still not assured even of life itself," she recalled.

Most analysts view Fini's visit to Israel as an attempt to obtain a stamp of approval for the party's claim that it has abandoned its fascist roots. But Mussolini said the visit is important mainly because of "the [terrorist] assault on Italy and Europe."

The deaths of 19 Italian soldiers in a suicide bombing in Iraq and the recent terror attacks in Istanbul "make Italy Israel's ally," she explained.

Referring to a recent survey that found Europeans view Israel as the No. 1 threat to world peace, Mussolini declared that Europe is not afraid of Israel, but of terrorism.

Mussolini, a niece of movie star Sophia Loren, burst onto the political scene in 1992, when she was elected to parliament as a member of the neo-fascist party in her home district of Naples. Over the ensuing years, she made it clear that she was proud to be descended from Italy's dictator. But in an interview with *La Republica* earlier this month, she declared that the National Alliance has truly abandoned its neo-fascist past and that this was a natural development.

Asked what her grandfather would have thought of Fini, she replied: "I don't want to answer that. He is already dead and I'm a different person… My family is one thing and politics are another. Permit me not to answer that."

With files from Adi Schwartz.

NRP, National Union threaten to leave coalition if settlements evacuated

By NADAV SHRAGAI
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — The National Religious Party and the National Union have made it clear to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon that they will leave his coalition if the government decides on unilateral measures that include the evacuation of settlements.

But as long as steps amounted to mere talk, Ministers Effi Eitam and Avigdor Lieberman said they had no plans to make any rash moves.

Meanwhile, the head of the settlers' Knesset lobby, Likud MK Yehiel Hazan, said Sunday that if reports about plans to evacuate settlements were true, he would convene the Likud's Knesset faction to try to undermine any such moves.

"The settlement enterprise is one of the cornerstones of Zionism, and this would be one of the most serious mistakes in the history of the people of Israel," Hazan said. "Mere talk of intentions to evacuate causes immense damage and conveys weakness in the face of terror."

The NRP's Knesset whip, MK Shaul Yahalom, also said that talk of evacuating settlements constituted a victory for terrorism and that the NRP was opposed to any such moves. National Union whip, MK Yuri Stern, added that his party and the NRP would fight together "to prevent this madness from coming true."

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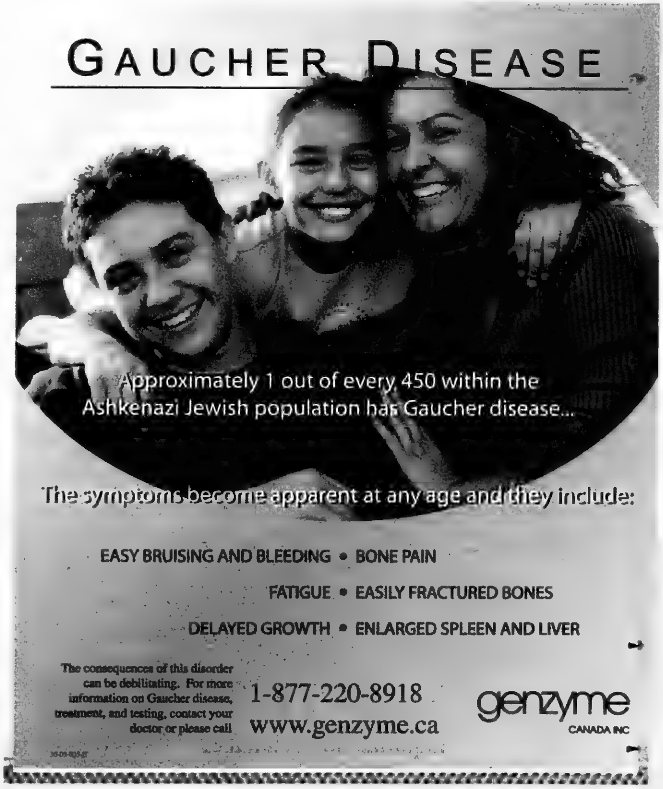

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Ford Foundation admits to aiding anti-Israel groups

By EDWIN BLACK

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In a stunning reversal, the Ford Foundation has admitted it erred in funding anti-Israeli Palestinian groups and has vowed to establish tough new guidelines to stop its funds from being used for anti-Semitic activities anywhere in the world.

The group said it was "disgusted" by anti-Israel and anti-Semitic "agitation" action at the 2001 UN World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa, which the foundation helped finance.

"We now recognize that we did not have a clear picture of the activities, organizations and people involved," conceded Ford president Susan Berresford in a Nov. 17 letter to U.S. Congressman Jerrold Nadler.

In addition to establishing new funding guidelines, the foundation's letter said the group promises to cease financing anti-Israel groups and even recover funds where the grant's intent was violated.

Ford's wide-ranging announcement was detailed in a five-page, single-spaced letter to Nadler after the politician circulated a petition signed by 20 members of Congress demanding that Ford halt its funding of anti-Israel hate groups.

Nadler's petition and Ford's letter came in the wake of a four-part JTA investigative series called "Funding Hate," which documented how Ford grantees were using the foundation's money to foment virulent anti-Israel and anti-Semitic agitation in the Middle East and worldwide – and in some cases, support for armed revolution in Israel.

The series prompted immediate congressional calls for an investigation from Nadler, Senator Rick Santorum and Senator Charles Grassley, the chair of the Senate Finance Committee.

There were also indications from the Internal Revenue Service, the State Department and the Justice Department that officials would review Ford's funding.

In her letter to Nadler, Berresford wrote, "Recent media stories have raised questions about the conduct of certain Palestinian grantees who participated in the 2001 UN World Conference Against Racism in Durban, and the adequacy of the foundation's oversight of grantees. In response, foundation officers and trustees have discussed these stories with concerned individuals, making clear the numerous steps that the foundation takes to ensure the proper use of its funds."

"Having reassessed our own information on the Durban Conference," the letter said, "and in continuing talks with others, we now recognize that we did not have a complete picture of the activities, organizations and people involved. Although some Ford-supported grantee organizations repudiated the bigotry they witnessed in Durban, questions remain about others. More troubling still is the fact that many organizations among the large number at the conference did not respond at all.

"We deeply regret that foundation grantees may have taken part in unacceptable behavior in Durban," the Durban section of the letter concluded.

The Berresford letter completely reversed the earlier position of Ford Foundation vice-president Alexander Wilde.

In statements and letters to the editor, Wilde had insisted, "We do not believe" the events at Durban "can be described as 'agitation.'"

Nadler and representatives of Jewish groups that Ford officials met with after the publication of the JTA series praised the Ford Foundation's response. Foundation officials could not be reached for comment.

But Berresford promised more than just apologies. She pledged to take sweeping new preventive and monitoring measures to address revelations in the JTA investigation that Ford grantees were openly refusing to sign U.S. government funding guidelines designed to ensure that charitable donations in the Middle East don't end up in terrorist hands.

Those guidelines are known as the US Agency for International Development (USAID) Certification Regarding Terrorist Funding.

In a section of Berresford's letter called "Prevention of Funding for Terrorism," the Ford Foundation said it regularly checks approximately 4,000 active grantees against a State Department list to identify any that might be on the department's proscribed list.

"To date, we have found no matches," the letter said.

But, the letter continued, new measures will help ensure that funds will not be passed from one organization to another, or that Ford grantees will use other independent monies to promote violence or terrorism.

In addition, Berresford said, Ford will require additional measures "to make explicit our intolerance for unacceptable activity by any grantee organization."

She said Ford's standard grant-agreement letter, which grantees worldwide must sign to receive Ford funds, "will now include explicit language requiring the organization to agree that it will not promote violence or terrorism. This prohibition applies to all of the organization's funds, not just those provided through a grant from the Ford Foundation. Organizations unwilling to agree to these terms will not receive foundation support."

The Berresford letter also contained a section called "Prevention of Funding for Bigotry and the Destruction of any State," which declared that organizations promoting the delegitimization or destruction of Israel would be ineligible for funding.

"Grantees refusing to sign this agreement will not receive Foundation support," the letter said. "We will never support groups that promote or condone bigotry or violence, or that challenge the very existence of legitimate, sovereign states like Israel."

The Berresford letter also included a section called "Financial Oversight," in which Ford announced a major new auditing initiative.

"Ford will now reinforce its oversight with a new and expanded worldwide program of grantee audits. The foundation has engaged the international accounting firm KPMG to create a risk matrix that Ford will use to determine which grantees it will audit in the new augmented oversight program."

The new system, which could impact donors everywhere, will go into effect within weeks.

Greece to get tough on anti-Semitism

By JEAN COHEN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

ATHENS — Greece has introduced a new law to crack down on racism and anti-Semitism following charges that the country's media and government have fostered a climate that contributes to anti-Semitism.

Greeks found guilty of discriminating against religious or ethnic groups would face up to a year in prison under legislation presented last week by the Greek government following an increase in the number of racist and anti-Semitic incidents.

The legislation is expected to come up for a vote before the end of the year.

"The law will help reduce anti-Semitic incidents in Greece," said Moissis Costantini, president of the Central Jewish Board of Greece, an umbrella organization representing Greek Jews. "We are in touch with the government, and before the legislation is voted into law, we will suggest any amendments if needed."

Aside from cemetery desecrations, Greece has not seen the type of serious anti-Semitic acts – such as physical attacks on Jews – that have occurred in some parts of Europe since the Palestinian intifadah began three years ago.

However, the media and the intelligentsia have been fiercely anti-Israel, and some critics say they often cross the line into outright anti-Semitism. One prominent composer, Mikis Theodorakis, for example, recently caused a stir with a speech in which he proclaimed, in front of government officials, that Jews are "the root of all evil."

In addition, many critics charged that a recent exhibit at an Athens art gallery glorified Palestinian suicide bombers. The exhibit featured an embroidery montage showing an Arab woman in a bomb belt destroying an Israeli supermarket.

The stakes escalated late in the week when Greece announced that it would establish a national day of remembrance for Greek Jews who died in the Holocaust.

The country's Interior Ministry said it would submit legislation to Parliament making Jan. 27, the day prisoners were liberated from Auschwitz, a "Day of Remembrance of Greek Jewish Holocaust Victims."

More than 90 per cent of Greece's 80,000 Jews perished in Nazi death camps or during the German occupation of Greece in World War II.

Friday's announcement came a day after the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center issued a travel advisory urging Jews to avoid visiting Greece for the 2004 Olympics because of the alleged anti-Semitic climate.

"Failing a dramatic change in attitude and policy, the current atmosphere of hate and vilification can only escalate and could also poison the environment leading up to the 2004 Olympic Games," the centre's associate dean, Rabbi Abraham Cooper, said in the statement.

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The Greek and Israeli governments and the Greek Jewish community harshly denounced the advisory.

"The Simon Wiesenthal Center is a private organization and does not represent the government of Israel," the Israeli Embassy in Athens said in a statement.

Israel "maintains excellent and friendly relations" with Greece, the embassy statement continued.

The Central Jewish Board issued a statement saying it "disagrees completely and expresses its sorrow regarding the 'travel advisory.'"

The group said the advisory is based on "isolated incidents" of anti-Semitism "and creates an impression that is far from reality."

Foreign Minister George Papandreou and Deputy Interior Minister Nikos Bistis have been leading the effort to rid Greece of its growing image as an anti-Semitic country.

Two weeks ago, the Jewish board met with Bistis to discuss creating a national Holocaust remembrance day in Greece.

Greece is the only European country that does not have a day of Holocaust remembrance, the group told Bistis.

Both Bistis and Greek's minister of culture, Vangelis Venizelos, promised a Greek Holocaust day.

This is not the first time Bistis has come to the assistance of Greek Jews. He has prominently condemned anti-Semitic incidents, even when other members of the government have hesitated.

The most recent example was after the twin synagogue bombings in Istanbul recently.

"This is what happens when the entire Jewish people is being indiscriminately blamed," Bistis said.

After Theodorakis called Jews "the root of all evil," the reactions of Israel and world Jewry stirred the Greek government to action.

Papandreou wrote to his counterpart in Israel, Silvan Shalom, asking for help in building a coalition of Greek Jews, Greek non-Jews and Jews worldwide to fight anti-Semitism in Greece.

Papandreou also sent a letter to the World Jewish Congress saying that if there is a resurgence of anti-Semitism in Europe, then Europe must tackle the problem actively.

"Attempts at moral relativism achieve little more than reinforcing anti-Semitism today and diminish the uniqueness of the Holocaust," he wrote.

Papandreou called Saturday's attack in Istanbul horrifying, saying it was "not only an attack on the Jewry of Istanbul, it symbolizes an attack on every innocent citizen in the world."

Meanwhile, Bistis talked to members of Greece's Parliament to line up support for the crackdown on anti-Semitism.

Confidence is the key to great cooking

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Daphna Rabinovitch, co-host with Elizabeth Baird and Emily Richards of *Canadian Living Cooks* on Food Network Canada, has the key to becoming a great cook.

"It all comes down to confidence; the more you cook the more confident you become, and confidence breeds variety," says Rabinovitch, author of *Canadian Living Cooks Step by Step* and co-author, along with Baird and Richards, of the new *Canadian Living Cooks: 185 Showstopping Recipes from Canada's Favourite Cooks*.

Most people have a repertoire of about 10 dishes, she says, "but if you introduce one or two new recipes, it can open up a whole new world.

"You just need to be organized and be pantry ready. With a well-stocked pantry you can make quick and delicious meals, even mid-week.

"You can even use your imagination a little. If you're making warm mushroom salad on garlic toast [see below], you can turn the dressing into a pasta sauce; if you've made a glaze for chicken, try it on salmon. More often than not, everything will come out," she says.

Rabinovitch, who says she is a super-taster because she can detect all the nuances in a dish, always has on hand in her home such items as good olive oil, balsamic vinegar, stewed tomatoes, coconut milk, dried beans, Asian and Mexican ingredients, and a big variety of noodles.

"Szechwan sauce is versatile; it can be used in stir fries, or on fish or tofu. Different noodles, such as rice noodles, make a completely different meal."

Cooking for company can be approached in two ways, she says. "You can practise your meal beforehand, or you can cook what you know. If you like the food, your guests will like it also.

"The tenor of entertaining has changed. The food is not casual, but it is beautiful and simple. Good food is good food; it does not have to be embellished. A good chicken soup, such as one made by my sister-in-law Lynda Roth, is a wonder to behold and a pleasure to eat."

Quoting food writer Richard Olney, Rabinovitch says the measure of a good cook is her roasted chicken. "That's what I would eat in any new restaurant."

Simple has its own mystique, she says. "If you have the interest and the will, you can entertain."

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WARM MUSHROOM SALAD ON GARLIC TOASTS

1 piece (10 in.) baguette (French stick)
2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
1 large clove garlic, halved
8 cups sliced mushrooms
½ tsp. dried thyme
¼ tsp. pepper
4 spinach or lettuce leaves
2 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley

Dressing:
2 tbsp. balsamic vinegar
1 tsp. Dijon mustard
1 tsp. soy sauce
½ tsp. granulated sugar
¼ tsp. salt
2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil

Slice baguette diagonally into 12 slices, each ½-in. thick and 4 in. long. Brush both sides with all but 1 tsp. of the oil. Toast at 375 on rimmed baking sheet in oven, turning once, until firm and crusty, about 8 minutes. Immediately rub both sides with cut side of garlic halves; set aside. (Store in airtight container for up to 2 days.)

Meanwhile, in small bowl, whisk together vinegar, mustard, soy sauce, sugar and salt; whisk in oil. (Set aside for up to 4 hours. Whisk before continuing.)

In large nonstick skillet, heat remaining oil over medium-high heat, cook mushrooms, thyme and pepper, in batches if necessary, until browned and moisture is evaporated, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat. (Set aside for up to 2 hours. Reheat before continuing.) Pour dressing over top and toss to coat.

Place spinach leaf on each plate. Divide ½ cup of the mushroom mixture among 3 toasts and stack on 1 of the plates in spiral fashion, overlapping tips slightly. Repeat with remaining toasts and mushroom mixture. Sprinkle toasts and plate rims with parsley. Makes 4 servings.

BABY BOW TIE AND WALNUT PASTA SALAD

1½ cups farfallini pasta
1 tbsp. vegetable oil
½ onion, chopped
¾ cup chopped walnuts
½ cup chopped sweet green pepper
2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
1 tbsp. cider vinegar
¼ tsp. salt
pinch pepper
2 tbsp. chopped fresh coriander
1 cup cherry tomatoes, quartered, or chopped tomatoes
fresh coriander sprigs

In skillet, toast ½ cup of the pasta over medium heat, stirring often, until light brown, about 5 minutes.

In saucepan of boiling salted water, cook toasted and remaining pasta until tender but firm, 7 to 8 minutes. Drain and rinse under cold water, drain well and set aside in large bowl.

In skillet, heat vegetable oil over medium heat and cook onion, stirring often, just until slightly softened, about 2 minutes. Add walnuts and cook for 2 minutes. Stir in green pepper and cook for 1 minute. Pour over plate; let cool.

In small bowl, whisk together olive oil, vinegar, salt and pepper; pour over pasta mixture. Add chopped coriander and toss to combine. (Cover and refrigerate for up to 24 hours.) Garnish with tomatoes and coriander sprigs. Makes 8 servings.

Note: When making a pasta salad, be sure to rinse the pasta under a spray of cold water. When the pasta dish is hot and sauced, skip the rinse so that the sauce will cling better.

Daphna Rabinovitch, at home on the range.
[Carolyn Blackman photo]

CLASSIC ROAST CHICKEN AND GRAVY

1 chicken (about 5 lbs.)
½ onion
4 cloves garlic
½ lemon
1 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
¾ tsp. dried thyme
¼ tsp. crumbled dried rosemary
¼ tsp. each salt and pepper
2 tbsp. all-purpose flour¾ cup chicken stock

Preheat oven to 325. Remove giblets and neck, if present, from chicken. Rinse chicken inside and out; pat dry with paper towels. Place onion and garlic in cavity. Squeeze juice from lemon and set aside; add lemon half to cavity.

Tie legs together with kitchen string; tuck wings under back. Brush all over with oil; sprinkle with thyme, rosemary, salt and pepper. Place breast side up, on rack in roasting pan. Roast uncovered in oven, basting occasionally with pan juices, until juices run clear when thigh is pierced and meat thermometer inserted in high registers 185, about 1½ hours. Transfer chicken to platter and tent with oil foil. Let stand for 10 minutes before carving.

Skim fat from pan juices. Sprinkle flour over juices; cook over medium-high heat, whisking for 1 minute. Gradually pour in chicken stock and reserved lemon juice, whisking until smooth and thickened, about 3 minutes. Pour into warmed gravy boat.

Cut string holding legs together; discard onion, lemon and garlic. Using kitchen scissors, cut chicken into 2 breast and 2 leg portions. Cut each breast in half diagonally. Cut through each leg at joint to separate into drumsticks and thighs. Serve with gravy. Makes 6 servings.

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Toronto doctor joins medical conference in Israel

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Dr. Jerome (Jerry) Teitel describes it as "one of the most satisfying experiences I have ever had in my medical career."

A professor of medicine at the University of Toronto, he is referring to the First Canada/Israel Medical Conference, held recently in Ramat Gan.

The one-day conference, co-organized by the Israel Society of Internal Medicine, brought together Canadian and Israeli physicians.

"It was a great success," he said after returning from Israel.

Teitel took a lead role in organizing the conference on behalf of the Maimonides Society, an arm of United Jewish Appeal's medical division.

He considered his trip a "tangible expression of solidarity with our Israeli colleagues" and a "response to those unprincipled academics who have been trying to ostracize Israelis."

In his judgment, the conference was not merely an "empty exercise," but an important medical and scientific educational forum.

"I think we achieved both goals. Our colleagues were delighted and moved by our gesture, and we put together a high quality, valuable medical program."

Teitel hopes it will become an annual affair. "The tremendous attendance, which exceeded my most optimistic expectations, shows how highly valued it was by Israeli physicians. I hope the lure of a medical educational conference will attract additional Canadian participants."

Aside from himself, the Toronto organizers were Mark Freedman of UJA and Drs. Michael Gordon, Irv Gottesman, Howard Price, Brad Strauss and Zion Sasson.

In Israel, the coordinators were Moshe Mittelman, chair of the Israel Society of Internal Medicine, and Michael Lishner.

Several Israeli pharmaceutical companies were of invaluable help by providing grants, he said. They enabled the organizers to rent a conference venue, obtain audiovisual equipment, advertise the event and provide refreshments.

Teitel, head of hematology and oncology at St. Michael's Hospital, is impressed by the state of medicine in Israel.

"It is as technologically sophisticated as that in Canada, or any other western country.

"In fact, the contribution of Israelis to medical science has been disproportionately large both quantitatively and qualitatively."

GERARD ISRAEL

Dr. Jerome (Jerry) Teitel

Teitel, however, is concerned that Israel's "difficult economic situation will reduce the availability of quality care."

Teitel, who was born and raised in Toronto, is a busy man.

He divides his time between his classes at the University of Toronto, St. Michael's Hospital (where he is in charge of its hematology and oncology divisions) and the hospital's Inner City Health and hemophilia programs.

At the university, Teitel focuses on his area of specialization, hematology, which deals with the various diseases of the cells and proteins of the blood, bone marrow and lymph nodes.

He enjoys his role as a teacher immensely. "Medical students these days are so bright, accomplished and motivated that teaching them is a great pleasure. I'm lucky I can balance my professional activities among teaching, research, administrative work and clinical practice."

The ability to strike a balance, he explained, is one of the biggest advantages of being in academic medicine.

His other function at the university is heading up its hemostasis and thrombosis unit (which relates to disorders of excessive bleeding and clotting).

The St. Michael's Inner City Health program is an integral component of Teitel's commitment to the public health system.

"It has made health care to the downtown population a key aspect of our academic and corporate mission. A substantial proportion of these people are disadvantaged economically, socially, culturally, educationally and in many other ways."

The hemophilia program he directs is also of the utmost importance.

"The only other hemophilia program in Toronto is the pediatric one at Sick Kids, so between us we provide highly specialized medical care to a small group of patients with very difficult and challenging diseases."

Teitel, who was chair of Canada's National Blood Safety Council, believes that the blood supply in this country is safer than ever.

"We can have great confidence in the safety of the entire blood system in Canada. But this does not mean that we can become complacent and stop scrutinizing the system. It's a highly complex and expensive network, and unexpected threats, such as the West Nile virus this past summer, still need to be anticipated and dealt with."

Teitel's affiliation with the International AIDS Society in the 1990s stemmed from his treatment of hemophilia patients.

"HIV treatment has now become so sophisticated, and happily so effective, that doctors can devote all or most of their careers to it."

A radical cure still lies off in the distance. "For many patients in the developed world, HIV has become a chronic disease, like diabetes, arthritis and hypertension."

But in much of the rest of the world, treatment is virtually inaccessible, Teitel noted.

Teitel's parents, Shoshana and Irvin, were accomplished individuals.

A former librarian, she now works in the store fixture business. Producing radio dramas for CBC, he wrote a biographical play about Zionist theoretician Theodor Herzl that was dramatized on TV. In addition, he ran a successful advertising agency.

Teitel studied medicine, as did his brother David. Teitel was "always oriented to the sciences, and saw medical school as the best route to a scientific career."

But in time, the challenges and satisfactions of medicine lured him away "from the bench to the bedside."

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Sharon Hampson raises awareness of breast cancer

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Children's entertainer and breast cancer advocate Sharon Hampson has been named the 2003 Jewish Women International of Canada Woman of Achievement.

Sharon Hampson

Hampson, part of the children's trio Sharon, Lois and Bram who received the Order of Canada last month, was honoured at JWI's recent convention for speaking out about her survival of breast cancer and for being one of the founders of Willow Breast Cancer Support and Resource Services.

Hampson was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1988 and 1993. The wife, mother and grandmother first went public about her struggle with the disease when she was asked to speak at the National Forum on Breast Cancer in 1993.

"I was a little hesitant at first, because by going public, I was taking my whole family with me," said Hampson in an interview.

But her family supported her decision to speak at the forum, she said, and her sister and daughter came with her for moral support.

"I spoke about the fear and trauma of being diagnosed, and about telling my children and parents.

"It was tough to speak about myself, but from that experience, I learned that my feelings were universal. A woman from Sri Lanka came up to me and said, 'Everything you said was about me.'

"Everything was different about us, but we were the same. We understood the value of sharing our feelings. It was a profound experience," said Hampson.

By speaking at the forum, along with professionals in the field, she said, "I was putting a face to the disease. It is important for health-care professionals to remember that they are dealing with people."

After the talk, Hampson's publicist urged her to get her message across to a larger audience by getting profiled in a magazine.

"*Homemaker's* magazine did a cover story, and [by talking about myself] I validated other women's feelings."

The March 1994 article had a big impact on other cancer survivors, and there was a move to create Willow – "a wonderful, unique resource service," Hampson said.

"People who need information can drop in or call. They can speak to someone who has had breast cancer, so the level of compassion and support is built in.

"In helping to create Willow, I learned about the strength of women. By working together, we can make something happen."

She said she has learned not to judge.

"Some women do not want to talk about themselves, but I cannot imagine holding on to a secret like that or operating without support. No one has to be alone."

Women should know about their treatment options, she said.

"They often feel overwhelmed and feel they have to decide immediately. That is the first terror response; you do not have to decide in a nanosecond. If you do not understand, there is no embarrassment in saying so."

There is a lot to learn when you are diagnosed with breast cancer, said Hampson, "and it makes you wiser in general ways, not only in that situation.

"You don't know about yourself until you face adversity. What I learned was that I needed a few days to cry, and then I picked myself up and got on with it.

"It's been an interesting journey. I've learned things and I've met fabulous women. I wish I could have done those things without having had breast cancer, but those were the cards that were dealt," she said.

BAYCREST GALA: Baycrest Centre Foundation chair Wilfred Posluns (centre), his wife Joyce and foundation president Mark Gryfe are seen here at the Baycrest Gala Nov. 6, at the Sheraton Centre Toronto. The Gala raised more than $1 million for the services at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

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Pettle play explores trust, betrayal and relationships

By KATHRYN KATES
Special to The CJN

Toronto playwright Adam Pettle's newest offering this season is *Mosley and Me*, running at CanStage-Berkeley Downstairs until Dec. 13.

"The play is set in a fictional bagel shop in Montreal," says Pettle, whose previous plays include the critically acclaimed *Therac 25*, *Zaidie's Shoes* and *Sunday Father*.

"It centres around a guy named Johnny Mosley who comes to work at Mitzy's Bagels, which is Nathan Mitz's family's bagel shop. They strike up this friendship. All the action takes place in the bagel shop, and the plot drive is towards this poker game that happens every Saturday night."

Pettle, who is currently a playwright-in-residence at CanStage, says he was commissioned to write a play for two people and wanted to challenge himself to set it in one location.

"I was in Montreal a year and a half ago and was walking down Fairmount, watching men make bagels," he says. "I thought it would be a great location and metaphor. The action I found really romantic, but it was also hot and claustrophobic."

Mosley and Me is about trust, brotherhood, betrayal and the loss of a relationship, he says.

"I think the loss of a relationship is the most tragic [theme] and a powerful one to see in the theatre."

It stars actor Randy Hughson as Johnny Mosley and actor/director/playwright Alex Poch-Goldin as Nathan Mitz.

"I worked with Randy before [he played the character of Bear in *Zaidie's Shoes*]," Pettle says. "He's a very visceral, instinctual and smart actor. Alex Poch-Goldin I've known for years. We've actually done a couple workshops together including the first incarnation of *Sunday Father*. He's a great writer, too."

Pettle's plays generally only have a handful of characters. He does that, he says, in part because if playwrights want their works to be produced, smaller casts make it easier for cash-strapped theatre companies to mount them.

Pettle says he also likes the challenge of holding an audience's attention with dramas consisting of two or three characters and an empty stage.

Currently, Pettle is developing a script commissioned by CanStage called *Nassau and Lippincott*, named for the intersection in Toronto's Kensington Market.

"It is about the same house in Kensington Market over three different eras. My grandparents grew up in Kensington Market and when I talked about moving back there, they were shocked because they spent their lives trying to get out," he says.

Pettle is also currently working on a made-for-television movie called *ICU* with producer Ilana Frank, the award-winning executive producer of the *Eleventh Hour*. He says he hopes this is the beginning of much future collaboration with Frank. He also hopes someday to find the right directors and producers for film adaptations of *Therac 25* and *Zaidie's Shoes*.

Sunday Father and *Zaidie's Shoes* were both recently mounted in London, England, and are coming to Montreal and Winnipeg respectfully. *Zaidie's Shoes* is running at the Prairie Theatre Exchange in Winnpeg until Dec. 7, and Montrealers can catch *Sunday Father* at the Saidye Bronfman Centre from April 20 to May 9, 2004.

Tickets for *Mosley and Me* are available at CanStage customer service, 26 Berkeley St. or 27 Front St. E. or by calling 416-368-3110.

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Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

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ARC, a resident ensemble of the Royal Conservatory of Music and its Glenn Gould School, presents Music Reborn, a festival exploring the lives and music of composers imprisoned during the Holocaust, and music inspired by that period.

Sponsored by Leslie and Anna Dan and family, the festival takes place at the Royal Conservatory of Music from Friday, Dec. 5, to Sunday, Dec. 7.

The ARC ensemble and guests perform two concerts in the Mazzoleni Concert Hall, Dec. 6 and 7. The first concert features works written by Jewish composers during the war, including **Szymon Laks**, **Pavel Haas**, **Karel Berman**, **Viktor Ullmann** and **Mieceslaw Weinberg**. The second concert reflects the personal reactions to the Holocaust period by modern composers such as **Paul Schoenfield**, **Leo Smit**, **Erwin Schulhoff** and **Sergei Prokofiev**. Admission to each concert is $25 for adults. 416-408-2824, ext. 321.

The program for Music Reborn is augmented by additional free concerts, lectures and film screenings at the Conservatory and the Royal Ontario Museum. Offerings include a lecture by **Gottfried Wagner** on the significance to Nazi culture of the music of his great-grandfather, **Richard Wagner**; a discussion by **Bret Werb**, musicologist of the U.S. Holocaust Museum, of the work of **Aleksander Kulisiewicz**, a concentration camp survivor and collector of music from the Holocaust; and a showing of *The Music of Terezin*, a BBC documentary, in the ROM Theatre. Sunday, Dec. 7 (free with museum admission). Web site, www.rcmusic.ca.

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Toronto Jewish Film Festival: The TJFF is screening five popular films from past festivals at the City Playhouse Theatre in Vaughan. "We know that there is an audience north of the city that would really enjoy the films we program," said festival executive director, **Helen Zukerman**.

The On The Road mini-festival opens Saturday, Nov. 29, with *Amy's Orgasm* (7 p.m.) and *Late Marriage* (subtitles, 9 p.m.). While these offerings are not suitable for children, a free family program suitable for ages five and up begins on Sunday, Nov. 30, at 11 a.m.

Also on Nov. 30, *Photographer* (a film about the Lodz Ghetto) is screened at 1 p.m., *The Optimists: The Story of the Bulgarian Jews from the Holocaust* at 3 p.m. and *The Mad Adventures of Rabbi Jacob* at 5:30 p.m.

Single tickets $10, two-day pass $40. 416-324-9121.

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What's Doing at Israel's: Two mystery authors share the stage for a double book-launch. **Caroline Roe** reads from *A Poultice For A Hero*, the latest in her medieval series featuring blind physician Isaac of Giron. Also, **Sylvia Maultash Warsh** reads from *Find Me Again*, her second Rebecca Temple mystery set in Toronto with historic scenes from 18th-century Europe. Refreshments, no admission charge. Israel's Judaica, 897 Eglinton Ave. W. Sunday, Nov. 30, 8 p.m.

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Old World Chassidim: The Polish-Jewish Heritage Foundation of Canada presents the film *Austeria*, directed by **Jerzy Kawalerowicz** from the novel by **Julian Stryjkowski**. This award-winning 1984 film tells the story of a roadside inn in Galicia in the first days of World War I and offers a superb depiction of the world of chassidic Jews at the onset of the collapse of old Europe. Adults $10. Regent Theatre, 551 Mt. Pleasant Rd. Wednesday, Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m. www.PJHFtoronto.ca.

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Names in the News: Josh Dolgin, the 26-year-old klezmer innovator from Montreal, is a cast member in *Farmisht and Far-Fetched!* an offering of Manhattan's Folksbiene Yiddish Theatre. The play is being performed intermittently throughout the holiday season at the Manhattan JCC (212-239-6200)… **Brian Liss**, owner of the Liss Gallery, 978 Eglinton Ave. W., is currently celebrating 20 years in the art business. Liss, who represents more than 50 artists including **Billy Dee Williams** and **Dr. Seuss**, is a supporter of Zareinu and the Audey Stanleigh Leukemia research foundation… **Lisa Olfman** and **Joy Rosen** are co-winners of the Rotman Canadian Women Enterpreneur of the Year award for export excellence. Their company, Portfolio Entertainment, finances, produces and exports top-quality children's TV programming… Albertan playwright **Vern Thiessen**, whose play *Einstein's Gift* was a winner of the Jewish Playwriting Contest, has scored a Governor General's Award for drama. The play tells the heart-rending story of Nobel laureate **Fritz Haber**, a scientist whose well-intentioned research was turned towards the evil purpose of mass murder.

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Arts in Brief

- **Michael Redhill**, author of the acclaimed novel *Martin Sloane*, reads from *Fidelity*, a new short story collection. Books & Bagels, Miles Nadal JCC, Sunday, Nov. 30, 11 a.m. Members free, non-members $5.
- The Anglo-Saxon Golden Exile Diaspora Zionist party, organized by the Zionist Leadership Initiative, takes place at 58 Cecil St. (at Spadina). Live music, Israeli wine, dress casual, $15 at the door. Saturday, Nov. 29, 8 p.m. RSVP to rsvp@zionistparty.com. Web site, www.zionistparty.com
- Te-Amim Music Theatre seeks young people 11 to 15 for a variety of roles in a staged version of **Kathy Kacer's** *The Secret of Gabi's Dresser*. Auditions to take place at the Miles Nadal JCC on Dec. 8, 4 to 8 p.m. Rehearsals begin in late March, performances scheduled for April 15 to 20, Miles Nadal JCC. Helena Fine, 416-489-4709. E-mail, Helena@Te-Amim.com.

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A love story in a little whorehouse

By KATHRYN KATES
Special to The CJN

When Toronto actor Avery Saltzman, 47, tries to close down a brothel in *Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, playing at Stage West Theatre Restaurant, it won't be the first time.

Saltzman is reprising the role of Melvin P. Thorpe, which he performed at Stage West in Edmonton 12 years ago.

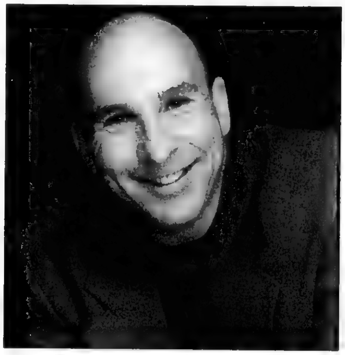
"*Best Little Whorehouse* opened on Broadway in the '80s, and then became a movie with Burt Reynolds and Dolly Parton. It is about a lady named Miss Mona who is running a house of ill repute.

"I play the character who it trying to shut it down. Melvin P. Thorpe hosts a TV show called *Watchdog*. The premise of the show is that he captures people who are not doing the right thing and puts them on television.

"He's a Southern Baptist TV evangelist – something for a nice Jewish boy," he says with a laugh.

Once again Saltzman will be acting opposite Karen K. Edissi who returns to the whorehouse as Miss Mona. The two go back to 1986, when they performed together in *Kismet* at the Royal Alex.

"Although it does take place in a whorehouse, it is basically a love story between the sheriff and Miss Mona. It is not the typical show, but it is a lot of fun with great musical numbers in it. It is a good show and it is already selling out."



Avery Saltzman

Saltzman is familiar to Stage West audiences; he has appeared in a number of productions, and has played opposite actors such actors as Elliott Gould and Gary Sandy of the '70s sitcom *WKRP in Cincinnati*.

Saltzman is also popular with audiences in New York, London and throughout Europe. While living in New York, he appeared both on and off Broadway, and appeared in a production of *The Witch*, performed half in Yiddish, at the Jewish Repertory Theater. Most recently, he was in Broadway's *Candide* with Jim Dale and Andrea Martin.

Over the last couple of summers he has toured Europe doing musical theatre in concert. These tours have produced show CDs including a new version of *Man of La Mancha* recorded at London's Abbey Road Studios, made famous by the Beatles.

Inspired by these concerts abroad, Saltzman is back home compiling songs for his own CD – his first.

He's just lent his voice to another recording project. "A new CD called *Field of Stars* is coming out, and features the music of Canadian musical theatre writers. I'm singing one of David Warrack's songs – *Entertain*," adds Saltzman.

The actor is no stranger to film and television; he was in the film *Soul Food*, and on a number of television shows including *Queer as Folk*, *Doc*, *PSI Factor*, *Traders*, *Due South*, *Street Legal*, *Doogie Howser MD*, *Father Dowling Mysteries* and *In a Heartbeat*. He'll soon be seen with Rae Dawn Chong in an episode of the new TV show *Wild Card* on Global Television Network.

For tickets to see *Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, running until Feb. 15th, contact the Stage West Box Office at 905-238-0042 or 1-800-263-0684, or online at www.stagewest.com.

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Arts & Travel

Director searches for 'righteous gentile'

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

Talk about the sandwich generation. Menachem Daum was a middle-aged man caught between the extremes of his father-in-law's and his own sons' thinking about the "outside world."

While Daum's haredi, Holocaust survivor father-in-law in New York was a bit extreme about interacting with non-Jews, Daum's two yeshiva-educated sons weren't far behind. To both, the world of the "goyim" was to be avoided at almost all costs, for it represented a contaminant, a secularizing force, the constant threat of evil and godlessness.

Daum, the product of an Orthodox yeshiva education himself and longtime resident of the chassidic New York neighbourhood of Boro Park, was worried.

He saw in this tunnel vision a potential for danger. As he put it, "this kind of Yiddishkeit closes off to the outside world," and he hoped his grandchildren would not inherit this sort of intolerance and insularity.

To Daum, this was also a matter of faith. After all, having faith in a post-Holocaust world was the ultimate challenge. Faith after the Shoah requires belief in the face of unanswerable questions. And if God made the universe, shouldn't everything and everyone in it at least have potential for good?

The final straw came when Daum's wife attended a lecture in New York by a radical rabbi. A tape recording of the talk more or less distills the rabbi's message as, "the only good gentile is a dead one."

Daum's two boys, who live and study full time in Israel, weren't quite at that point, conceding there are probably good gentiles out there. But the sons weren't prepared to say that Jews might regard non-Jews as having valid spiritual moorings.

Daum decided to do something to stanch the transmission of distrust and antipathy. He was intent on proving there was such a thing as a righteous gentile.

The resulting travelogue/documentary is *Hiding and Seeking: Faith and Tolerance After the Holocaust*, a poignant and touching film made by Daum that succeeds in knocking down, or at least disturbing, the wall between "us" and "them."

Screened recently as part of the Toronto Jewish Film Festival's four-part "Chai Tea and a Movie" series, *Hiding and Seeking* lays the groundwork for Daum's concerns, and then the clan hits the road to Poland. To his sons, like the descendants of many Polish Holocaust survivors, this is a country whose citizens are incurably anti-Semitic and beyond redemption.

But Daum has a mission: To find the Catholic farm family that hid the boys' grandfather and his two brothers for 26 months during World War II, thus ensuring the sons' very existence.

Things get interesting – and intense – when the aged children of the rescuers encounter the Daums, and remember every detail about the three boys who were hidden in a pit in the yard, undiscovered despite hair-raising searches by Nazi soldiers.

The elderly Poles, though flattered at the attention and praise lavished on them, are hurt because Daum's father-in-law had never acknowledged their heroism – not a letter of thanks or even a postcard in over 50 years.

Daum and his sons make no excuses, saying their relatives back home had been paralyzed by his post-war trauma, and felt the need to move forward. But they assure the Polish rescuers that the family's gratitude is endless.

The biggest change seems to come from Daum's sons. The boys even break down in tears when they recite a brachah for witnessing the site of a destroyed Jewish community.

Back in Poland a year later to attend the ceremony that bestowed Yad Vashem's Righteous Among the Nations status on the family, the sons come to realize, however grudgingly, that there is goodness, or its potential, in all people.

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Off-colour Chanukah humour

By LARRY ANKLEWICZ
Special to The CJN

The breadth and scope of Jewish films is amazing. They include heavy dramas such as *The Man in the Glass Booth*, comedies such as *Keeping the Faith*, Yiddish classics such as *Yidl Mitn Fidl*, and German films such as the recent *Nowhere in Africa*.

Almost every kind of film is represented in the category of Jewish films. Within this single category there is bound to be something that will satisfy everyone's tastes – from the profound to the profane.

And speaking about the profane, Adam Sandler's *Eight Crazy Nights*, a film centred around the holiday of Chanukah, is certainly that. It is an animated musical comedy that can delight you, but it can also repulse you at the same time.

The film uses a lot of profanity and off-colour humour, but if you are able to overlook that and can concentrate on the positive elements in the film, it can also delight you. The ending gives you a warm, cozy feeling and everything eventually works out well for everyone.

The story revolves around Davey Stone, a 33-year old loser who lives in the small town of Dukesberry in New England. Davey gets drunk and offends everyone around him. He destroys the town's Santa and menorah ice sculptures and goes on a rampage that gets him arrested by the local police.

When brought up before the local judge, Davey's old basketball referee, Whitey, intervenes and gets the judge to release Davey into his custody.

Whitey undertakes the difficult task of straightening Davey out and getting Davey's life back on track.

Eventually we discover the reason for Davey's transformation from a nice kid to the town menace who hates everybody, including himself. And Whitey's predicament eventually gets Davey to think of someone other than himself.

Despite some gross humour, this is one of the few films that uses Chanukah as an important backdrop, and it does feature Sandler's latest version of his *Chanukah Song* as the final credits are scrolling up the screen. One of the DVD's extra features is a film clip of Sandler doing this song before a live audience.

The film uses the voices of Adam Sandler, Kevin Nealon, Rob Schneider and Jon Lovitz, all of whom are buddies of Sandler from *Saturday Night Live*. It was released by Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.

Another recent release on DVD, although the video has been available for a number of years, is *Black Sunday*. This 1976 action packed thriller, based on a novel by *Silence of the Lambs* author Thomas Harris, tells the exciting story of a Black September terrorist group planning to blow up a Goodyear blimp while the vehicle is hovering over a football stadium filled with 80,000 people. An Israeli commando learns about the plot and tries to intervene before the terrorists can execute their plans.

Robert Shaw and Bruce Dern headline this high energy film that opens with an Israeli commando raid on a terrorist cell in Beirut and progresses to higher levels as it moves along.

Black Sunday is distributed by Paramount Pictures Home Video.

TRAVEL TALK

BY BILL GLADSTONE

KIEVER SYNAGOGUE MISSION TO ISRAEL IS IDEAL FOR FIRST-TIME VISITORS

Participants in the Kiever Synagogue's planned upcoming mission to Israel will visit the holy sites in Jerusalem, Tiberias and Safed, as well as the Dead Sea area, says Rabbi Gary Zweig.

The Kiever mission will have personal meetings with a *sofer* (a scribe for Torahs, tfillin and mezuzot), an IDF officer, victims of terror and other Israelis, said Rabbi Zweig, who studied in Jerusalem for five years and has been back to Israel numerous times since.

"There are a lot of extras we plan to do. There'll even be an option to visit Hebron," he said.

Rabbi Zweig hopes to get 10 to 15 participants to join the one-week mission, which he said was ideally suited to people who have never been to Israel or haven't been there for years. Travel is on El Al Israel Airlines, with an anticipated departure date of Feb. 3, 2004. "We'll be in Jerusalem for Tu b'Shvat," he said.

The mission is open to all interested parties, not just members of the 170-family Kiever Synagogue, which is located on Bellevue Avenue in the Kensington Market area of downtown Toronto. Anyone interested in joining the mission is asked to contact Rabbi Zweig as soon as possible at 416-977-3502 or by e-mail at reingar@pathcom.com.

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Showing Support for Israel: Speaking of missions to Israel, more than 275 Torontonians joined the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's B'Yachad mission to Israel earlier this month, the federation's largest in five years.

The mission coincided with the General Assembly of the United Jewish Communities, a large gathering in Jerusalem of Jewish community leaders from around the globe. Canadians made up about 15 per cent of the GA's roughly 4,000 participants; seven per cent were from Toronto alone.

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Travel Agent Profile: Stanley Lupka has been a travel agent for 22 years, most recently as groups manager of Thornhill-based Manor Travel.

He entered the profession after a Grade 13 trip he took with Bathurst Heights Collegiate to Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec City. "I got the travel bug" after that trip, he explains. "I knew right then I would travel or be in the industry. Now I am doing both."

Lupka's specialty is seniors travel, and he accompanies every group that he books. He has taken 32 seniors groups so far on five-day excursions to Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

This is the fourth year in a row in which he'll be taking a group down to Miami Beach, he says. "I'm down there for six weeks. We stay at the Monaco Ocean Front Resort in North Miami Beach."

Lupka advises travellers who are making their own hotel bookings to be careful.

"If you pay less for your hotel, you'll have a lower star hotel. In certain countries a two- or three-star hotel would be fine. However, if you are going to Cuba, the Dominican Republic or several other places, avoid two- or three-star hotels or you may end up having a regrettable time."

Lupka says he keeps informed about all news that could affect travel destinations, and recommends that travellers find a reliable and knowledgeable agent.

"You need a good travel agent to ask all of the right questions, and with the knowledge about which company to use to get the best vacations at the best prices."

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Travel Briefs

- KlezKamp, the 19th annual Yiddish folk arts program, comes to the newly renovated Swan Lake Hotel in the heart of New York's Catskill Mountains next month. Featuring a rich variety of klezmer and Yiddish cultural programming, the week-long fest also focuses on the rich heritage of the Catskills. The hotel's glatt kosher kitchen is supervised by Reb Zushe Yosef Blech of Kehilas Beis Ben Zion, Swan Lake, New York, Dec. 23 to 29. www.klezkamp.org
- "Southern Exposure," a collection of photographs by Zion Ozeri on the theme of South American Jewish life is on view at the Spertus Museum, 618 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, until Dec. 28. The museum is also exhibiting 80 seldom-seen objects from its collection until Aug. 1, 2004. www.spertus.edu.

Film for people of all faiths

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The Daums and the father-in-law went on to establish an educational fund for the descendants of the Polish family.

In a brief *CJN* interview, Daum described the work "as a film for people of all religions. I hope this film is seen by people of all faiths as a call to question how we relate to others."

Daum believes the greatest danger today comes from people who claim to be religious, yet are blind to the divine spark within every person. His invitation to self-examination shows it's possible to be true to one's faith and still feel a profound sense of kinship to "the other."

In the end, Daum hopes he's softened the hearts of his sons and planted the seed of an "ethical will" – not an easy task, he concedes, because the haredi world tends to shy from self-criticism.

The film's ultimate lesson, as Daum puts it, is "you can't write off everybody."

Hiding and Seeking will be screened at January's New York Jewish Film Festival and is slated to be televised on PBS next fall.

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Paradise Lost examines Israel's Arab minority

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Paradise Lost, a TVOntario film scheduled to be broadcast on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 10 p.m., is a revealing portrait of two Israeli Muslim Arab women who buck the conventions of their conservative milieu.

Ebitsam Mara'ana, 27, is an iconoclastic and inquisitive filmmaker who regards an older Arab woman, Suaad Genem, as a role model.

They both hail from Fureidis, a tidy Arab village in the foothills of the Carmel mountain range facing the Mediterranean Sea.

As it happens, Fureidis was one of the few Arab coastal villages not attacked by Jewish forces during the 1948 War of Independence.

As this intriguing documentary starts, Ebitsam is full of questions about a supposed massacre of Arabs that took place around Fureidis during the war. No one, including her grizzled father, wants to discuss this troubling issue. In fact, he urges his daughter to avoid "politics."

The incident remains shrouded in a conspiracy of silence, and is symptomatic of the accomodationist attitude some Israeli Arabs have adopted toward the state of Israel.

Neither is anyone in the village willing to talk about Ebitsam's heroine, Suaad, who no longer resides in Fureidis.

Suaad, a Palestinian nationalist, incurred the wrath of the Israeli authorities years ago, and has become something of a legendary, if not misunderstood, figure in Fureidis.

As Ebitsam searches for answers, the film doubles back to her status as a single young woman who has left Fureidis, and currently lives in Tel Aviv.

Clearly, she is an anomaly in a traditional Muslim society, where women are married off in their late teens or early '20s and have little or no direct contact with Israeli Jews.

When Ebitsam discovers that Suaad is now in London, England, she calls her and sets up a meeting. Like Ebitsam, Suaad is a free spirit, but far more political.

Suaad, who holds a PhD in international law and is married to an Englishman, is deliberately vague about her past.

But when she returns to Fureidis on a summer visit, she is a bit more forthcoming. Ebitsam learns she was apparently charged with maintaining illegal contacts with the PLO when it was a banned organization, and then arrested and imprisoned.

Surprisingly, Suaad urges Ebitsam not to leave Fureidis. She never spells out her reasons. But Ebitsam ignores her advice, and concludes she does not wish to model herself after Suaad after all.

Paradise Lost, an Israel TV and TVOntario joint production, is a fascinating glimpse into the nature of tradition, identity and disaffection in the Israeli Arab community.

It is filmmaking of a high calibre.

Elberg story in new issue of Parchment

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

Yehuda Elberg, the celebrated Yiddish author who died Oct.18 in Montreal, had agreed last year to publish one of his short stories in *Parchment*, the journal of contemporary Canadian Jewish writing.

At the recent launch of the journal's 12th issue at the Miles Nadal JCC in Toronto, editor Adam Fuerstenberg lamented that Elberg had not lived to see his story into print.

As translated by Miriam Dashkin Beckerman, the story — titled "The Parchment Note: A Story of Hassidic Lore" – fills 22 pages of the 210-page journal; another 19 pages is taken up by the original Yiddish manuscript.

Elberg, who gained international attention when his novels *Ship of The Hunted* and *The Empire of Kalman the Cripple* were translated into English six years ago, is one of relatively few well-established writers to appear in *Parchment*.

According to Fuerstenberg, most are young creative writers seeking outlets for thematically Jewish works that may not be suitable for more mainstream literary publications.

"That's the special thing about Parchment," he said. "We obviously have seasoned and established writers, but we also offer an opportunity for young and beginning writers to get into print."

Some writers and editors at the Parchment launch included, from left, front row: Miriam Beckerman (translator), Karen Shenfeld, Merle Nudelman. Back row: Anne Dublin, Bernard Katz (prose editor), Malca Litovitz, Bill Gladstone, Rafi Aron, Adam Fuerstenberg (editor).

Besides Elberg's Chassidic tale, the current issue contains nine more stories, one essay and contributions from 14 poets. Two of the poets, Merle Nudelman and Elana Wolf, thanked Fuerstenberg during their readings for his encouragement. Both said they had gone on to produce volumes of poetry after publishing early material in *Parchment*.

(Nudelman's freshly-minted first volume of poetry, *Borrowed Light*, was on sale at the launch, as was another newly-printed opus by a *Parchment* poet – *At the Moonbeam Café*, by Malca Litovitz. Each is a slim attractive volume, published by Guernica Editions of Toronto.)

The current *Parchment* also features a story by Avner Mandelman, who is currently a finalist for the $10,000 Journey prize. A previous Mandelman story, "Cuckoo", which appeared in the previous issue of *Parchment*, was one of 10 stories accepted for the current Journey Anthology. (The Oberon Press is soon to publish a collection of Mandelman's short stories.)

As Fuerstenberg mentioned, *Parchment* has long basked in the reflected glory of contributors who have gone on to greater things. Anne Michaels, for example, was a contributor before soaring to literary celebrity with her award-winning debut novel, *Fugitive Pieces*. And Lillian Nattel submitted a chapter from a work-in-progress that would become *The River Midnight*, her bestselling novel of shtetl life.

"We like to nurture talent," said Fuerstenberg. "That's the real reason for *Parchment's* existence."

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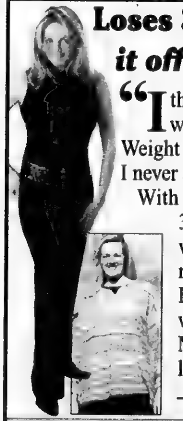

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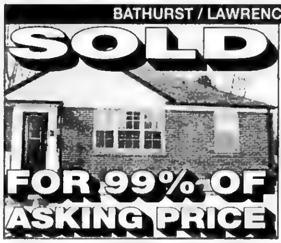

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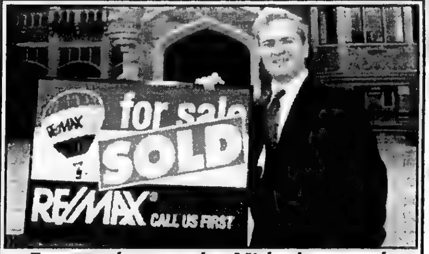

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Little guy who hits a ton in championship game

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

If any sport has become dominated by big, even oversized athletes, it's got to be football. Whether it's at the pro level, in college or even in high school, players are big, really big.

But to every rule, there's an exception and if you check the starting lineup of the Northern Red Knights, you'll find one of the more successful little men in Toronto high school football.

Patrolling the defence, in the interior no less, is inside linebacker Ely Matlow, a diminutive and lightweight player whose size – 5-5, 140 pounds – belies the fact he packs a mighty punch and plays the game fearlessly and with gusto.

There aren't too many players that small in competitive football, even at the high school level. In the Ontario Federation of Schools' Athletic Association (OFSAA), linemen typically tip the scales around 250 and most linebackers play at around 210 lbs.

Yet from the second game of the season on, Matlow earned a spot on the Red Knights, and last weekend he was part of the the squad that lost 25-21 to Cedarbrae Colts in the Metro Bowl, the Toronto championship. The game, played at SkyDome, was part of a weekend extravaganza that included a series of regional OFSAA championships and culminated in the Vanier Cup, Canadian college football's championship game.

Matlow is a valuable part of the Red Knights' defence, noted the team's head coach, Dan Dominico. "He's a small guy but he has a lot of heart. He refuses to quit. He gets knocked down and he gets back up again."

Calling Matlow one of the team's better linebackers, Dominico said he shows a good knowledge of positional play and has "good football instincts."

"He's always in a good hitting position, he's very enthusiastic and he loves contact," Dominico said.

What's more, because of his size, or lack of it, he inspires his teammates to excel, the coach added.

Matlow is particularly effective against the run – a key point since most teams in the league other than the Red Knights are running teams.

One of two inside linebackers in the Red Knights' four-linebacker system, Matlow said he gravitated to that position because "you get to hit. That's the main reason I like being there."

Being compact in size can be turned to your advantage, he said. Effective hitters get low to the ground and in that respect, he enjoys a head start on other players.

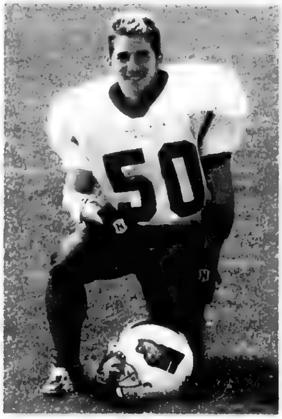
"This is my motto. I tell my parents the same thing. You can't run without legs, so you've got to hit low and take down the legs."

Matlow, who professes "a passion for football," models himself on linebacker Zach Thomas of the Miami Dolphins, who's also "short, white, compact, sort of like me. I kinda' enjoy watching him."

Ely's father, Avery, said Ely's teammates call him "the Tasmanian Devil. When you look in his eyes, it's scary. He sees things like Wayne Gretzky saw things on the ice, and he's quick."

Other teams have tended to underestimate his abilities, Ely said. "When teams first see me, they don't think I'm for real."

But throughout his football career, Matlow has surprised bigger players and earned recognition of his abilities. Two years ago in his summer league, the Central Ontario Minor Football League, he received the Pride and Effort Award from his team, the North York Grizzlies. Last season, he was named defensive player of the year and he led the league in tackles and defensive touchdowns.


Ely Matlow

When he transferred to Northern from Vaughan Secondary at the beginning of the current school year, the 16-year-old Grade 11 student knew he might have to overcome some low expectations.

At the beginning of training camp, "I said to my coach, 'I'm short, white and Jewish and that's not the best for football, but give me my best shot.'"

Although he rode the pines in the Red Knights' first game, he earned a starting position in game two. He hasn't looked back since.

The Red Knights, which has produced such CFL luminaries as Neil Lumsden and Leif Petterson, racked up a perfect 7-0 record but lost to Richview in the quarter-finals in a game that determined playoff seeding. In the semi-final, the team bounced back to defeat St. Michael's Kerry Blues, the reigning high school champs, by a decisive 23-9 margin. Their championship matchup against Cedarbrae marked the first time this season the two teams tangled.

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New owners foresee rekindling Argo brand

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

Year after year, the CFL scores well with Toronto football fans – at least in television ratings – and the Grey Cup game attracts millions of viewers across Canada, making it the top rated sports entertainment event of the year.

Yet the Toronto Argonauts, the CFL's oldest and most storied franchise, situated in the league's largest population centre, consistently draws pitifully small crowds. In the cavernous SkyDome, a typical crowd of 15,000 appears embarassingly tiny.

Given the city's large population base and its concentration of corporate head offices, it's an apparently anomalous situation. Over the past 30 years, several owners have tried their hands at turning the team around, yet all have been roundly disappointed.

Enter Howard Sokolowski and David Cynamon, two youthful, dynamic and highly successful entrepreneurs who took over the Argos recently.

Longtime fans of the CFL, the pair believe the Argos are an undervalued brand acquired at a rock bottom price. Where others see red ink, they see dollar signs. Where others see a team with little public interest, they see a team with deep roots in the community. Where cynics say the city will never support a CFL team, they see a 25,000-seat outdoor stadium full of rabid fans.

In fact, a new 25,000-seat stadium coupled with a marketing drive to broaden the team's appeal are at the core of the pair's strategic vision for making the team a success in Toronto.

Plans for a new stadium will be revealed in four or five months, they say. But before it is completed, the organization they are setting in place will have to go out to the community to attract new fans and reclaim a lost generation of young people whose formative sporting lives were not moulded by interest in the team.

Part of that effort will include bringing the players into schools, community centres and other venues where people can see and "touch" the athletes that for many seem remote, said Cynamon.

The team's promotions will include reaching out to various ethnic communities in the city of Toronto, including the Jewish community, said Sokolowski, CEO of Tribute Communities, a major developer in the Toronto area.

"It would be wonderful to have a game to salute the Jewish community," he said, with other games dedicated to other Toronto communities. Such a game might include bringing in ex-Argos like Gerry Sternberg, who played for several CFL teams from 1965-72, and other Jewish players, he added.

Sokolowski, who served as co-chair of last year's UJA Federation emergency campaign for Israel, and Cynamon, head of KIK Corporation, took over the team from the CFL, which ran the organization when its most recent owner, New York-based Sherwood Schwartz, failed to pay its bills.

Both new owners profess to be lifelong CFL fans. Growing up in Edmonton, Cynamon lived and died with his beloved Eskimos. Once, as a youngster, he met quarterback Warren Moon and felt "committed" to him for life.

That sort of personalized promotion of the team will create fan loyalty that will last for years, he said. The new stadium, he added, will bring fans to the game and put them close to the action, unlike in the cavernous SkyDome. The new ownership team would like to make the team more accessible to fans by allowing kids to run onto the field after the game, the way Cynamon remembers games out west. Games will exude a festival atmosphere, with face painting, marching bands and parties, he added.

But can he recreate the atmosphere of football-mad Western Canada in "world class" – and somewhat condescending – Toronto?

Over the long haul, Cynamon believes they can. "I think there's a CFL fan in everyone," he said.

"It is what it is," said Cynamon, who played slotback for four years at York University in the early 1980s. "We're not the NFL. [The CFL] is a value brand with good pricing."

Sokolowski believes that with the type of local ownership they will provide, the Argos will have a better connection to the community and an understanding of the local market that the team's recent absentee owners did not.

Where is courage in the Diaspora?

Left, right, centre

By AVRUM ROSENSWEIG

What is wrong with the Diaspora consciousness?

Why do we feel sickened by anti-Semitic attacks in Turkey and around the world, yet leave the job of fighting hatred up to Israel and organizations? Why do thousands of Jews in 2003 attend Holocaust Week programming, yet take a neutral stand on the suffering of Jews and others?

It doesn't make sense. If Holocaust Education is not "a call to arms," then what is it? Is it entertainment? Where is our bravery? Where is our daring? Why are we not boldly and actively brawling with inequities and pursuing peace?

Rather than being so comfortable, wouldn't it be wiser to pursue options such as the financing and development of workshops on self-defence and peace negotiations?

Shouldn't our schools, together with Jewish philanthropists, develop programs for our children so that they are physically able to shield themselves and have the mental agility and know-how to respond to lunatic lies spewed by anti-Semites, as well as the tools to build stronger relationships with non-Jews who do not hate us?

Why aren't we working with Jewishly owned marketing companies to disseminate the beautiful truth about the Jewish people, including our fierce desire for peace? Where are the grassroots movements composed of regular community members for the protection of the Jewish people and for outreach to our friends?

We must ask ourselves: when did the links in the chain of consciousness break? Why did most Jews not listen to Ze'ev Jabotinsky when he told them to flee eastern Europe? Why didn't most Jews in the West barrage their governments when news about the concentration camps began to leak? How come today, even though we know anti-Semitism is spreading, will few of us pound on the doors of our rabbis' and community leaders' homes, demanding a thoughtful and creative game plan in which we all play a considerable and vital role in assisting our people?

We will be judged in history by future generations of Jews. They will wonder if the Canadian Jewish community did everything it could to pursue peace and fight hate, when we had the luxury to do so. Historians might ask why we spent millions of dollars on Holocaust education and monuments if not, at least in part, to compel our generation to vigorously pursue peace.

We were victims of terror and insanity. Let nobody tell us otherwise. It is time, however, for Diaspora Jews who are able to divest themselves of the mental baggage of victimization that prevents the development of a pro-active plan to bring peace to the Jewish people and the world. It is time Israelis stop bearing the entire burden of fighting our enemies and searching for peaceful partnerships.

The Toronto Jewish community can be a light unto other Diaspora Jewish communities. We can test the waters of hasbarah and activism, and then tell everyone else how we did it.

It is already three *years that I am calling upon you, Polish Jewry... I became gray and old in these years, my heart bleeds, that you, dear brother and sisters, do not see the volcano which will soon begin to spit its all-consuming lava. If you do believe me, then listen to me in this 12th hour: In the name of God! Let anyone of you save himself, as long as there is still time, and time there is very little. Eliminate the Diaspora or the Diaspora will surely eliminate you.* – Zev Jabotinsky, two years before World War II.

E-mail: mail@veahavta.org.

Mandy Patinkin's Mom's Potato Latkes

6 large white potatoes
1 large onion
2 eggs (or 1/2 cup egg substitute)
2 egg whites
2/3 cup flour or matzo meal
1 tsp. baking powder
1.2 tsp. garlic powder
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. white pepper
peanut oil for frying

Peel potatoes and onion. (If not using immediately, place in cold water.) Grate with the shredding blade of food processor. Put grated potatoes in large strainer and press out liquid. Pour cold water over potatoes and press out liquid once more. Transfer to large mixing bowl. Add onions. Beat eggs and egg whites until thick. Add to potatoes and onions. Add flour or matzo meal, baking powder, and seasonings. Mix well. Heat oil in frying pan. When ready, drop batter by large soup spoonfuls to form oval shapes. Fry over moderate to high heat until brown on one side; turn to brown other side. Remove from frying pan and drain on paper towels. *Serve with sour ceam or applesauce.*

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About Life

Dear Ella,

I have a friend who went through some tough times in the last few years.

He had sunk into a deep depression and wouldn't let anyone in. His family and friends all tried to do whatever they could, but he kept sinking deeper.

One day he called me and began talking. He called almost daily, and I spent hours on the phone with him. I always dropped whatever I was doing to listen because I knew he needed me.

I'm happy to report that he has since recovered from his depression, and with the help of his doctor and I'd like to think me, he is back on his feet.

He now speaks to his family and other friends again, but he rarely calls me. I feel very hurt and used, but don't want to say anything for fear of sounding petty. Do you think I'm wrong to feel this way?

Feeling Used

Dear Feeling Used,

It's hard to know what's going through your friend's head.

The first thing that comes to my mind is that you may be a reminder of this dark time in his life. You were such a big part of him throughout his depression that he may be afraid that speaking to you will transport him to a place he doesn't want to be. Or it may be as simple as he is just busy living again and isn't thinking about what he is doing to you.

There is only one way to find out. You obviously are very close with your friend. He turned to you above all others in his life. I don't think it would be out of line for you to pick up the phone and discuss with him how you are feeling.

If you can spend some good times with him, either on the phone or in person, it will add to the way he thinks of you, not just as a makeshift therapist, but as someone he can share good times with too. You both need to make good memories together to mask some of the bad.

You are a good friend. Don't let your friendship stop now. You still need each other.

Readers may submit their questions to Ella at The CJN., *email: eb@cjnews.com. But Ella is not a professional counsellor. She brings to the questions posed by readers her unique brand of earthy wisdom. Her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, consult a professional.*

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(Answers to the crossword are on page 54.)

More Wedding Simchas
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Across
1. Audience's bad jeers
5. "The ____ conducted a beautiful service!"
10. "Place the ____ on her finger"
14. Sea eagle
15. "I just saw _____", said the birder
16. Western Native American
17. After the wedding, the bride chortled with ____
18. "Careful with that wine! It'll ___ your dress!"
19. "Where's the ____ man?"
20. Before the ceremony, bride and groom sit down to ____
23. Son of Adam, not a good pick for a husband!
24. To a Cockney, where the happy couple settle down
25. Moses' brother, he got hitched, too
28. Marina ___ Rey
31. Sculpture, painting, at the Louvre
35. Trolley car sounds
37. Moving ____, gets all the belongings over to the new, happy domicile
39. Key living matter molec.
40. That was _____! Words heard after the kiddush and spread
44. Menorah artist Lynn ___ Lowe makes a good gift
45. Excuse me, the coffee ___ needs refilling. Please.
46. Painting by American abstract expressionist _____ makes a great wedding gift
47. Milton _____ made a very funny man at Jewish weddings
50. Ave.
52. Major and Minor constellations
53. I ___ too much! (Words often heard after wedding dinner)
55. Oil company
57. Where bride & groom stand
64. Great joke
65. Louis IV: un ___ __ France
66. Actor Richard ____
67. We all stood in a ___ to wish them well
68. "Let's go to ____-do and honeymoon at Disneyworld!"
69. "Let's get away from the paparazzi and honeymoon at some old ___-in-the-wall"
70. Term for former dates the happy couple leave behind
71. _____ beef -- and take a little mustard or horseradish!
72. Don't forget the icing ____ the wedding cake!

Down
1. Entreats, pleads
2. "Pirates of the Caribbean" actor Bloom's nickname
3. ____ shabbat, traditional start of the hosted series of wedding enjoyments
4. Viewed ex-Yankee pitcher David, in perfect tense
5. Famed Rabbi of France, Talmudic commentator
6. "How many will ____ this wedding?" asks the caterer
7. Bird bill or nib
8. Cheese for this event
9. Groom stopped off at the ____ reserve a room
10. Highway ______
11. Virginia Willow genus
12. Yiddish for eating a bit here, a bit there
13. Honey, ___ me some more of the lox, please?
21. Port city of Tanzania
22. Actress Thurman
25. Yes, starch is ______ (explantion using the short, fitness lingo form)
26. Microorganisms
27. Less common
29. A wedding is a blessed _____
30. Geneve ou Champlain
32. Attempts
33. ____ Gay
34. White ____ National Monument
36. ____ Goldberg, film-TV composer
38. Fed. arts funding agency
41. Union Pac., Southern Pac., et al
42. What some carpets are
43. Bergmann's _____ Glass Darkly
48. Misers, in Marseilles
49. Summer, as in 48 Down
51. Oliver _____ Athos in The Three Musketeers
54. Mistake
56. Perfume
57. Computer operating system
58. Hawaiian state bird
59. Lawnmower amd sprinkler maker
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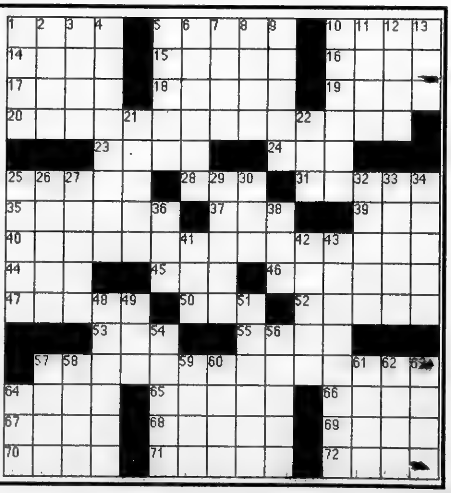

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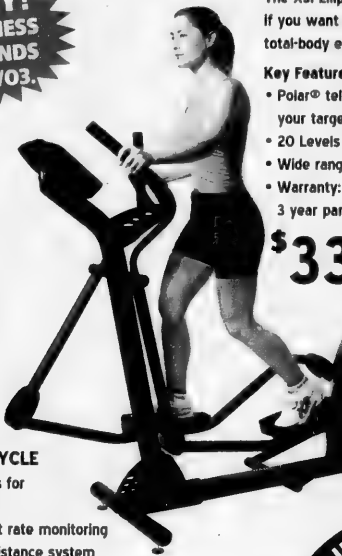

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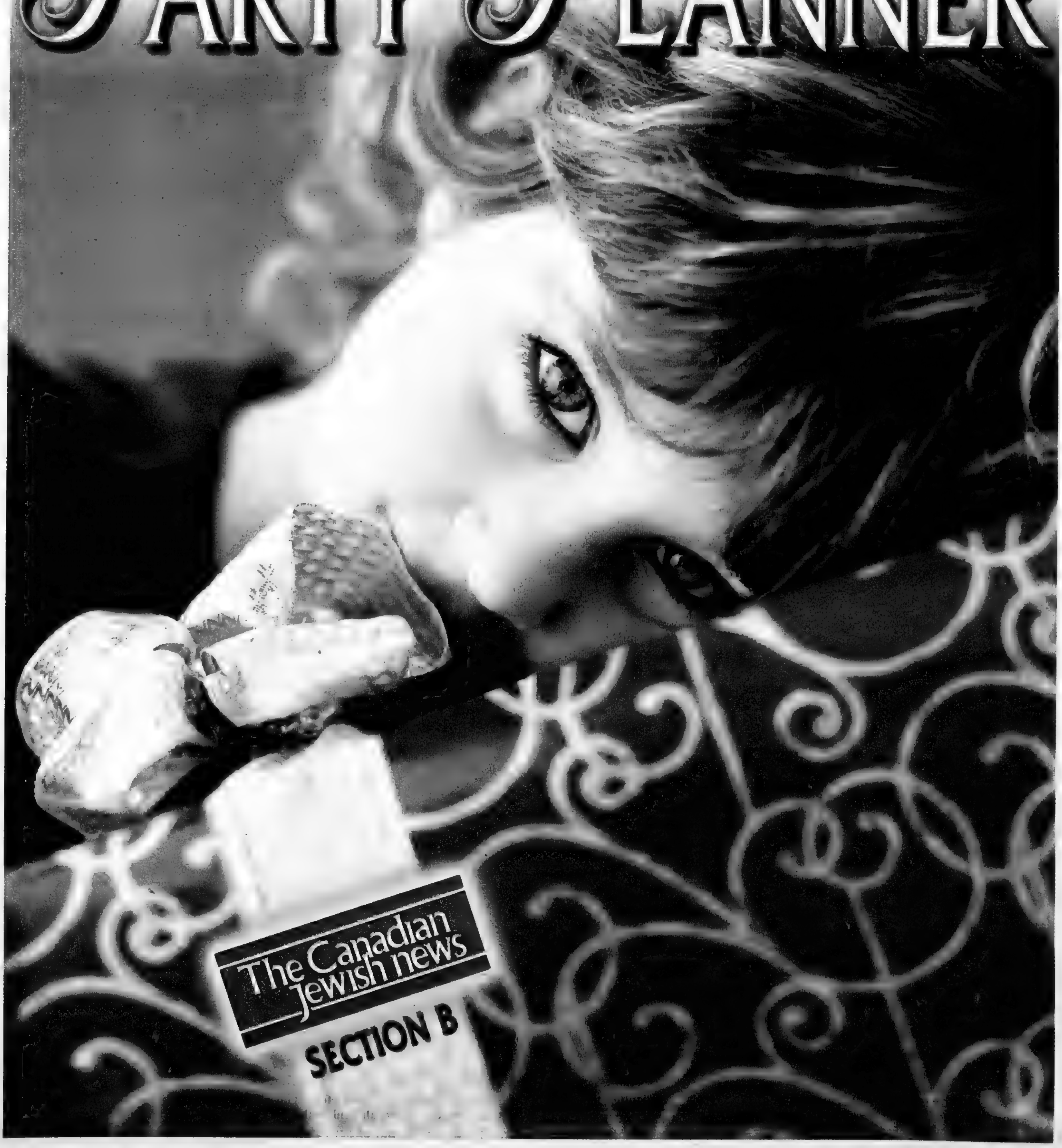
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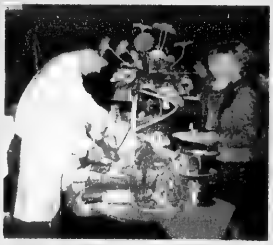

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Now in its 10th edition, the directory, published by Elisa Morton Palter and Shari Wert, contains more than 2,000 different products, services, activities and programs for kids, as well as an updated coupon section.

The idea for the directory was conceived when Morton Palter and Shari Wert were both mothers of baby girls.

"We started talking about the need for flexible working hours for young mothers. We wanted to continue working, but we also wanted some balance in our lives."

They came up with a number of business ideas revolving around products and services for kids, but when they tried to research if such businesses already existed, they realized there was no comprehensive directory to consult.

"We suddenly realized that the directory could be the business," Wert said.

Their first book, which came out in 1984, contained 1,150 listings in 25 categories, and "we have grown and adapted in response to the comments and feedback of our readers," said Morton Palter.

Anyone who provides activities, services or products for children is eligible for a free listing, they said. "It has become so successful that parents refer to the directory as their bible, and 80 per cent of our advertisers renew annually."

For the first time this year, Wert and Morton Palter are offering bar/bat mitzvah listings. "As our book is growing, our readership is growing and they're referring to the directory. We need to keep up with them."

With listings on such services as caterers, decor specialists, invitations, venues, entertainers, disc jockeys, hair dressers and party favours, said Morton Palter, the book can save hosts a lot of time searching out names. Everything is in one place.

"Although we cannot guarantee all the services, we do ensure that every business in our book is legitimate. We want people to know what's out there and then make their own decisions," she said.

To fulfil their mandate to provide listings on everything parents may need, the pair have included information about such things as diaper services, financial services and groceries. The health and wellness section contains 24-hour pharmacies, after-hours clinics, dentists, nutritionists and first aid instruction.

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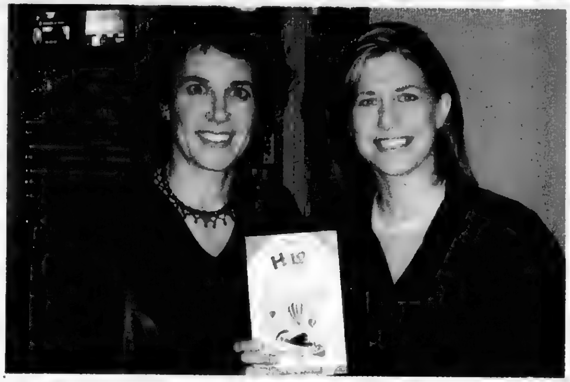
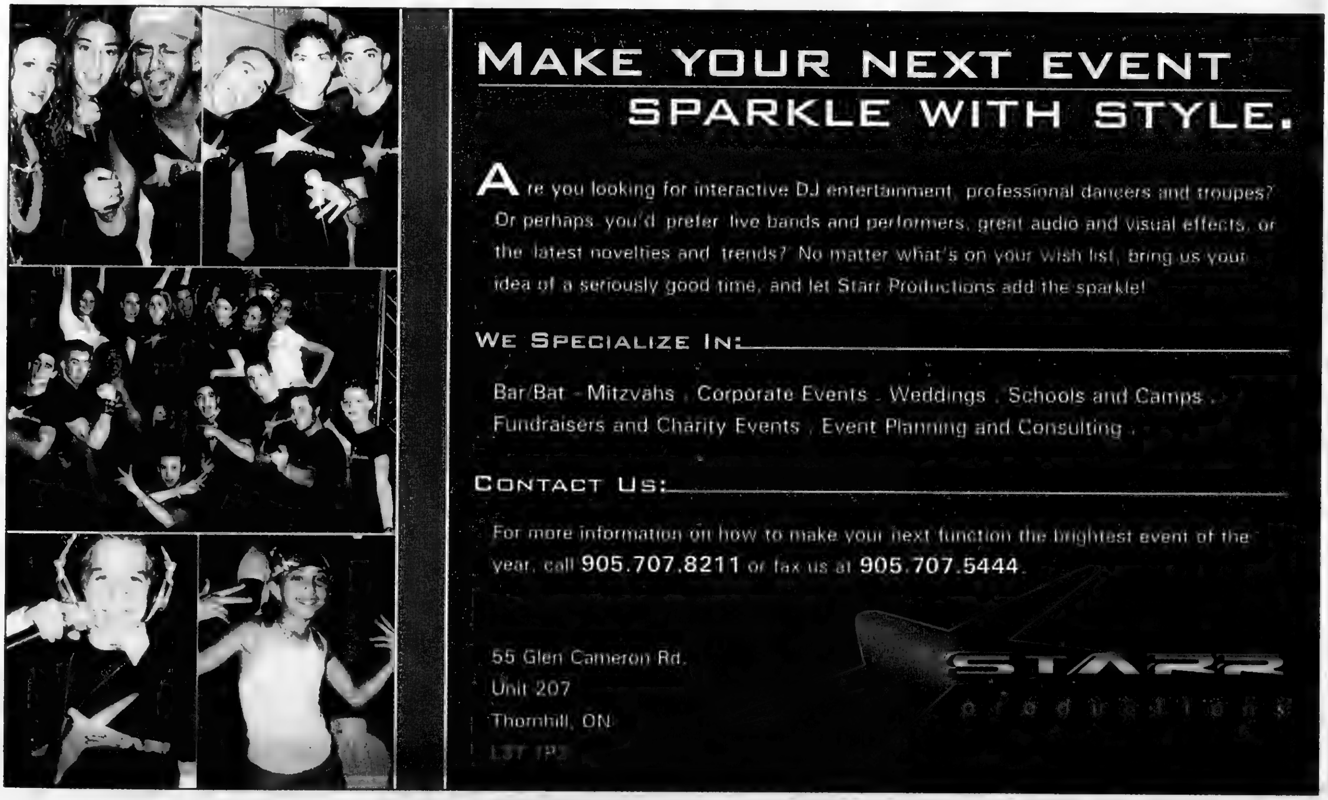


Elisa Morton Palter (left) and Shari Wert produced this helpful guide.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Party out of town, for a change

By ELYSSE ZAREK
Special to The CJN

For families looking to celebrate a bar mitzvah abroad, Ehud Telem of Peerless Travel (905-886-5610 or 1-800-294-1663) recommends a two-week package trip to Israel.

"Tours to Israel are a very popular way of celebrating bar and bat mitzvahs," he says.

In 2000, more than 1,500 people went on Peerless Travel's trip, which has definite kid appeal. On the itinerary is an archeological dig, target shooting with real ammunition (and safety protection), camel rides, bathing in the Dead Sea and a visit to a Bedouin village, to name a few of the attractions.

The bar mitzvah ceremony itself is conducted at sunrise on Masada, following a brief tour of the site. A bar-mitzvah party – complete with lighting and special effects – takes place at the end of the trip, in Tel Aviv.

On this trip, "kids fall in love with Israel," says Telem.

While Telem acknowledges numbers are down because of the security situation in Israel, he insists the danger is a myth. The buses, drivers and guides all work closely with Peerless to ensure safety is a top priority.

Although people booking a last-minute trip can sometimes be accommodated if there is space, Telem recommends booking at least six to nine months in advance. He already has 150 people signed up for December and inquiries are streaming in about 2004 trips.

Sarah Pachter of Fisher-Fremont Travel (416-481-3323) also offers bar-mitzvah package trips to Israel. Depending on size and timing, Pachter may also lead the trip. To date, she has been to Israel more than 150 times.

And for newlyweds, there's no other way to begin married life than with a honeymoon. And one thing many such trips have in common, chuckles Peerless travel agent Karen Levy, is sun and a beach.

Hawaiian and Caribbean resorts such as Sandals are popular because they cater to couples, Levy says. For cruises, she recommends the Caribbean in winter and the Mediterranean or the Greek islands in summer.

But when it comes to booking your honeymoon, be sure to take a few things into consideration.

- Be realistic about your likes and dislikes. "If you're not a person who likes sitting on a beach for a week, you're still not going to like it on your honeymoon," she says. Look into vacations that match your hobbies. If you like art and culture, try Europe. Into archeology and ancient ruins? Check out Mexico. For adventure trips, Central American countries such as Costa Rica have mountain biking, whitewater rafting, jungle hikes and, of course, beaches.
- Know your budget. In recent years, the price of travel has gone up. Be realistic about what you can spend on a trip and work around your budget. There are trips out there for every price range.
- Travel in low season. Travelling is generally more expensive any time kids are off school, Levy says. Even if it's not the week after your wedding, you'll save a bundle if you avoid travelling during the last two weeks of December, the last two weeks of February and during March Break.
- Be flexible with dates and the number of days. Friday to Monday is the most expensive time of the week to fly. Sometimes there are deals available if you arrive during the week. Ten-day trips can be more practical than two full weeks.
- Look at transportation. Airfare can be the most expensive part of a trip. Levy says that if you're taking a cruise, think about driving to Florida, or drive to Buffalo and catch a flight from there.

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Set expectations high with your invitations

By DAVID SILVERBERG
Special to The CJN

Here's a party-planning riddle: What is the first clue to a party's vibe that uses such sexy features as champagne ink and embossed tassels?

You guessed it, invitations – the age-old bearer of good fortune.

"Invitations set the tone," says Barbara Mortfield of Invitations by Barbara (905-738-1232). For 35 years, Mortfield's home business has crafted hundreds of thousands of invites under the motto, "It should not be expensive but look expensive."

Mortfield has noticed clients opting for simplicity over opulence. Less is more has replaced bigger is better, even in recent trends.

"See-through topping used to be in style but now it looks cheap," she says.

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Letter-press invitations are gaining popularity, says Gail Shapiro, who makes hand-made invitations at Paper Expressions (905-764-9812). As the opposite of raised lettering, the invite's words are indented into the paper, creating grooves stylish to sight and touch.

For Jewish themes, many invitation companies offer Hebrew writing and images of Torah scrolls and Stars of David to hug the words.

Most importantly, the invitation should reflect the party.

Shapiro asks clients if their bar or bat mitzvah function is a morning or evening affair, which reflects directly on the invitation.

"You shouldn't go crazy with design for a twilight service," Shapiro says.

On bar mitzvahs, Mortfield says, "These are religious ceremonies, and you don't want your invitation to look too garish."

She suggests "fun stuff" for bar mitzvahs, such as multi-coloured layers, floating images and raised lettering. Save the wacky ideas, such as bright green turtle illustrations, for the seating cards, she says.

"The invitation should match the room," Shapiro says, noting that a gold-edged invitation will compliment a gold-curtained room. When she finds out that an event will be a black-tie affair, for example, she won't suggest casual invitations that might cause embarrassment.

Mortfield charges between $700 and $1,000 for most affairs, depending on the quantity and design. She says some supplies come from the United States, where a wider selection gives clients more paper and graphic choice. Custom kippot can also be bought for $20 a dozen.

Shapiro's handmade invites cost an average of $5 per invitation, less with no RSVP card. She also designs baby cards, sign boards, book covers, sign-in guestbooks and picture collages.

Price structure is worth figuring out, Mortfield says. For invitation companies that work with printing presses (as opposed to hand-crafting), 25 invitations cost as much as 100 invitations because the bulk of expense is eaten up by the first 25 copies.

"Always order more than you need, it won't cost you much more," she says.

When shopping around, look for someone you can trust, says Shapiro.

"Ask a friend who's tried that company before how they liked the service. Reliability always helps."

Mortfield understands the importance of reputation. She deals with clients first at their bar mitzvahs, then later at their wedding and then at their son's brit milah.

"My clients know they can trust my judgement, which is very important in this business."

Shapiro stresses the importance of the consultation process, where ideas are polished and designs fine-tuned.

"No one knows 100 per cent for sure what they want. I try to make ideas into reality."

But give invitation makers time to be creative. Mortfield says she likes to be contacted six months before an event, although her turnaround time is three weeks. Shapiro echoes the same numbers, and adds clients should be armed with a vision during the first meeting.

Sometimes, a job well done means high expectations – a byproduct Mortfield will gladly embrace.

"For a wedding once, I made these gorgeous invitations with beautiful calligraphy on the envelope," she recalls. "Even the RSVPs were exquisite. Then I received a frantic call from my client and she says she's mad at me. I asked her why and she said her guests were expecting the party to live up to the invitations." She laughs. "That's not such a bad complaint."

Other invitation places advertising in this supplement are: Aragon Group, 416-597-0777; Designs by Sharon, 905-881-5884; Partyzazz, 905-881-5736; The Printed Word, 416-484-4600; Sendsations Invitation Shop, 416-322-5553; Stationery Plus/Gilda Lefton, 905-881-5588; Visual Dreams, 905-761-8675.

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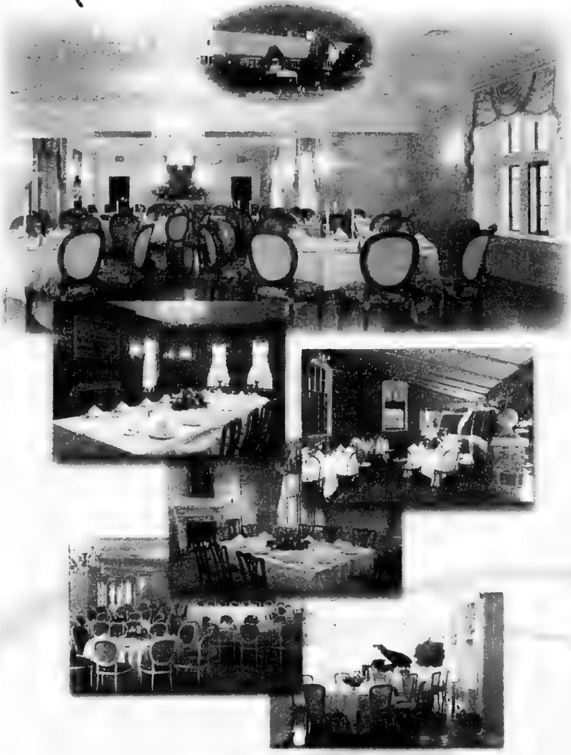

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Entertainer organizes everything to keep the party going

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Rick Levine's Times Square entertainment Group with party guests at a recent Bar Mitzvah.

[Daniel Levine photo]

After 20 years, Rick Levine of Times Square Entertainment (905-881-6400) knows what makes a party great.

"If you play quiet music during the dinner hour, lively music during the dance party, and make sure the entertainers are ready when the party is ready to roll, you'll have a hit," he says.

Levine, who adds an array of interactive elements to the party ranging from lighting, dancers and party games to party favours and dance routines, says he is one of the few entertainers who offers both live and taped music.

"When we sing live to the backtracks, we appeal to people of all ages. The adults love our varied repertoire that includes Sinatra and old rock and roll, and the kids are enthralled because we are unique. They don't see something like that anywhere else."

It becomes the ultimate party, he says, because they alternate seamlessly between live and taped music.

> 'The kids are enthralled because we are unique!'

Rather than selling party favours, he says, he provides lists of favours that work with their interactive routines. "Without giving away any trade secrets, we ask our clients to get such items as hula hoops and Hawaiian leis. These giveaways become meaningful because they become part of the act.

"We refer clients to wholesalers and distributors who sell the items at a discounted price," he says.

Those in the midst of planning a party can visit Levine's twice annual party show (www.TorontoPartyGuide.com), which features party planning professionals.

"While there, they can speak to people who will help them make a fabulous simchah regardless of budget. The party business works on referrals, so visiting the show is a great way to meet the people to whom you have been referred," he says.

When choosing entertainment for your party, Levine suggests logging onto entertainers' Web sites. "These sites offer a lot of information and usually include samples of their music." His site is thericklevineband.com.

Levine says his company makes life a lot easier for hosts because he offers party planning services. "We organize the evening by creating an agenda and keeping the events flowing, and we are able to suggest party professionals.

"We also troubleshoot. Power failures can be a huge problem, so we make sure we get to the venue early in order to check out the power requirements. We suggest to musicians and photographers who should use what outlet in order to keep the power flowing."

Levine offers packages for any budget and suggests calling him up to three years in advance for a bar or bat mitzvah, and as soon as possible for a wedding.

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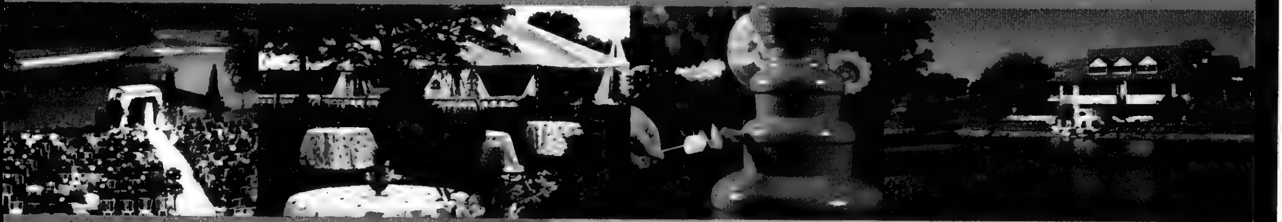

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Mandell 'redefines the art and science of interactive entertainment'

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

The Mandell Entertainment Group is moving in the direction of providing complete entertainment packages, instead of producing events in which MCs and disc jockeys are the focus.

"We're doing a lot more production in terms of staging, lighting and special effects," says Jared Florence, the president of Mandell Entertainment (416-923-7200).

The company was founded by Corey Mandell 12 years ago, and last September, Florence and Mandell joined forces when Florence's entertainment company and Mandell Entertainment merged. This dynamic duo has gone on to produce events that are on the cutting edge of party entertainment.

For one event, they recreated the atmosphere of the Moulin Rouge, the famous Paris nightclub.

Corey Mandell in action.

At a recent simchah, the ballroom of a synagogue was transformed into a garden,.with the dance floor becoming the swimming pool. "We were able to create the effect of being under the surface of the water," Florence says. "With the newest lights, you can create effects like this."

They've done video introductions to bar and bat mitzvahs, with the guest-of-honour smashing through the screen when the video ends. It's a dramatic effect that's created by showing the video inside a giant frame.

Mandell Entertainment has taken video games to a new level, projecting Xbox and Sony PlayStation onto a 12-foot by 12-foot screen. With up to eight participants playing at once, "it gives kids something to do at cocktail or dinner time, when adults want to enjoy a quieter time," Florence says.

Party giveaways include three-dimensional, digital motion folders. Two photographs, taken at a photo booth or by a roving photographer, are printed into a custom folder at the simchah. "When you move the folder back and forth," Florence says,"the image changes from the first picture to the second one."

Popular party novelty items on the non-digital spectrum include mesh trucker hats, which are all the rage these days. The wizards at Mandell Entertainment call them "graffiti trucker hats." The hats are printed with text of the guests' choice, and they get to take their hat home as a party souvenir.

Mandell Entertainment gives clients the option of booking live entertainment, including singers, dancers and a band.

Their high-energy dancers, who specialize in hip-hop and funky dance styles, are a huge hit at parties. The dancers are available for party introductions in which the guest-of-honour's presentation becomes part of a dance routine, and they can be booked for dance lessons before an event.

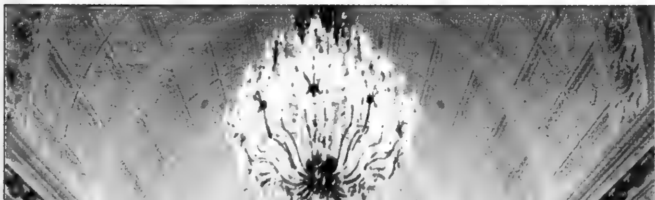
Disco divas, live female vocalists and a band of anywhere from six to 10 musicians round out Mandell Entertainment's roster of live entertainment.

Jared Florence: Complete customer satisfaction.

While the company brings increasing sophistication to the party-entertainment scene, their MCs, the party animators, and sharp disc jockeys, who can read the crowd's response to the music, are still an important part of the team at the events produced by Mandell Entertainment.

Mandell Entertainment promises its clients the ultimate in party planning.

"The company focuses on complete customer satisfaction," Florence says, "and is redefining the art and science of interactive entertainment."



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When it comes to suits, these retailers treat boys like men

By ELYSSE ZAREK
Special to The CJN

Shopping for dress clothes for boys can be difficult, but there are a few places in the city that make it enjoyable, or at least bearable.

Le Club (416-488-7848) began as a menswear store, but it has recently made a name for itself in children's teens' fashions. Located on Eglinton Avenue near Avenue Road, Le Club bills itself as one-stop shopping for fathers and sons, says owner Nadia Serraf.

"We try to dress boys for the occasion, but also dress them with a bit of flair. We treat boys' clothes like men's clothes," she says.

Serraf, a professional image and wardrobe consultant, says the most popular colour for boys and menswear is "black, black and black."

And because boys "grow like weeds," she advises using a black bar mitzvah suit – Le Club's boys' suits are made from 100 per cent wool – for other occasions by dressing it up with colourful shirts and ties.

For suit styles, Serraf recommends a three-button jacket paired with a polo or dressy shirt in a colour such as burgundy or white.

For men, Serraf suggests co-ordinating the colour of belts and shoes for an elegant look. Le Club also sells shoes, ties and belts, and Serraf will put together a full outfit for customers.

Also uptown is Crawford Boys (416-782-8137), which specializes in suits for boys and teenagers who don't quite fit into adult sizes. "We're a grown-up store with kids' sizes," says owner Paul Spiar.

'Grown-up store with kids' sizes'

About 10 years ago, the family-run business realized there were no menswear stores that catered specifically to children and teenagers in need of dressy clothes. Thus a niche store was born.

Crawford Boys stocks suits, sports jackets, dressy jeans and slacks in sizes 4 to 20, and boasts the largest selection of husky sizes – for "stocky guys who need more room in the middle" – in the city.

Among the brands in stock are Nautica, Perry Ellis, Tommy Hilfiger and Point Zero.

Spiar says he tries to make suit shopping fun for boys. The store has a basketball hoop and a pinball machine, and sports memorabilia is tacked to the walls. He also keeps a basket with thousands of hockey cards for kids to look through, and even take a few.

Boys' fashions tend to fall on the conservative side, says Spiar. "Usually we have shades of blacks and navy, sometimes earthy tones for suits and sports jackets." Soft, silky textures are also popular, and the store sells a lot of dress crewneck shirts and dressy denim.

He recommends that suit shopping for growing boys be done no more than one to two months before an event, and that alterations be done three weeks before.

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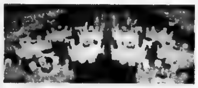

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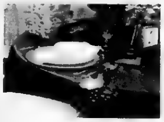

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Mister Disc Jockey needs no introduction

By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

Ed McMurtry of Mister Disc Jockey (1-877-473-3800) has an exceptional reputation that is manifested formally through many party industry awards, and among clients by word of mouth. This is even more remarkable, considering how much competition is out there.

"When a client flies us to Hawaii to do a bar mitzvah," McMurtry observes, "it's more than a commission. It's an accolade."

The success of Mister Disc Jockey, operated by Edwin Allen Productions, is built on two factors. The first is the breath of fresh, creative air he brings to every party. The second is the human touch.

McMurtry strives not just to meet expectations, but to exceed them. "It's like an exam," he says. "Strive for 100 per cent and you'll probably do well, even though you don't hit 100. Aim no higher than a pass, and you'll probably fail."

McMurtry likes to liven up every party with a novel idea. At the recent launch of a drug research centre, the guests looked as if they'd be more at ease in lab coats than party hats, and it was his job to get them to lighten up.

So he got them to play "nuts and bolts." Each woman was given a nut, and each man a bolt, with different threading: metric, standard, whatever other types McMurtry could get hold of, and the guests had to match them, with door prizes for the first five matches. It worked, and "a good time was had by all," he says.

McMurtry tries to keep parties at a high energy level. This requires a virtually inexhaustible fund of ideas and enough rapport with host and guests to know which ideas will work.

He follows the maxim, "You have two ears and a mouth. Use them proportionately." In other words, make suggestions and ask questions, but above all, listen.

The human touch means making guests want to get involved and letting them do so at their own pace. McMurtry talks to people at their own level, to make them want to perform and imbue them with the confidence that they can do so. Even microphone-shy introverts take part.

It's a matter of not pushing, but enticing. The friendliest MC or DJ, spotlighted onstage speaking through a mike, can be intimidating. McMurtry introduces himself and his team, not in a public announcer's voice, but in an understated way that puts you at ease.

Even people who aren't shy and retiring are tired of entertainers who generate laughs by embarrassing the bar mitzvah boy's mom or dad. Being spotlighted can be embarrassing, even if the attention is complimentary (for example, at a party in your honour).

McMurtry does not want to heighten your embarrassment, but tries to help you overcome it. He respects your dignity and treats everyone like a mensch. This makes him and his team ideal for family events.

Edwin Allen Productions' staff have something for every party.

Here's one way to overcome shyness, that exemplifies what McMurtry calls his "extra one per cent" of thought and effort. The MC tosses inflatable mikes into the audience. Anyone who wants to perform grabs one. The others let them go by. The MC then invites everyone with a mike onstage. Those who change their mind unobtrusively drop their mikes without being singled out and the others go on up.

Inflatable mikes aren't new, but using them as a tool to put people at ease, is. No matter how wonderful the special effects, it's touches like this that make a party.

"Your child's smile," McMurtry assures you, "will last forever."

It's not the entertainers who are the stars at a simchah. Mister Disc Jockey builds the party around the real star, the child.

One problem with an all-ages event is that at certain times, kids aren't part of the party. At a bar mitzvah, kids are left out during the cocktail hour. And after they eat at warp speed, it cramps their style to have to sit still and wait for their elders to finish eating.

One of McMurtry's solutions is a chill room with old furniture in funky colours, where teens can have their own non-alcoholic cocktail area. Contests can be held there to keep kids busy while the adults finish dinner – say, Trivial Pursuit with the bar mitzvah boy as theme.

McMurtry stresses that the room would be open during cocktails or the later part of dinner – but not during the dancing, when everyone should be part of the main scene. The idea is not to have two parties, but one party where everyone has fun.

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Save stress and time with one-stop shopping

By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

Novelties and favours contribute a lot to a party's success, so pick your items with care. And if you can, choose a supplier who offers them all under one roof. Making just one trip will save you stress and time.

Of course, there may be exceptional items you can find only at a specialty store. Even so, one-stop shopping should serve most of your party needs. Before you decide on this, check out what's available.

Dan Jankelow and Saul Sacks of Incredible Novelties Inc. (905-881-9900, Web site www.incrediblenovelties.com) have plenty of experience in helping to make parties work well. Here are some of their tips on how to choose the people who supply your party favours.

Personal service is something you've got to have: it's the way to make a party unique. Jankelow and Sacks take it seriously, working one-on-one with you to customize your novelty package.

Good party professionals have front-line experience. Both Jankelow and Sacks were DJs for 10 years, handing out prizes, seeing what guests get a kick out of, whether they're kids or adults. And both partners still work as DJs, keeping their hands in.

Visit the supplier's store – both to see what's in stock and to get an idea of the quality of service. When you see what's on the shelves, you may realize that the world of novelties is bigger than you thought. Such a visit should be fun, too.

Doubtless, you've seen lots of LED and glow items, sports gear, hats, funny glasses and other cute novelties. There are lots of products, though, that aren't in the stores yet, at least not in Canada. Jankelow and Sacks keep themselves up to date on these.

This is an ongoing job in its own right: there's no end to designer creativity in the field. What's available in any one of the categories of glow items, glassware and headgear would fill a separate catalogue.

A supplier who is truly one-stop, is all-encompassing. You may want to hire a caterer for many events, but having a one-stop supplier who can provide food for a kids' party can save you some running around.

Make sure your supplier is ready to do the searches you need, so you get what you want. "If the product is out there," Jankelow says confidently, "we'll find it. If you can't find the item you're looking for, just let us know and we will get it for you."

> Personal service is something you've got to have: it's the way to make a party unique.

Choose all-round professionals who aren't too specialized. Jankelow does more corporate work, while Sacks does more simchahs, but neither of them does exclusively one or the other, so each can back the other up.

You'll want to spend less money for more value, so look for competitive prices, as well as amenities like free consultation and delivery. In fact, Jankelow and Sacks refer to their business as "Canada's first novelty consulting company." For them, service is as important as product.

Finally, your suppliers should know how to calculate how many prizes you need. You don't want too few, so no guest feels left out. Nor do you want too many, since nothing should go to waste. This means choosing just the right number of favours which everyone likes, so no one wants to throw his or hers away.

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Simchah scrapbooks create a `meaningful legacy'

By ELYSSE ZAREK
Special to The CJN

For people looking for an extra memento from their simchah, scrapbooking is an excellent way to preserve memories for the future. Wendy Preskow (905-764-1293) runs a scrapbooking business called Creative Memories, and she holds classes to teach people how to put together beautiful scrapbooks that can last a lifetime.

"Scrapbooks can become a meaningful family tradition and legacy," Preskow says.

She often sees parents making scrapbooks for their children's bar or bat mitzvahs. The books can then be used as signing books at the party instead of, or in addition to, a signing board.

However, making a memory album can take up to a year, so Preskow urges would-be scrapbookers to start early.

For her beginner's classes, Preskow asks customers to bring eight to 10 photos related to the subject that they would like to include. She then guides them through the first steps of creating a scrapbook, such as creating a layout and cropping photos and mounting them onto the album. Choose photos with people in them, she says, because they are easier to crop and mount.

Preskow also provides beginners with all the necessary supplies, including fancy pens, decorative pieces and the first few pages of the album.

While additional pages cost extra, she says that most people end up purchasing an album from her and then decorate it at home. The albums have warranties guaranteed for the lifetime of the owner.

The classes are run out of Preskow's Thornhill home, but she also goes to scrapbookers' homes.

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Décor specialists turn imagination into reality

By SYLVIA BROOKE
Special to The CJN

Your party décor should add to the life of your party, while beautifying its location.

Designs by Karen Baker (905-886-8100) offers full-service event co-ordinating. Owner and designer Karen Baker studied Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arrangement, at the Japanese Cultural Centre. She brings her original ideas to her work, creating fresh and exciting looks with exotic accents.

She is heavily influenced by her travels to exotic locales, where she says she gets "different ideas, [sees] different cultures and colour design."

She says Costa Rica, Australia and Israel are all places that may be subtly represented in her creations.

Baker makes use of the beautiful bounty of new flowers available from all over the world in her bouquets and centrepieces. The Hocus Pocus rose – burgundy with a yellow stripe – is from Israel, while other new rose colours are brought in regularly from Ecuador.

Lately, she has incorporated henna parties into her repertoire. In them, the backdrop and chair have a Middle Eastern look and are surrounded by palm trees draped in the rich colours of North Africa.

"I listen to the client and try to visually give them how they imagine their party," Baker says.

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Designs by Karen Baker

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Floral decor trend is definitely 'elegant'

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Also known for making exquisite yet functional mechitzahs, Baker can decorate any simchah, from the traditional, classic wedding to something new, creative and exciting.

She says the latest look uses lots of beads and crystals, including crystal candelabras with hanging beads and bridal bouquets with beads wrapped around them.

Baker says the trend is definitely "more elegant. People want a finished look. As long as you balance your colours, that's half the challenge right there, trying to use the room to its fullest potential."

Floral designs on this page by An Affair to Remember

Renee Birnbaum is the owner, designer and co-ordinator of An Affair to Remember (905-881-6686), which pulls together all the minute details of a party's décor – from chair covers to backdrop – so clients don't have to worry.

"We're a full décor company," says Birnbaum, who puts a premium on being friendly.

"I've been told that I'm easy to get along with and I always do what I say I'm going to do and more."

Known for her elaborate centrepieces, Birnbaum notes that bar and bat mitzvah themes are getting back to floral designs.

"Adults appreciate them, they last longer, and for the kids they can add in themes. Flowers add dimension, colour and elegance that people want in their parties."

Birnbaum says she has used one very versatile prop many different ways. Dragonwood trees that can hold candles have been adapted to be used as centrepieces at weddings and for Tu B'Shvat, as well as in *Survivor* and jungle themes.

She says clients are usually awestruck when they first see what she does with a room. "People find it's even above and beyond what they thought."

An Affair To Remember is involved in a lot of charity work. One event they put on for Mazon Canada combined the theme of food and produce with an Israeli atmosphere in the form of an open air market.

The party featured awnings that covered tables with abundant fruits and vegetables, which were all donated and which in turn were later given to local shelters.

Says Birnbaum, "I try to work within any budget, which is very important. Only our look is expensive."

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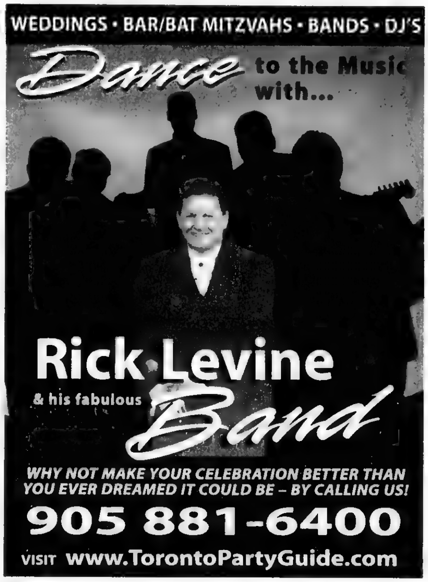

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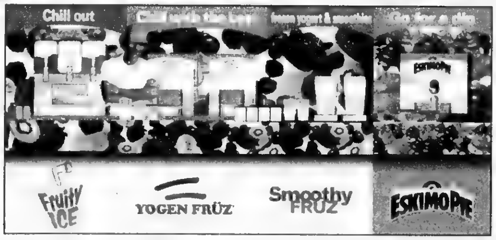

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PARTY PLANNER

DJs are performers at heart

By DAVID SILVERBERG
Special to The CJN

Personality goes a long way, even in the party business. DJs should be loaded with both experience and appealing attitudes, say two entertainment companies.

Clients looking for DJs will likely find the same dancers and lighting and music options at every business, says Noah Cappe, president of Superfly Entertainment (416-652-2232). But the real selling point, he believes, is the DJ's personality and his on-the-job judgement.

"Our DJs are passionate about their work, and this isn't just a cool job for them," he says. "They're performers at heart. Because half of them are actors, and can flip their personality on the fly, you won't see the same show twice from Superfly."

Noah Cappe clowns around.

Eric Bouaziz, president of Starr Productions (905-707-8211), agrees.

"Each DJ of ours has a different flavour, a different style."

For example, Bouaziz, who has a decade of DJing under his belt, is the slick lady's man, while another Starr employee might act goofy for his client's needs.

Noah Cappe

No matter the option, the partymaster needs to mingle with the crowd and get guests moving, Bouaziz says. Mom and Dad will get on stage to impersonate *Grease* leads, or the dance hit *Hey Baby* will animate Bubbie and Zaide.

"In the end, though, we let the kids know it's their party," he says.

Cappe's crew are also tireless entertainers.

"We don't slow down, even in the last half hour," Cappe says.

As he puts it: "Guests won't remember the flowers or the balloons at an event – they remember how great the party vibe was." He then adds: "But only if the DJ was amazing."

While Cappe claims many DJ companies offer the same service, he highlights his recent innovations. The Interactive Video Package screens a pre-taped video of the bar mitzvah boy answering personal questions. Kids answer questions such as, "What is my favourite food?" and the first to guess the right response wins a prize. The package, which requires a projector and screen, is ideal for "involving the kids when they've finished dinner before the adults."

Novelties are in Bouaziz's loot bag. Airbrushed baseball caps, custom dog tags and personalized rice grains spice up weddings and bar or bat mitzvahs.

Cappe offers some funkier options for sassy party planners. A DJ spinning old-school turntables is available, a high-energy experience for guests keen on "scratching." In the same vein, Bouaziz offers a DJ-beatboxer, who can simulate hip-hop beats just with his mouth.

Exclusive to Superfly, says Cappe, is the rent-a-guest idea, where the client secretly hires an actor to attend the function and pretend to be some oddball character. A hockey goalie may suddenly challenge the kids to a shootout, which happened once, Cappe recalls.

"Our rent-a-guests are custom, so the client can choose this actor to be anything at all," he adds.

Bonus frills aside, a basic DJ package hovers in the $1500 range at Superfly. The video add-on, for instance, is an additional $950.

As many DJs attest, you pay for what you get in this business.

"If you get someone cheap, you'll see the difference," warns Bouaziz. At Starr, the minimum price is around $1000 but top-quality DJs and dancers (some from the National Ballet of Canada) can bring the total up to $5000.

Clients shouldn't worry too much about buying deluxe packages, says Cappe.

"If you hire a good DJ who knows his music, you won't need any extras."

Cappe stresses the importance of honesty.

"[DJs] should work within their client's budget and not offer something that they don't need. If my client will survive with four lights, I won't try to sell him eight lights."

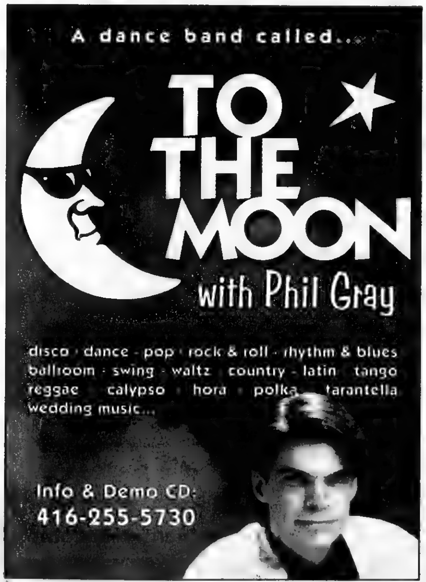
On DJ-client connection, Bouaziz says, "DJs should work with the party rather than for the party."

That raises an interesting trend: DJs can now be part event-co-ordinator. Bouaziz and Cappe both mention how their employees can smooth out party wrinkles when "one parent is going crazy over the smallest details," as Cappe puts it. Advice on videos, florists and catering can ease the burden of anxious planning.

Before the event is even rocking, Cappe suggests foresight.

"You can never book early enough. I have 25 bookings for 2005 already. The longer you wait, the less selection you'll have."

And no one wants to be a test drive for the new 18-year-old DJ.



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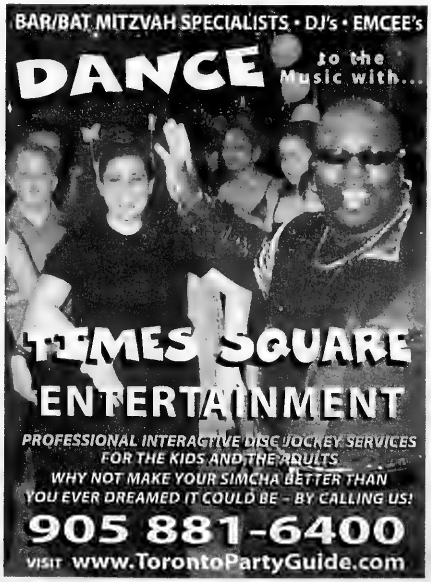

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Give yourself the time to chose the perfect gift

By **ERIC LAYMAN**
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Choosing a gift is important. Forever after, you and the gift could be linked in the mind of the receiver, so give yourself time and choose with care.

What to give?

Here are some ideas from Steven Petroff of A Show of Hands-Petroff Gallery (416-782-1696, 1-877-542-360, www.ashowofhands.com) and Michel Korman of Laurentian Jewellery (416-782-3588).

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"We're not here to make a sale, but a client," Petroff explains.

Petroff Gallery is well-lit, with high ceilings and wide windows. You can stroll among the craft items and enjoy the array of shapes, textures and colours as you make your choice.

You can also bring family, as this gallery is for all ages. There are even things you can reach out and touch.

Petroff Gallery is a craft showcase for one-of-a-kind jewellery, glassware, ceramics, textiles and other items in a variety of media. The textile selection covers everything from tapestries to quilts and scarves.

Among the gifts are kaleidoscopes. These simple objects can offer hours of contemplation, looking at changing patterns as unique as snowflakes.

Of Petroff Gallery's 400 artists, about 80 per cent are Canadian and 10 per cent are Israeli. The gallery is unusual in not demanding that artists show exclusively with it, provided that other galleries showcasing an artist's work aren't close enough to be competitors. However, many artists find it easier to work with one gallery, Petroff says.

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Jewelry subject to fashion trends

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The gallery's large Judaica selection, represented in all media, includes challah boards and covers, kiddush cups and candlesticks. This close to Chanukah, you may be thinking of chanukiyot, and Petroff has plenty, along with a wide range of bar and bat mitzvah gifts.

There are also lots of mezuzot, including "kosher" klafs (scrolls) separate from mezuzah containers themselves. Also, Petroff carries wearable mezuzah necklaces.

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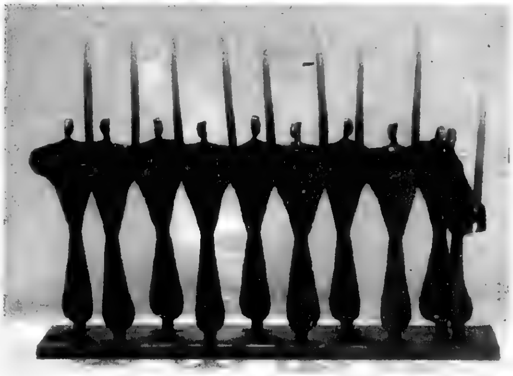
Jewelry and precious stones have been given as gifts from time immemorial. To the beauty and the economic value of precious metal or stone, Laurentian Jewellery's gifts add the artistic value of crafted work.

As one of the hardest substances in the world, a diamond is forever, or close to it, and precious metals, malleable as they are, are durable, so it makes sense that diamonds and jewels would symbolize feelings of lasting value.

Yet Korman believes that much of the value we attach to jewelry is created by social conditioning. We value it because we've been told time and again that we should.

Conditioning or not, the feelings are very strong, and cost and rarity mean that a ring or bracelet is not chosen lightly. The recipient knows this, and sees the choice of gift not as an impulse, but the result of careful thought and durable feelings. Jewelry is also personal in a very physical way, Korman points out: you wear it next your skin.

Durable as jewelry is, it is subject to fashions and trends. Korman cites wristwatches as an example: good ones used to be costly, given only to those in their teens or older. Inexpensive, reliable quartz movements have changed that, and watches are now seen as suitable gifts for people of all ages.



A simchah menorah by artist Boris Kramer from Petroff Gallery

Korman has noticed that one item that's popular with men and women, both young and old, is the stainless steel nomination bracelet. Each link is individual, and can be removed or added and set with a stone, an initial or whatever you like. You can also add to the bracelet according to your means and taste.

A diamond, says Korman, is always a good idea, but there are lots of other kinds of stones, and not just precious ones.

Yet sometimes, he says, the best gift is a simple band of gold.

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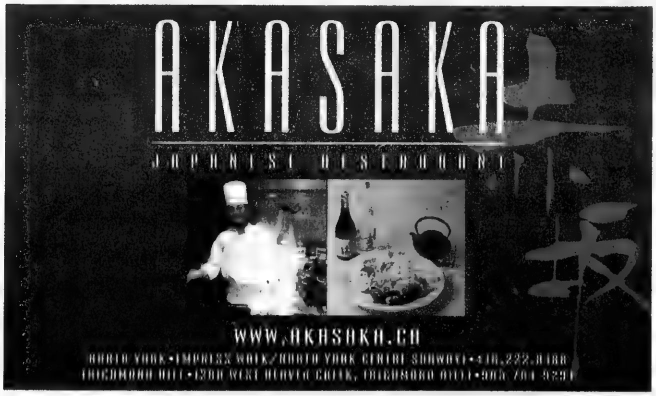

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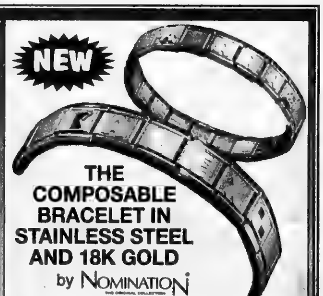

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Entertainment from clowns to food

By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

In the entertainment field, there's no end to new ideas.

There's a lot of competition these days, and if you're going to be in the field, you need to think big. This is the view of Michele Revivo, owner and operator of Party Props (905-417-3280). Her motto is: "Go big, or go home."

It's no longer enough to stay one step ahead of the competition. Entertainers, says Revivo, need "to create entirely new directions, the barriers to which are extremely high."

Only if an idea is a challenge for the entertainer to create will it be a challenge for competitors to match.

Besides having their own ideas, the entertainers you choose should listen to your ideas.

"Most of the time," says Revivo, "it's clients that come up with great ideas."

Revivo began her career as an esthetician. But as she talked to her clients, she realized how high the demand for creative fun was. She set out to meet the demand, becoming a one-stop shop for everything that helps make parties a success.

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Today her business carries such items as airbrush tattoos, airbrushed and stencilled T-shirts, novelties from glow necklaces to body strobe lights, pop tops (pop can tabs made into personalized jewelry), makeup, costumes, sparkle dust, body glitter and hair dyeing, a wide range of other accessories and food.

Party Props recently made an exclusive deal with Yogen Früz to give individual and corporate hosts the chance to serve frozen yogurt and related novelties at their parties.

The two companies created a portable kiosk to serve the product. As part of the kiosk or a separate item, there's a machine for fruity ice and slushies. (Adults can add alcohol.)

Party Props has also signed another exclusive deal with BRANDFUSION to create a Kernels Popcorn flavour station. You can rent a stand-alone machine for plain popcorn or Kernels can set up at your party in a way that's like their retail outlets, with popcorn for each guest and a variety of seasonings.

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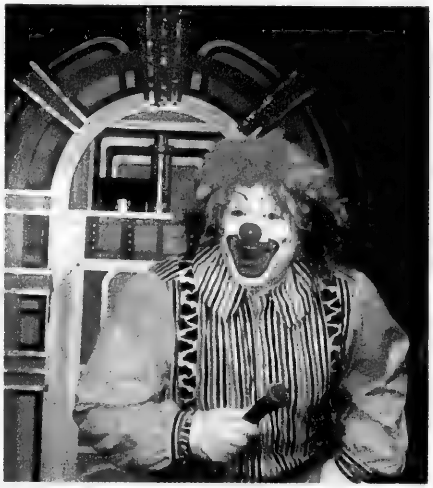
Shane Farberman of Farco Entertainment is also known as Doo Doo the International Clown (416-226-1108; www.farcoentertainment.com). As the father of three young children, he knows what makes kids laugh.

Farberman enjoys performing and he likes it even more when he gets the whole audience to participate, parents as well as kids.

"I'm getting paid to have fun," he laughs. "And every event is a different experience. I'm always writing new material."

He began performing in 1980 in the greater Toronto area. Since then, he has entertained thousands at festivals, fairs, trade shows and private parties in Canada and around the world. For seven years, he's had his own cable TV show.

His clients have included Planet Hollywood, American Express and Yamaha. He enjoys everything from kids' parties to corporate events with thousands of guests, and his love of performing and pleasing his clients makes him popular with families as much as companies.



Shane Farberman is hiding behind Doo Doo's makeup.

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No end to new ideas

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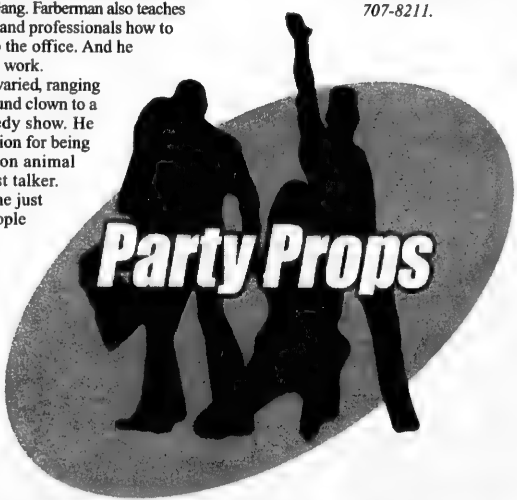
Farberman has been a master of ceremonies at major children's events such as Time For Children, KIDS FEST, the Canadian National Exhibition and the Western Fair in London, Ont. He's also emceed for Chinese New Year Festival 1999.

Besides opening for celebrities, he's done parties for their kids, and had parts in movies. He recently performed with Wide Mouth Mason and the Shoppers Gang. Farberman also teaches CEOs, executives and professionals how to bring humour into the office. And he does some charity work.

His shows are varied, ranging from a walk-a-round clown to a full magic-comedy show. He also has a reputation for being the fastest balloon animal maker and fastest talker. Mostly, though, he just likes to make people laugh.

Other entertainers advertising in this supplement are: Debi Sander Walker Entertainment, 905-275-4744; Debi Sander Walker Entertainment Ontario, 905-770-0231; Party Impressions, 416-525-7243; Lorraine Kimsa Theatre For Young People, 416-363-5131; Magic By Jordan, 905-764-8835; ,416-923-7200; Party Extras, 905-707-9919; Wonderful World of Circus, 905-479-2411; Beyond Sound, 416-468-3681; Freedom of Sound, 905-760-0040; Pure Gold Karaoke Productions, 905-762-9261; Hart Entertainment, 416-762-2200; Magen Boys Entertainment Ltd., 416-569-TWIN; Starr Productions, 905-707-8211.



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Before you buy your wedding gown, you need to conduct a little research so that you will know which styles, fabrics and prices suit your ceremony, wedding reception and budget.

Avoid being overwhelmed by all the stunning gowns you will see in the bridal shop. Instead, take some time to prepare yourself. The stores are filled with national bridal magazines and many of them are accessible online. Get a feel for what's on the market or what can be made-to-order by a dressmaker.

Another good place to do research is in your own cupboard. Take note of your clothes and notice the necklines, sleeves, fabrics and other features that you tend to wear. It is important to seek out the styles that suit you. Also note the clothes that you rarely wear because they aren't right for you. Avoid these styles when you shop for a gown.

Also before you set out, call a few bridal salons and set up appointments so that you will receive immediate assistance. It's almost an in-house education because you will discover what styles take time to make, the extra charges for alterations and all the time it takes to go for fittings and find matching accessories.

Leave yourself as much time as possible before the wedding because the dress you wear may take time to import or sew or alter. For ready-to-wear, the gown will be ordered from the manufacturer's size chart according to your measurements, regardless of the size of the sample.

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Alternative ketubot online

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

In 1969, the typical ketubah was a plain, printed form that was filled out by a rabbi and then stashed into a drawer by the newlywed couple.

The ketubah, the Jewish marriage contract, originates from the fifth century BCE, shortly after the return from the Babylonian exile. Over the centuries, ketubot were beautifully adorned with designs reflecting the regions in which they were made. One can tell whether a historic ketubah is from Rome, other regions of Italy, Afghanistan, Persia or Gibraltar.

The practice of decorating the ketubah died out early in the last century. It was revived by an article by artist David Moss about ketubah-making that was published in the early 1970s in the *First Jewish Catalog*, a Whole Earth-type catalogue of everything Jewish.

"There has been a transformation in the function of the ketubah in the couple's marriage preparation, in the ceremony itself, and in the introduction of a work of Jewish art in tens of thousands of homes," Moss wrote. "In the process, a new profession – ketubah-makers or ketubah artists – with hundreds of members has been created."

One of the ketubot makers to come out of the revival is Michael Shapiro.

After finishing his MBA and working briefly in marketing, Shapiro spent some time in Israel, where he studied at Pardes Institute in Jerusalem.

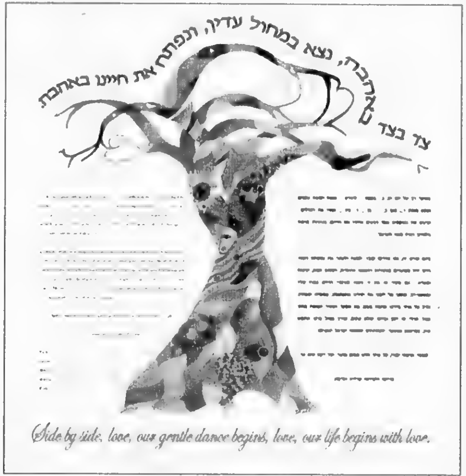
"While I was there, I met my first ketubah artist, and I came up with a business idea that would include Judaism and art, two interests of mine," he says.

Shapiro returned to Toronto, planning to open a Judaica gallery. At the same time, the Internet was burgeoning as a new market.

In 1996, Shapiro launched the Web site Ketubah Ketubah (www.ketubah.com, 416-963-9191).

At that time, artists were making printed ketubot that were more accessible to the public than original works of art, Shapiro says.

"They're less expensive, but with high-quality archival ink and archival paper."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Prices for Ketubah Ketubah's printed ketubot start at $100 and go up to $900 for hand-painted reproductions. The site features a selection of some 300 stunning designs done by more than 40 artists.

"The ketubah is one of the most meaningful and less expensive aspects of the average wedding," Shapiro says.

He says a factor in the revival of the decorative ketubah was the creation of an alternative to the traditional text, in which the groom pledges to care for his bride and promises a sum of money to her in case of divorce or his death. In its time, an era in which women didn't own property, the text was revolutionary in the protection it offered to women.

Ketubah Ketubah offers a choice of texts from all denominations, and are all described on the site. An anniversary text, commemorating the years a couple have spent together as husband and wife and looking ahead to their continued happiness together, is also available.

Ketubah Ketubah recommends that couples consult with their rabbi after they select their text, as rabbis often prefer or require a certain type of ketubah and many of them use only the type of the movement they represent.

Most of Shapiro's clients order through the Web site, but they can also telephone Ketubah Ketubah to ask questions, discuss their requirements or make an appointment to look through samples, Shapiro says.

"We offer personable customer service. We are a Web site with really friendly people behind it."

Ketubah Ketubah's site includes two pages of testimonials from satisfied customers.

One couple, Rick and Angie of Schaumburg, Ill., wrote: "We just wanted to take some time to thank you for all your help in getting our ketubah to us on time. It is beautiful. We couldn't have hoped for anything better. Everyone we have showed it to just loves it. We can't wait to sign it. Thanks so much for putting up with all our questions. You did a great job." Ketubah Ketubah has sold thousands of ketubot, mainly in North America, but also in South America, Europe, Israel, India, Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia and one in China.

"We're the ketubah specialists," Shapiro says. "People can come to us and then there's one less thing to do in planning a wedding.

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For a stress-free party, hire a planner

By ERIC LAYMAN
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The stress of organizing a party has several causes. One is obviously the cost, while another is the emotional charge attached to a milestone event such as a wedding. Yet another is a result of the need to co-ordinate all the facets of your party while working to a deadline.

Together, these factors can put a heavy load on your mind.

You hire a planner to make your party "stress-free and perfect." This is how Lynn Cohen of Lynn Cohen Wedding and Party Planners (905-889-1007), puts it, and Judy Stein of Judy Stein Consulting (905-764-2728) describes her work in a similar way.

Lynn Cohen

Cohen's mother was also a party planner. Since her mother's time, Cohen says, parties have grown bigger and more expensive, as well as more elaborate and demanding. Today, she says, "a planner is a necessity, not a luxury. There are too many facets to co-ordinate."

But how do you choose the planner who is best for you?

"There's no such thing as one size fits all," Stein says. A planner who's ideal for one client might not be for another.

"Find out immediately what her service offers – whether she is always on call and will meet with you again after the initial appointment," Cohen advises, noting that if a planner's job is to relieve stress, she has to be there when you need her.

Financial and organizational issues should be addressed early on in the planning process, Cohen says. As soon as a day is selected, she meets with you and helps design the event around your budget.

"A planner does as little or as much as the client wants," Stein says.

She says her main role is to keep you organized. She can do most of the work herself, or you can do most of it and she will simply be available for consultations.

Cohen and Stein both say that a vital part of their job is helping clients select the professionals, such as the florists and musicians, who will work at a party. Besides knowing what's available, this requires good rapport with suppliers and professionals, so that you get the most for your budget.

Most clients, in Stein's experience, want to do some things themselves while delegating others, and they may want to work alongside the planner on yet other parts of a simchah. In any case, your planner needs input from you as to what you want to do yourself and what you intend to leave to her.

However, Stein points out, the ultimate responsibility always rests with you. You're the one who decides who is hired, because you sign the contracts.

Stein says her experience is a key asset to her clients, while another is her ability to have a calming effect on a simchah.

"Humour plays a role in lightening things up from time to time," she says.

Stein says she has been a consultant long enough to know how to set priorities and deal with the unexpected. What may seem like a crisis to you is likely to be something she has dealt with many times before.

Cohen also places a high value on her experience. She says that planning and co-ordinating two wedding and bar/bat mitzvah shows a year for the past 11 years for Jewish clients has kept her "in tune with everyone's needs."

She adds that party planners network among themselves, so if she learns of a good new linen supplier, for example, she will tell her colleagues. Likewise, if she sees someone else doing something she likes, she will add it to her professional repertoire.

Judy Stein [Signature photography]

It also helps, says Stein, if your planner has an innovative streak and can come up with fun ideas on her own. And a planner should know how to keep kids happy, she adds.

Stein says she wants to help her clients enjoy the planning process as well as the party itself. To this end, she has to enjoy working with you. Fortunately, she says, most people are likeable, and she says she enjoys bringing out the best in them.

Stein's says he first meeting with a client is just to ask questions and establish a rapport.

For the client, the process may feel scary, like jumping into a swimming pool, but don't worry, says Stein, "the water's fine."

Indeed, she says she has seen many business relationships endure as friendships long after a simchah has ended.

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Student party planner has found her calling online

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
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Tammy Benlolo started a Web directory for local simchah planners that has, in less than a year, attracted dozens of advertisers and thousands of users a month.

Benlolo, who's 23 and in her third year at York University, launched mysimcha.ca (www.mysimcha.ca, 416-527-5551) last January to help simchah planners to find the services and products they need.

Benlolo discovered there's a large demand for information about party services and products. Currently, about 2,000 users browse through mysimcha.ca each month.

"A lot of individuals who are planning a celebration don't know who to call," Benlolo says.

Mysimcha.ca members offer products and services such as bridal wear, flowers, gift baskets, hair and spa services, honeymoon bookings, invitations, jewellery, limousines, photography, rentals and accessories, videos and venues. The names, addresses and telephone numbers of local Conservative, Orthodox and Reform synagogues, along with catering information, are also included. Members pay a yearly fee of $180 for a display ad on the site.

The site gives users the opportunity to contact members by telephone, by e-mail and to access member Web sites, Benlolo says. She's kept the format of mysimcha.ca simple and easy to navigate, something site members and users appreciate, she says.

A new article about a member business is featured on the site's home page every two weeks, along with a tip-of-the-week provided by a mysimcha.ca member.

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Some businesses contacted by mysimcha.ca were initially a little wary of being on a Web site, Benlolo says, as hers was the only party Web site in Toronto at the time that catered to the Jewish community.

But businesses went ahead and joined mysimcha.ca because they knew they had to keep up with technology and get online. And they've been amazed by the response to their ads.

Mysimcha.ca also includes a section for community listings

"I know members have received quite a bit of business," Benlolo says.

Mysimcha.ca is ranked no. 1 for simchah planning on such search engines as Ask Jeeves, America Online, Google and Yahoo, which means that anyone who searches on those engines for anything related to simchah planning in Toronto will find mysimcha.ca.

Mysimcha.ca also includes a section for community listings. Benlolo, who is going to be a leader for a Birthright Israel trip this December and next year, has a long history of involvement in the Jewish community.

"That's why I wanted to do the Web site," she says.

Last September, mysimcha.ca launched the first of its quarterly presentations on various aspects of simchah planning with the topic of how to choose a caterer. The panel included representatives from local caterers Tri Elm Catering, Opulence Catering and Zuchter Berk Creative Caterers. The event was such a success that people started to ask about the next one right afterward, Benlolo says.

Her inspiration for mysimcha.ca comes from being a teenage party planner. She says she organized a few parties when she was 17 and enjoyed it, and "realized a couple of years ago that there wasn't a Web site that offered this service."

It's a juggling act for Benlolo to work on mysimcha.ca – she has a sales staff of 20 – while majoring in English at university.

"I'm finding they're both my priorities," she says. "One is getting an education, and that's very important, and the second is my future."

She adds that she's still young and should be taking out more time for recreation, but that her work at mysimcha.ca is her passion.

"I found myself early," she says.

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This year, anything goes in womenswear

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

The trend in this season's clothing for women is that there is no trend, says Ginette Beauchamp, owner of Quasar Mode (416-964-1214), a women's clothing store at 1240 Bay St.

"This year, anything goes. Most designers realize that women have minds of their own, and they wear what enhances their bodies and personalities. Clothing should make women look good and feel confident," she says.

Beauchamp, who has run her store at the same location for 25 years, carries clothing from France and jewelry from Israel designed by Ayalla Bar.

"We emphasize casual chic, and we try to bring in original collections that enhance a woman's uniqueness," Beauchamp says.

Quasar Mode's clothing is size-friendly and comes in sizes 6 to 16.

"One designer, Chacoc, is known for his softly structured clothes in bold colours and flowing fabrics. He designs his pieces with elasticized waists in order to maximize comfort," Beauchamp says.

His colours are meant to be a contrast to the dark, grey colours of the city, she says.

"His prints are mood-enhancing and contribute to a feeling of well-being. From season to season, he emphasizes magenta, reds, fuchsia, and prints in reds, pinks and oranges. When these prints are created artistically the result is outstanding," Beauchamp says.

"We do sell lots of black suits and dresses, but when we display the colourful pieces in our windows, we wake up the window shoppers. Chacoc's originality makes his line of clothing never in fashion, but always in fashion."

When buying for her store, Beauchamp looks for clothing that is useful and versatile. "Women want to be able to wear their clothes to work, change their shoes and jewelry and then go out for the evening.

"It costs too much money to buy one outfit for one occasion. Women today want to dress up in a more casual way.

"Take a pair of black pants or skirt, top it with a jersey top or a sweater accented with leather or ribbons, and then add a pair of high heel boots, and you can go from the office to dinner."

Beauchamp also carries two collections that are machine washable and that pack up easily for travel. "Polyester has been redone, so it's comfortable and great looking. Women want clothes to work for them, and some of the manmade fabrics do just that."

One black pantsuit has a bolero jacket that is tied at the front, and has a soft lapel that drapes at the neck

"The jacket can be worn with a shirt during the day, and then alone for the evening. Clothes that can be transformed are a traveller's treat," she says.

Other women's fashion places advertising in this supplement are: Celebration Shoes, 416-703-2789; K. Barketti, 416-225-6733; Mark Anhang Design, 416-789-0373.

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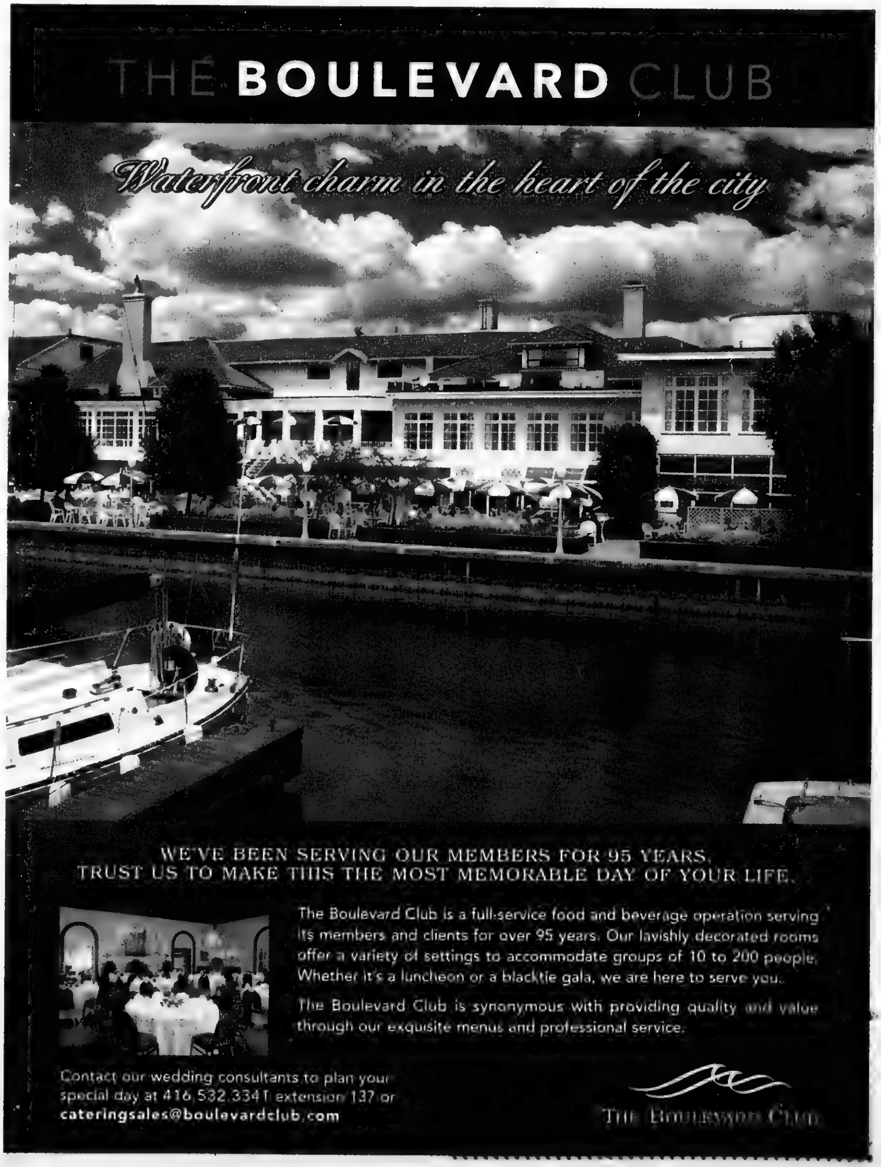
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Party venues offer one-stop convenience

By ADAM SEGAL
Special to The CJN

Between the chairs, food and music, simply getting everything to your party venue in one piece may be a challenge.

That's why an increasing number of venues are offering one-stop-shopping services.

"We're trying to combine all of our clients' wants and needs under one roof," says Sam D'Uva of the Eglinton Grand.

D'Uva says the facility is affiliated with kosher caterers, and it also provides clients with tables, chairs and linens while offering such amenities as state-of-the-art lighting and sound.

The entrance to the Eglinton Grand

"We're trying to give our clients the finest [services] for the most reasonable price," D'Uva says.

Sharon MacLeod of the Boulevard Club offers hosts some valuable tips on searching for a venue that suits your tastes.

"Make sure the capacity is adequate for your event," says MacLeod, noting that the Boulevard Club can accommodate up to 250 people for a sit-down affair.

MacLeod said booking inquiries are growing by the day and she advises people to secure a venue at least a year before their big event.

"I have people inquiring into 2005," she says.

While the services offered by a venue are important, its appearance and overall ambience are also key.

D'Uva notes that the Eglinton Grand was once the lavish Eglinton Theatre, a movie house built in the 1930s that has been renovated with design characteristics tailored to parties, such as new acoustic-sensitive ceilings.

The Boulevard Club is located on Toronto's lakeshore, providing what MacLeod describes as a "cottage" feel.

"You don't feel like you're in Toronto. You feel like you're at a lake, up north perhaps."

MacLeod said the club has a back lawn area by the lake that is popular for outdoor parties.

D'Uva says it's important when you're shopping around to be vigilant about pricing.

"The one thing you've got to be careful of is the extras," he says.

"We're going to tell you up front exactly what the price is for everything."

Both facilities are affiliated with suppliers of party necessities, from bands to wedding cakes, and they're happy to recommend them to clients. But D'Uva and MacLeod note clients have the freedom to choose unaffiliated suppliers.

The Eglinton Grand is located at 400 Eglinton Avenue W. and can be reached at 416-485-5900.

The Boulevard club is located at 1491 Lakeshore Boulevard W. Contact MacLeod at 416-532-3341 ext. 137.

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Registries: Convenience in a wish list

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

People join gift registries to avoid getting duplicates of the same item, like five toaster ovens or three woks, or ending up with presents they don't need.

But registries have other advantages, too. A gift registry eliminates family and friends' uncertainty when they're shopping. They won't be asking themselves questions such as which shade of blue matches the bride's bathroom when they're looking at towels.

Even for a small wedding or a housewarming, guests will appreciate the convenience of a gift registry.

Davids Fine Linens carries an array of distinctive bedding.

In addition to linen, Deblins also carries unique Israeli pottery.

Couples holding housewarmings may have well-established households, but they have as good a reason to register as those who have nothing because there's even a greater chance that they'll receive items they don't need.

A gift registry works like this: the store records the items that are selected by the bride, including colours and other specifics. Family and friends get a wish list at the store, which they carry with them while they browse. To avoid duplication, the store keeps track of all the purchases made, and then provides a record of the gifts, simplifying the task of sending thank-you notes.

That describes the gift-registry service at Deblins Linens (www.deblins.com), with one difference. The store's three locations, in Vaughan (905-264-0975), Toronto (416-782-2910) and Mississauga (905-820-1509), are interconnected, owner Ellis Chitiz says. If a purchase is made at one of the Deblins' locations, it's automatically recorded at the other two.

Deblins features brand-name and designer bedding as well as towels and table linens at a 20 to 30 per cent discount. Experienced sales associates are on hand to help the bride select items. They should be in a wide range of prices so guests can find gifts that are within their budgets.

Chitiz suggests registering at Deblins no more than three months before a special event because some lines, other than certain imports and basics such as damask tablecloths and solid-colour towels, have a short life in the store.

The majority of the lines in Deblins are dropped within two years, he says, unless they are strong sellers throughout North America. If the bride registers three months in advance, her guests should have no trouble finding the lines they're looking for on the shelves of one of the store's locations.

Deblins provides cards that the bride can distribute to her guests to spread the word that she is registered at the store. Both the bride's mother and her financé's mother should understand how the registry works as they'll likely receive many requests for the information. And it's perfectly acceptable for registry information to be included on shower invitations.

Chitiz says customers can shop by telephone – a sales associate can bring up the wish list – but he recommends going into one of the Deblins locations.

"People are more productive if they do it themselves," Chitiz says. "If they have the time, it's always better to shop in person."

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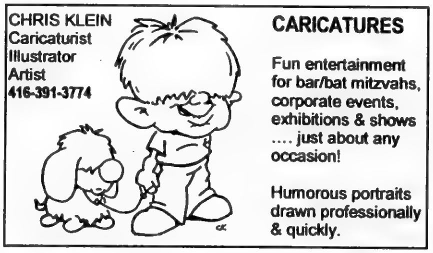
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The convenience of registries

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Although it's preferable to shop in person, that may be impossible for out-of-towners. Some gift registries include delivery (sometimes free), which means the gift will be delivered whether or not they can make it to the celebration.

Davids Fine Linens (416-590-7311, www.davidsfinelinens.com) has a toll-free telephone number (1-877-591-1115) for the convenience of out-of-town guests and the store delivers most gifts free of charge.

Located in charming Bayview Village, Davids Fine Linens carries an array of distinctive bedding, towels and table linens.

When a bride registers at Davids, an interior designer – there are two on staff – helps her to select items she would like to receive and suggests designs or colours she might not have considered.

David Saini, the owner of Davids Fine Linens, recommends joining his gift registry at least a month before the special event.

His gift-registry service includes cards that the bride can distribute to alert friends and family of the registry. Besides telling her mother and future mother-in-law that she's registered at Davids, and getting the information printed on her shower invitations, she should keep the cards in her purse or wallet or near the telephone, so they'll be handy when she needs one.

Saini says gift registries ensure that customers get merchandise they need.

"Otherwise they will get stuff they already have, gifts that will be dust collectors," he says.

Registering at places like Davids and Deblins eliminates gift-buying uncertainty.

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One-stop gown shopping at Ritché's

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

Ritché's carries well made gowns.

Ritché's Couture offers the bride-to-be one-stop shopping, with a selection of 1,000 lovely gowns in a wide range of prices and all the accessories she needs.

The shop's bridal gowns range in price from $800 to $4,000, with good variety in all price points, says Vivian Prussky, who runs Ritché's (416-789-4378, www.ritchebridal.com) along with her husband, Arthur. Prussky's father, Jack Ritch, opened the business in 1952.

Ritché's carries well-made bridal gowns with stunning beadwork in the lower price end, Prussky says, and recently she's added a few new styles in the $2,000 range. In the higher end, the $3,000 to $4,000 range, Ritché's features various designer lines, including one by Californian Amy Michelson, who is known for creating evening wear for Hollywood stars.

Michelson's elegant silk bridal gowns, in flattering bias cuts, are available in Canada exclusively at Ritché's.

When a bride comes into Ritché's for her first appointment, Prussky says, she first discusses gown styles with one of the store's consultants, who helps her try on dresses until she's found the one the perfect one.

"The consultants here know the stock better than they know their own closets," she says.

If a bride has a certain type of dress in mind, the consultant will find it.

Prussky adds that most brides order their gowns on their first or second visit to the store.

After the gown is delivered, it's time for the bride's first fitting. She'll need accessories, a veil, a head piece, shoes and undergarments – all available from Ritché's.

"We have everything they need," Prussky says, adding that that includes jewelry.

She suggests brides look for their gowns eight to 12 months before their wedding day, as delivery takes anywhere from four to six months.

"We like to have a few months to do alterations," Prussky says. "[That is] not to say we can't do it in three months, but if you have the time, it's better to work ahead."

Many of this year's gowns are strapless – a style that has been strong in recent seasons – but Prussky says some new necklines are coming into the store, including V-necks and modified sweetheart necks, with a little dip in the neckline, as well as off-the-shoulder styles.

"[There is] a variety of options for the girl who doesn't want to go completely strapless," she says.

Strapless gowns have sent some brides to the gym to tone their arm muscles, but most brides don't need to go to that extreme.

"You don't need body-builder arms to wear a strapless gown," Prussky says. "Even larger girls are wearing strapless dresses or bare arms."

The bride who is self-conscious about her arms also has the option of a dress with sleeves, she adds, pointing out that there are many more of those on the market now.

And with such a vast selection of gowns at Ritché's, in sizes 2 to 28, the size 24 bride has as good a chance of finding a flattering a gown as the size 10 bride has. Prussky says her selection of gowns with modified A-line skirts (not as wide as the traditional A-line skirt) or bias cuts are easy for anyone to wear, and they make for a simple, sophisticated look.

For the mother of the bride, Ritché features elegant evening gowns with some beading, long dresses with short bolero jackets and evening suits with beading or metallic-lace detailing.

Almost anything goes for bridesmaids, be it tea length, full-length, strapless, off-the-shoulder or two-piece. A lot of bridesmaids are buying two-piece outfits with mix-and-match tops and skirts.

While growing up as the daughter of the man who created Ritché's, Prussky says she never took much interest in the family business. That changed when her father asked her to come in for a three-month trial after she finished university.

"That was in 1981 and I'm still here," she says.

Family runs in Ritché's clientele, too.

"We do have second- and third-generation brides," Prussky says. "One grandmother got her dress here 50 years ago and now her granddaughter is getting one.

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Videographer blends in with the party

By SYLVIA BROOKE
Special to The CJN

A video of a special occasion can recreate the sights, sounds and feelings of the day. Videographer Lisa Feinstein of Lisa Productions (905-764-1033) can capture your simchah for posterity.

As the company's owner and main videographer, Feinstein is known and appreciated for her unobtrusive style when working. She has a way of blending in with a party, and clients often remark that they never noticed her filming.

"Most of the people who book me don't want a lot of lights. They want a professional job, not obtrusive, a realistic memory of the party. The video has the actual ambience of how the party was," Feinstein says.

"Whatever's happening naturally, I take it exactly how it is. It's a comfortable way to work."

She can enhance the video with delicate touches. For instance, a bar or bat mitzvah video can open with a short photo montage of a child growing up, followed by a copy of the invitation.

At the end, there could be a recap of the event played to a fitting song. Lots of options are offered, and clients can order as little or as much as they want.

Feinstein has five children, all close to bar or bat mitzvah age, which she says makes it easy for her to relate to children and the significance of the occasion.

She adds her own special touch at the end of a bar or bat mitzvah party by having the honoree say a few words for the camera.

"A little something of what I would like to see in my own kids, I can get from other kids, things that can make a beautiful memory," she says.

Feinstein also makes video yearbooks for camps, including Camp Northland-B'nai Brith and Camp Robin Hood.

Videographer Lisa Feinstein.

Camp Robin Hood's yearbook video features up to 2,000 kids, and each one is in the video.

She also videotapes bar or bat mitzvah rehearsals, because you can't videotape in shul on Shabbat.

"I'm most proud of the relationship I have with my clients. Every video is as exciting as the one before. I like what I do," Feinstein says.

She also stresses the importance of being able to work well with all the other people involved in a simchah.

"I have a really high respect and rapport with all the tradespeople involved – the photographers, DJs, planners, etc." she says, adding that a good relationship between party professionals "enhances the party that much more. That's very important."

Other videographers advertising in this supplement are:

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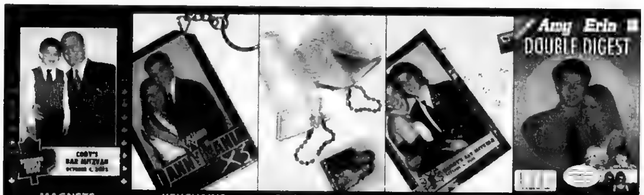

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Who is writing your speech?

By DAVID SILVERBERG
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We've all felt the thudding pain of dull speeches. Some of us napped through them, ate or talked over them, and perhaps we wondered: Who wrote this?

Certainly not professional speechwriters, whose job it is to electrify words to shape plodding speakers into memorable orators.

"I take the clay and I mould it," says Joanne Brodkin, of Well Spoken (905-760-0073), on how she describes her role as a speechwriter. She goes on to explain why her service is required, with so much skepticism about hiring a professional to pen a personal story.

"Some people can write but they don't have the time," she says. "Other people don't know how to add flair to the writing and, as we all know, guests get annoyed with lousy speeches."

Annette Cohen-Hoffman agrees.

"Half the speeches I hear are awful, but when I hear a great speech, I know it right away," says the president of My Words, Your Style (416-938-2941). Her company name reflects her business philosophy, she says.

"It may be my words but without the client's style and delivery, my words would never be heard."

Annette Cohen-Hoffman

To achieve that result, Cohen-Hoffman meets with her clients twice to find out the details that will go into the speech. For an entire family that requests speeches, she'll conduct a total of 10 interviews.

To capture a person's essence, Brodkin says she studies a person's syntax and word use, so "it appears that the person wrote it. I don't want them to tell me that they wouldn't use such-and-such word, so I have to find out how they talk."

As well, humour should never elbow into serious business.

"I always think about portraying the person in the most sensitive way," says Cohen-Hoffman.

Cohen-Hoffman charges $118 per speech, which includes a free revision. Additional edits cost $25 each.

Cohen-Hoffman also writes poems, birthday cards, candle lighting speeches and eulogies for $118 each.

She relates a story that portrays her service as almost altruistic. At a wedding three months ago, a family decided to mention an estranged father in a speech after having doubts. Cohen-Hoffman prodded the family into including the father, and her determination was later appreciated: the father died from lung cancer three weeks after the wedding, and the family was able to make amends.

Joanne Brodkin

Speechwriters need to be sympathetic. Brodkin says conveyed emotions are the most memorable area of bar mitzvahs and weddings, and Cohen-Hoffman uses a well-worn but apt cliché: "These words speak from the heart."

A real-estate dealer by day, Cohen-Hoffman says her sales job works with the same intense emotions that constitute speechmaking: compassion, understanding, patience and creativity.

Clients may also assume that writing speed is integral (Brodkin says she can craft a speech in 24 hours), but more lead time is preferable and it is best to write it a month before the event.

Brodkin charges between $125 and $150, and her packages include all meetings and edits.

Ironically, referrals drive the speechwriting business, yet they're also quite difficult to come by since most clients prefer to hide the fact that they hired someone to write their speech.

"Only way after the event do some people admit it," says Brodkin.

"But, after all, [U.S. President George W.] Bush uses speechwriters. Everyone knows that."

In fact, Brodkin met former White House speechwriter David Frum, and she asked for advice on how to further her career. Frum said to her: "Find someone you believe in."

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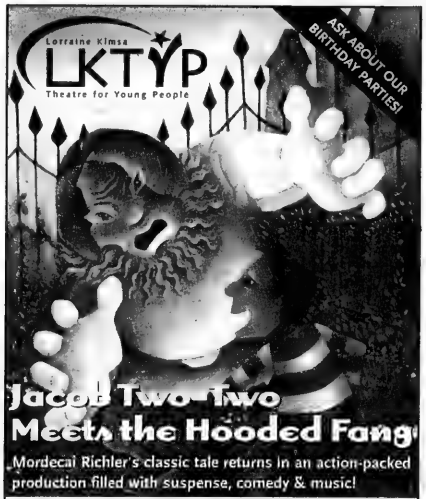

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Photographer considers his pictures 'pieces of art'

By ADAM SEGAL
Special to The CJN

Photographs of special affairs provide everlasting memories, so as a party host, you want to ensure that the camera captures your most precious moments, from start to finish.

That's why photographer Adrian Holmes works the room all night long.

"I take pictures until the action has stopped," says Holmes, of Adrian Holmes Photography.

"That's one thing my clients appreciate."

Clients also appreciate when a photographer's sense of style meshes well with their own tastes, he says.

Holmes describes himself as having a contemporary style, although he mixes a flair for the modern with traditional shots, depending on what a client is seeking and the type of affair.

"These days, people are requesting [both] formal [and] more candid images," he says.

Holmes urges prospective party hosts to find a photographer they're comfortable with.

And along with comfort, he advises, make sure the photographer has a keen eye for detail and a quality level that surpasses his or her competitors.

> 'I take pictures until the action has stopped.'

"The images I take have an extra flair to them," Holmes said. "That's my style."

Holmes says his photographs "tell a story."

At one affair, he took a series of shots that captured the bride's day, from her time getting ready right up to the moment of the ceremony.

"I put these images together using digital technology in a collage poster," he said.

"When you look at the different pieces, you get a feeling for the whole night."

These days, an increasing number of photographers are using digital technology, but Holmes says there is still an allure for taking shots the old-fashioned way.

"I like to think of my images as more than just pictures," he said. "I like to them of them as pieces of art."

To contact Adrian Holmes, call 416-481-9522.

Other photographers advertising in this supplement are:

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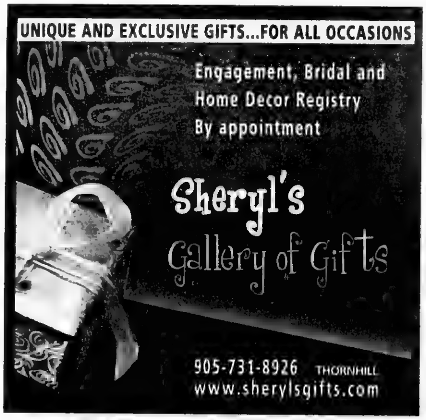
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Annie's Art House 'almost an overnight success'

By **BARBARA SILVERSTEIN**
Special to The CJN

Fun and creativity are a winning combination at Annie's Art House (416-781-7767), a party venue that appeals to children of all ages.

The art centre, located at 3177 Bathurst St., holds parties with custom-designed projects for boys and girls in a wide variety of age ranges.

You can also find Annie's art tables at bar and bat mitzvahs. In fact, adults are even throwing parties at Annie's for showers and special birthdays.

Lisa Litowitz, the owner of Annie's, says she set out to create a different kind of party experience. "The parties are fantastic. The kids are totally engaged. It's an interactive experience. The kids are so proud of their creations."

She describes the projects as "funky and functional. Many of the parents want to dig in and do the crafts themselves, and they do. That creative excitement has led to adult parties, showers, 40th birthdays and more."

Litowitz prides herself on her wide selection of projects, which include painting T-shirts, beaded jewelry, mosaic mirrors, decoupage tissue boxes and Shrinky Dink charm bracelets.

"We custom-tailor the theme of the project to the client or child's interest. For instance, we had one client whose son loved trains, so we put trains around bulletin boards, which the kids painted.

"We also do a lot of princess parties. The kids make crowns and wands."

All the creations are wrapped up in a fancy loot bag and parents can "jazz up the bag" if they wish, says Litowitz.

Annie's has two studios and can accommodate up to 28 people for an event. For parties, one room is used for the art activity and the second is set up for the party.

The fee of $20 per person includes the art supplies, invitations and gift wrapping, says Litowitz. "We provide great staff, so the parents can watch and enjoy the experience. Our talented and supportive staff make the parties and fun and stimulating."

Annie's also offers weekly art lessons for children of all ages on site, as well as after-school and lunchtime programs at a number of local schools. The art centre also plans programs and trains staff for the arts and crafts programs at Zodiac Swim and Specialty Camp and Camp Wahanowin.

A group of happy children at an event hosted by Annie's Art House

It's an impressive slate of activities, especially considering that Annie's Art House only opened in the fall of 2001.

"It was almost an overnight success," says Litowitz. "We ran our first day of parties in the summer of 2001 before we even opened. There was a great demand for the service."

Litowitz started the art centre after leaving the corporate world. She had been a fashion buyer with an extensive travel schedule, but the lifestyle was hard on her young family.

When she saw the Bathurst Street storefront vacant – it was formerly a beauty parlour– she tried to think of a business that would suit the location.

"I tried to figure what would be an interesting business to serve the community."

She decided it would make an excellent venue for art parties and programs to serve young families in the neighbourhood.

"We offer a special twist to what we do. We carry unique supplies and we have wonderful artists and students on staff."

Today, parties make up 50 per cent of the business, she says.

The business is named after Litowitz's late grandmother, Anne Litowitz, who lived in the neighbourhood and frequented the store when it was a beauty parlour. "She had her hair done there for 30 years."

For Litowitz, Annie's Art House allows her to combine her creativity with her business savvy.

"I am really enjoying myself because I'm combining my love of business and my creative artistic side."

And she's always on scouting out new projects. "I'm always looking for unique ideas and treatments and supplies to stay current. That's why we say our art is funky and functional."

She says the classes and camps have not yet repeated any of their art projects.

"I go to hobby trade shows and fashion trade shows in my search for inspiration and new materials. Creating the ideas and programs is my favourite part of the business."

Annie's is also enjoyed by Litowitz's two children, Leah Goldstein, 6, and Sammy Goldstein, 8. "My kids help test projects and join in many of the weekly programs. My husband [Robbie] also helps out. It's a real family affair."

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The Chocolate Moose makes simchahs sweet

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

The Chocolate Moose (2839 Bathurst St.) is a very sweet place. The store is brimming with a wide selection of chocolates – as well as nut brittles and nougats – in all kinds of shapes and sizes.

"We do pareve and chalav Yisrael," says Bev Kruger, owner and founder of The Chocolate Moose (416-784-9092).

Chocolate is ideal for any simchah or celebration, she says. "Any time is an occasion for chocolate. Chocolate goes with everything."

She stresses that she uses the finest quality Belgian chocolate, and the parve chocolate is usually 53 per cent cocoa.

She notes that chocolate with 70 per cent cocoa, which has been shown to have some health benefits, is also available at Chocolate Moose.

All the chocolate is handmade on the premises, from tempering to moulding, and The Chocolate Moose is known for its custom work, Kruger says.

Smash cakes are very popular, she adds. "We can customize the cake for whatever theme people want.

"We do moulds of flowers, sports items and animals. We just did a Noah's ark as part of a sweet table, for the centrepiece."

The Chocolate Moose also carries a wide array of filled chocolates. The chocolate turtles and nut brittles are very popular items, Kruger says.

A delicious novelty item is the chocolate fountain, she says. "We rent it out for parties. It's usually part of a sweet table. The chocolate flows continuously. People dip fruit, cookies and marshmallows into the chocolate."

The Chocolate Moose also offers holiday trays and customized gift baskets for all occasions and corporate gifts, Kruger says. "We have a selection of gift-ware and collectibles that can be customized with various chocolates. We also do delivery."

The Chocolate Moose began as a home business some 10 years ago. "It started out as a hobby, a nice small second income," Kruger says. "Then it took over my life, and that was it."

Originally she worked out of the tiny kitchen at Ohr Somayach on Bathurst Street south of Lawrence Avenue. When she had to vacate those premises about five years ago, she had a choice, she says: "Close up shop or expand."

> 'Any time is an occasion for chocolate. Chocolate goes with everything.'

Demand had been growing, so Kruger moved the business to its present storefront location at Bathurst and Glencairn, and she hired some assistants.

"When we moved here, the business took off. I'm grateful to have excellent staff to assist me."

Kruger says providing excellent service is very important. "We take pride in what we do, and we try and accommodate people as much we can. We try to make people happy.

"We're always catering to a simchah. This is a happy and sweet business."

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Is men's fashion history repeating itself?

By ERIC LAYMAN
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Strict dress codes and the wear-anything approach both make life easy, but in different ways. With the former, you're spared the effort of choice, whereas the latter look lets you follow your impulses.

For many companies, even at the height of the casual trend, a white or light-blue shirt, tie and suit remained the rule. Today, more firms are following a trend toward dressing up.

Occupation and context also play a role in determining style. Bankers dress conservatively because someone who's cautious with clothing is considered more likely to manage your money cautiously. From someone who writes ad copy, people expect more flair. And, in many cases, office wear is less formal than what you wear when seeing clients.

Bottom line: real life is complex, and you still need to make decisions. Mark Weinberg of Ponti Menswear (905-513-7772), and Jeff Skurka of Classica Imports (416-785-8146) have some ideas that may help you.

Weinberg ascribes the move away from casual wear partly to the economy. Competition is stiff, and everyone wants to make a positive first impression.

"You have to look the part," he says, and power dressing tells everyone that you're reliable.

Skurka agrees. "It's tuxes for a wedding, and suits for the office," he says. (He adds that with a tux, the long tie is in and the bow tie out.)

But power dressing has gained in elegance, Weinberg states. Details such as French cuffs and monogrammed sleeves are in, for instance.

For a bar mitzvah, Skurka says, it's harder to decide what to wear. The teen crowd's idea of party wear is likely to differ from that of their elders, to say the least. And the two or three generations of adults at a bar mitzvah party will each dress differently.

For some things, Skurka finds it harder to talk about trends. Some men, for example, want the traditional two-button tuxedo, but he's selling lots of three-button tuxes too. Formal black and grey ties with white shirts are in, but accessories such as cummerbunds and suspenders are out.

But casual office wear has become sophisticated and classy, with quality materials and workmanship, Weinberg notes. In some offices, "casual" means a jacket and tie, but in a wider range of fabrics, colours and patterns. And where a tie is not de rigueur, Skurka observes, pullovers with casual, dressy pants are often popular.

In both Weinberg's and Skurka's opinions, newer fabrics encourage the trend to formality, because they make dressing up comfortable. These materials range widely in price, but even the cheaper ones are light and strong, and they tend not to wrinkle much.

Among the most important new fabrics, Weinberg names microfibres and "super 120s" in wools. Both he and Skurka also take special note of Italian stretch corduroys, which fit well without wrinkling or bulging.

Trends in clothing are cyclical, Weinberg says. The cycles start with young people, who want to distinguish themselves from the older generation. With the passage of time, this young generation becomes the establishment, only to be succeeded by a generation of youngsters who don't want to look like them.

Weinberg has seen a dandy phase where men wear flashier clothes, followed by a tendency to become more casual, followed by a tendency to dress up, but in a less flashy, more elegant way.

So history does repeat itself, but with variations. "Flat black and blue," observes Weinberg, "are still 90 per cent of my suit sales." But new fabrics and weaving technology have made textures more interesting, and you're more likely to see a herringbone or diagonal weave than in days past.

Skurka has noticed a strong interest in double button cuffs. And a lot of young men want a shirt they can wear outside their pants, not tucked in.

People seldom give clothes as gifts anymore, Skurka says. Fit and taste vary too much from person to person, and there's more variety on the shelves, to suit personal preferences.

Fashions or not, you have to be comfortable with your clothes, both in body and in mind. When you buy a garment, advises Weinberg, consider your own physique and preferences.

And when you shop at a good store, Weinberg says, the sales staff will take your body build and preferences into consideration, so listen to them. They're not just interested in making one sale – they want you to be happy with what you buy, so you'll come back.

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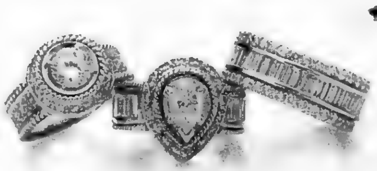

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Consultants help ensure everything runs smoothly

By SYLVIA BROOKE
Special to The CJN

Every simchah should create beautiful memories, and sometimes a little help is needed to ensure everything runs smoothly, with no glitches. Party consultants Sheryl and Irv Bielas of An Event to Remember, (905-771-0038), provide sound advice and bring years of experience to their clients.

The party consultant acts as a liaison between the client and party professionals. Be it a bar or bat mitzvah, wedding or corporate function, the consultant can attend meetings with photographers, florists, orchestra leaders or others involved in the event, and advise the client about decisions that need to be made. In the days leading up to the event, he or she confirms that all necessary people and arrangements are in place for the big day.

On the day of the party, the consultants continue working closely with the party professionals so that everything runs smoothly. Sheryl notes they can help in creating "party or colour themes, room décor, special audio-visual presentations and floor plans."

Working with one of Toronto's top event planners for several years, Sheryl was able to hone her organizational skills while developing good relationships with many party professionals. More recently, as parents of two grown daughters, she and her husband have become more aware of the wishes of a bar and bat mitzvah. They help ensure that all attending enjoy themselves, whether teenager or teetotaler. Their skills can be helpful in speechwriting, candlelighting or special toasts.

Sheryl remembers one event in particular. The sprinkler systems went off right when the father was giving his speech. "We were able to calm everyone down, take care of things, and they ended up having a great party."

So don't throw water on your next party. Call Sheryl and let her make yours an event to remember.

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By ELYSSE ZAREK
Special to The CJN

In a party room, it's the decorations that are first thing to stand out, and the decorations you have can make the dreariest dungeon look like a castle.

Chair Décor (905-731-9217, www.chairdecor.com) is known for its linens and chair rentals, and is one of the largest specialty rental houses in the country for chair covers. Based in Toronto, Chair Décor has more than 50,000 chair covers and 35,000 table covers and linens to choose from, in every colour under the rainbow.

Jordan Rich, the company's director of operations, says the trend in chair covers and decorations is leaning toward elegant but simple designs and smooth contours. Earthy tones such as brown, sand, coral and tan are very popular this year. For bar mitzvahs, he usually does bright, fun colours. For weddings, contemporary styles, white and ivory linens and embroidered organzas are the norm.

"We are known for our service and quality," says Rich. "Someone is available 24/7 in case something happens, and we are in close contact with all the major facilities in the city."

When investigating linen and chair cover rentals, Rich says to keep a few things in mind.

"Know your colour scheme," he says.

Equally important, he says, is to know your budget, location, and the approximate number of guests.

"Often people come to us after they've booked the hall and have everything planned out. They should come to us as early as possible, at least six to 12 months in advance."

Chair Décor, which gives free consultations, has recently started to offer chiavari chairs – high-end bamboo chairs that are popular for weddings.

When it comes to exotic centrepieces, Tammy Heisel (905-770-9335, www.tammyswebsite.ca) specializes in designing unique decorations for theme parties and creating unique, hand-painted pieces that attract attention. As the owner of Artistic Creations, Heisel has been in the party business for more than 13 years. Although she has recently moved to Rochester, Heisel assures that it's business as usual on the Canadian side of Lake Ontario, and is in Toronto nearly every weekend for an event.

Some of the most popular themes she receives requests for are sports themes – usually hockey – and cartoon characters.

For her most recent party – with a Monopoly theme – she painted Monopoly characters on lightweight Styrofoam board, avoiding the traditional thick boards that are widely used because they look "fake." When dry, thin Styrofoam looks like wood. Most of her centrepieces are made from scratch.

The painted pieces are often mounted to clear tubes with lights threaded through their bases to give an ethereal look.

"They are practical because people can see through them," she says, thus avoiding the common party problem of centrepieces interfering with guests making eye contact across the table.

In addition to centrepieces, Heisel also does personalized printing on cloth – she has printed on all sorts of clothing, from shirts to boxer shorts – and balloon decorations.

Often, customers come to her looking to throw a party with an unusual theme.

"We like to hear what the kids like. We can work around it, and in the end the kids feel like it's their party," she says.

Sometimes customers will have an exact theme in mind. Other times, she helps them brainstorm something unique that suits the bar or bat mitzvah child. She recommends setting up initial appointments with her earlier rather than later, with six months being the minimum amount of time needed to prepare for a simchah.

Heisel has recently expanded into giveaways. Curing Kisses lip glosses are personalized and come in a variety of colours. A portion of the proceeds from each pot of lip gloss goes to a charity selected by the host, and Heisel makes the donation on the bar or bat mitzvah child's behalf. She says the lip glosses have become very popular, and many hosts and hostesses like the idea of giving something to charity to celebrate the occasion.

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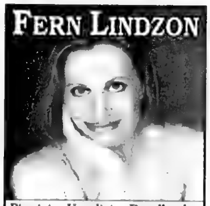

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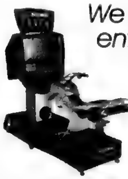

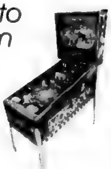

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Overseeing party plans

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As a great organizer with a keen eye for details, consultant Gayle Kertzman, (416-484-4467), can help to quash wedding day jitters.

Kertzman specializes in wedding consultation. She will help plan the day from its earliest stages right up "until the bride throws the bouquet." Lately she has noticed more of a need for "day of" services.

Kertzman explains that especially where people are marrying for second and third times, the couple is mostly looking for "someone to oversee their thoughts, ideas and plans."

Many more of the men want to be involved in the planning process now than in former years. "I'm actually working a lot with the grooms," Kertzman notes.

She recalled one wedding where the groom was to sing to his new bride during his speech. When the band was away on break, some fancy footwork on Kertzman's part got them back in place just in time to accompany him. The song was well received, with a standing ovation.

Kertzman is always prepared for unwanted surprises on the day of the wedding. "I always come with a suitcase full of emergency supplies, if a button falls off, or the bride's dress gets dirty. They need that kind of assurance that if something like that does happen, there's always someone there to look after those small details. And you don't realize how many until it's actually happening."

In addition to wedding consultation, Gayle can coordinate spa parties at home that are great for showers or for the bride's guests. Relaxing with a massage, manicure or pedicure is one more way to melt away pre-wedding jitters.

Gail Kertzman (left) can help to quash wedding day jitters.

Other consultants advertising in this supplement are: Heidi Gruenspan, 905-738-5030; Marla Kay, 905-882-2042; Risa Gold, 905-882-4343; Cherry & Baker & Associates, 905-771-1121; Tamara Temes, Bridal Consultant, 905-770-7977; Lynn Cohen, 905-889-1007.

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Hairstyles from Israel, make-up techniques from film

By **SYLVIA BROOKE**
Special to The CJN

Whether your goal on your special day is to simply look your best or as glamorous as a Hollywood star on the red carpet, you're in good hands with beauty experts Orna and Eli.

Billed as "Your Israeli Hairstylists," Orna and Eli's recently opened boutique (905-886-5900) offers a taste of top Israeli fashion in Thornhill. In the store, Israeli coffee, music and newspapers are all served up while Hebrew and English conversation fills the air.

After many years running two couture salons in Tel Aviv, one in Ben Yehuda and the other in Bougrashov, the husband and wife team of Eli and Orna Abitbol decided to try to woo Toronto.

Well-known in Israel, Orna and Eli had many high-profile clients. Eli was widely recognized as a top men's stylist, working on such celebrities as Dudu Topaz, Chaim Topol, Yehuda Barkan and various figures from both the Knesset halls and soccer fields.

Orna is recognized for her ability to work with colour. At L'Oreal-sponsored hair shows in Israel, Orna not only did hair-colouring, but also fixed other stylist's colouring jobs gone wrong.

The full-service hair salon currently offers manicures and pedicures, but will be expanding soon to include facials and other beauty treatments.

Once your hair is looking fabulous, it's time to bring out the best in your face.

Candice Ornstein, owner of C.O. Make-Up Inc. (416-927-8928), can add the final touches to your elegant party look.

Orna Abitbol with satisfied client Sarit Hadad, an Israeli performer.

Ornstein began her career at McGill University, where she majored in theatre. After she graduated, she completed a program in Toronto at Complexions International.

Professionally trained as a make-up artist for film, Ornstein explains how she began doing bridal make-up.

"I really work in film and television, but wanted to branch out to the everyday person and make them feel good," she says.

Who better to know the tricks of looking good than someone who works with celebrities?

With "famous people, you can't fool them," Ornstein says. "They make their money on their appearance."

Convenience is another aspect of Ornstein's service. She brings a trolley loaded with her equipment to wherever the client wants to be made up. Everything is completely hygienic, and tools that aren't disposable are cleaned with 99 per cent alcohol. Each person is given a customized lip palate and brush for maintaining their finished look throughout the evening.

Ornstein is sensitive to the artistry of make-up.

"What you bring to a person's face is your artistic ability… two make-up artists won't really do a face the same. I always make sure the client feels 100 per cent comfortable and to go within their range."

Someone who doesn't really wear make-up doesn't want to be made up that heavily, she says, otherwise it will look "over the top."

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From traditional to the latest trends, kosher caterers have it all

By **BARBARA SILVERSTEIN**
Special to The CJN

There's one axiom that can be applied to all simchahs with a top-notch kosher caterer: nobody leaves the party hungry.

From the hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and appetizers to the sumptuous main course and the delectable sweet table, it may be virtually impossible to find a hungry guest, other than perhaps someone on a restricted diet.

Jewish people love to celebrate with food, and local kosher caterers such as It's an Occasion (416-785-0996), Sam Firestone Caterers (416-782-8022) and Rose Lazar Catering Services (416-633-0344) are all happy to serve up a feast for their clients and their guests.

Raizelle Serebrowski, of It's an Occasion has been cooking since she was 10. She was a religious school teacher for 20 years and says she dabbled in catering before she changed careers and went into catering full time. "The business kind of came to my doorstep," she says.

She was delivering a cake that someone ordered for a Sheva Brachot when the owner of the dairy, vegetarian and pareve catering company Chilies and Meringue asked if Serebrowski, would like to take over the business. Serebrowski moved into the storefront premises at 596 Marlee Ave. near Glencairn.

Since then, she has become the exclusive caterer at B'nai Torah Congregation (455 Patricia Ave.) where she does pareve and meat catering. Serebrowski stresses that one does not need to be a member of the shul to use the hall, which can hold up to 320 people.

"In January, February and March 2004, there is no charge for the hall rental for parties of 50 or more."

It's an Occasion offers a large variety of meat, dairy and pareve dishes to choose from, says Serebrowski. "We have great appetizers and they're all hand-made."

Sautéed eggplant in phyllo dough, baked spring rolls and chicken kabobs, are among the wide selection of hors d'oeuvres. Main course selections include a host of chicken and beef dishes, and Serebrowski finds that many people are requesting fish.

"A lot of people are into lighter eating. Fish fits the bill."

Thai salmon phyllo bundles, grilled tuna on a skewer with pineapple salsa, and sea bass balsamico are among her most popular fish dishes. She offers a wide choice of interesting salads, such as oriental snow peas with ginger dressing, green bean and mango salad and grilled eggplant and tomato salad with balsamic dressing, as well as such dairy specialties as moussaka, blintzes and quiches of all kinds.

She says her apple cranberry crumble cake is "famous," and she was one of the first people to introduce a chocolate fountain as a sweet table novelty item.

Serebrowski prides herself on the service. "I'm very people oriented. The key to making a simchah a success is organization, as well as being nice.

"The simchah should be above what the clients dreamed of. The simchah, the food, the ambience should be better than what they expected."

David Lazar of Rose Lazar Catering Services (416-633-0344) grew up in the food business. His mother Rose Lazar started a kosher catering business 40 years ago, he says. "She saw that kosher catering was a niche that had to be filled."

The business has always been a family affair, says Lazar. "When I was younger, I did bartending, delivering and helping out with kitchen prep work."

And while he runs the business these days, other family members pitch in as well. His wife does quality control, a sister is on call, his children help out with bartending and delivery, and his mother still likes to come in to work when she's not in Florida.

The business is run out of the Lodzer Centre Congregation (12 Heaton St.), and service is available at private banquet halls and parties. "We're known in the city for providing consistent, high quality food. We're always available for the customers and we're always at the simchahs."

Some of Rose Lazar's specialties include sesame orange chicken, veal Marsala and veal scaloppini, says Lazar. "We're famous for our mushroom crepes. We make about 1,000 a week. We've been making them since the business began."

Another popular item is Dutch potatoes, he says. An Idaho potato is scooped out and piped back with a yam strip on top.

Lazar notes that home-style comfort foods like roast potatoes, brisket of beef and kishka are back in style. "People are asking for these foods. They remember them from simchahs of their earlier days."

Rose Lazar also offers the most current foods such as sushi stations, chicken satay, shish kabob and skewered beef teriyaki as part of the wide selection of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. The company makes 90 per cent of its desserts, says Lazar.

"The most favourite is the chocolate lemon mousse cake. It can be served for dessert or as part of the sweet table."

Sam Firestone is the exclusive caterer for Shaarei Shomayim Congregation

He says that over the years, the company gets a lot of repeat business and has done many simchahs for the same families.

"We have one person – we did her baby naming and now we're doing her grandchild."

Another long-established kosher catering company, Sam Firestone Catering (416-782-8022) has also done simchahs for multiple generations of the same family. According to Leslie Firestone, who has taken over the business his father Sam started in 1966, there is a lot of history.

"We've seen a lot of simchahs from the same families. My dad would have married a couple and I'm doing the bar mitzvahs of their children. There's one family where my dad did the wedding and the children's bar mitzvahs and now I'm doing the weddings of the kids."

Sam Firestone is the exclusive caterer for Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, 470 Glencairn Ave.

Leslie Firestone, who has been running the business since 1991, says the banquet facilities at the shul are open to the public.

"We welcome non-members to use the facilities. You don't have to be a member of Shaarei Shomayim to use the social hall and sanctuary and our catering service."

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He notes that non-members can use the hall for evening bar mitzvah parties, weddings, sports banquets and fundraisers, as well as for more intimate affairs like Sheva Brachot and anniversary parties.

Having grown up in the business, Firestone has seen many food trends come and go.

"Nouveau cuisine is still popular. There is also a demand for Moroccan dishes." Moroccan food has become very popular, he says.

"We do a lot of chicken breasts stuffed with grilled vegetables. We use a lot of couscous and different dips like babaganoush, hummus and caponata, a Mediterranean grilled vegetable dip."

Main courses in big demand are sea bass or salmon with apricot mango chutney or ginger teriyaki sauce, broiled fresh lake trout, prime rib, tricolour peppercorn steak, Cornish hen and phyllo chicken breast stuffed with couscous, leeks or grilled vegetables.

"We do a lot with grilled vegetables. Grilled vegetables are huge," says Firestone, noting that the grilled vegetables, which are served in a stack, include sweet potatoes, zucchini, portobello mushrooms, coloured peppers and red onions.

Firestone grew up in the food business. "I sat in on interviews. I was always dropping by the synagogue to help. I joined my dad for food shows."

The company has also had the same executive chef, Jimmy Lyras, for 35 years, says Firestone. He knows many of the clients.

He said when his father started the business there were very few kosher caterers, but there is a lot more competition today. "We've had to get very innovative."

In the old days, his father would handle everything in a single phone call, but today Firestone says he'll have three or four face-to-face meetings with clients to ensure success.

"I handle everything myself, from creating the menus, right down to staying for the parties – I want to know that everything went according to plan, that everything was perfect. I'm there to welcome the hosts and to say good night. That's the service we offer."

Other caterers advertising in this supplement are: Bagel Haven Bakery Cafe, 905-738-5673; Caterers York/Sweet York Desserts, 416-783-4293; Taste Catering, 416-256-1777; Encore Food With Elegance, 416-661-4460; The Kosher Gourmet, 416-737-2732; Levy's Catering, 416-256-7886; Malmar Fine Foods & Catering, 905-771-1298; Miriam's Table Catering, 416-633-6554; Zuchter Berk Creative Caterers, 416-386-1086; Peter Graben, 416-967-1818.

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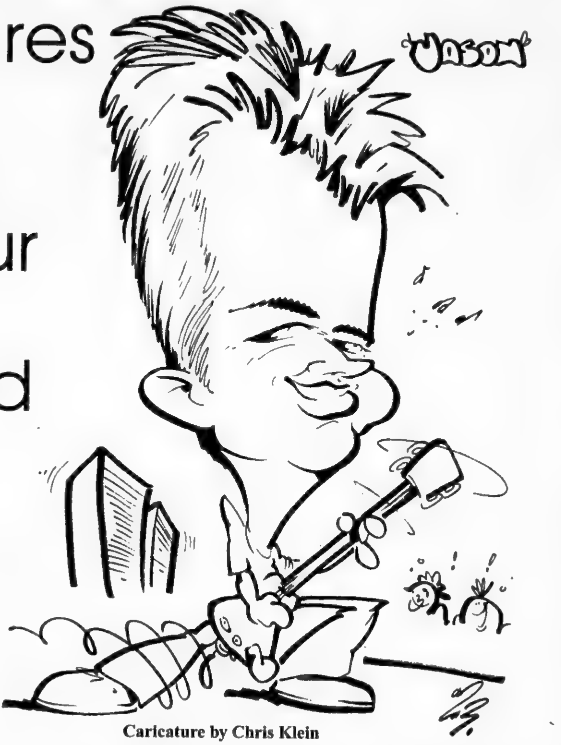

Caricature by Chris Klein

By ELYSSE ZAREK
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One of the challenges of planning a large function such as a bar or bat mitzvah is keeping guests entertained before the meal is served and before the dance floor opens up.

Filling that time and keeping guests engaged is Chris Klein's specialty. The Toronto-based caricaturist (416-391-3774) sketches portraits that appeal to audiences aged three to 120.

And caricatures allow guests to take home a personalized gift that is more meaningful than an inflatable party favour, Klein says.

In his 10 years drawing caricatures, Klein has mastered the art of the quick stroke. Within five minutes, his drawings are usually complete.

He says he has noticed that when he draws, guests – usually children – like to gather behind him and watch their friends' pictures take shape with each brush of his pen.

Klein describes the guests' reactions like that of an inside joke shared between close friends. For a few minutes, the person posing for the portrait can't see what is happening on the other side of the easel, while the guests behind Klein can see the result and comment on it.

When searching for a caricature artist, Klein recommends looking for someone who can draw quickly and capture the features of guests. And caricaturists, like other specialties, should be booked at least three to four weeks in advance.

For smaller or more intimate events such as birthday parties or bridal showers, an activity such as beading can keep guests happily occupied with making their own personalized jewelry.

Sabrina Smith (905-709-6562), owner of Beadology, does exactly that. Her unique projects let youngsters – and the young-at-heart – create their own custom jewelry with themes such as Tutti Frutti or Mardi Gras.

Smith says necklaces and bracelets are popular with girls, but she says boys also love making keychains and necklaces with wooden beads and carved bone pendants.

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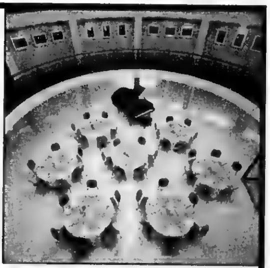
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Often, guests leave a party wearing jewelry that they made themselves. "The quality looks like it was bought in a shop," Smith says. "You can make something that looks like art, but with your own sense of style."

Beading requires fine motor skills, which makes it an excellent exercise for children, Smith says, noting that she also runs beading workshops at elementary schools in York Region.

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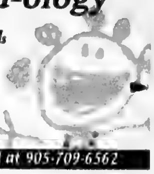

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Party planners prove their worth in new documentary

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

In an unusual twist, a pair of party planners will be front and centre in an upcoming documentary – tentatively called *Weddings Unveiled* – to be aired on The Learning Channel this winter.

"Wedding shows usually feature the bride and groom, but this time the show is about us and what we do," says Sarah Cherry, who along with Marsha Baker runs Cherry & Baker and Associates (905-771-1121).

The premise of the show, says Baker, is to demonstrate how event planners arrange an event from beginning to end.

They were followed, among other places, from a meeting with a client to a bridal fitting, then to a rehearsal, and then to a food tasting. "The bride wanted a different kind of wedding cake, so we suggested levels of cupcakes. Our tasting was taped," she says.

For the documentary, the pair chose to highlight a wedding day with a challenge, Baker says. "There are going to be more than 400 guests, and after the service, we have one hour to turn the room into a dining room."

They want viewers to come away with the knowledge that wedding planners certainly make life easier, says Cherry. "We can make [the planning process] and the party worry-free."

Planners can get involved from the time an idea for an event is conceived, she says. "We offer a full-service package in which we are there from the first day, or else we can just come to the event. We offer complete consulting services, including decor, make-up, hairstyling and invitations, and we can customize a package for any budget," says Baker.

They get so involved with their clients, says Cherry, "that sometimes we walk away from an event a little sad because we've spent a lot of time together.

"We have one client who had to cancel her original party because of SARS, and we handled all the cancelling and rescheduling. She was so attached to us by the time the party actually happened that we've become good friends. We're not consultants that just walk away," Cherry says.

Another client had encountered some problems with parking at the hotel where a party was being held. "We contacted the hotel and made sure the bride was compensated. Our job does not end when the party ends," says Baker.

They carry with them an array of items to the event, including needle and thread, extra pantyhose, headache pills and extra bowties. "We even have a spare ketubah and a glass to break under the chuppah. We've learned from our clients what to bring. If someone asks for something we don't have, you can be sure we'll have it next time," says Baker.

In addition to "small emergencies," the pair are ready to handle real emergencies, Cherry says.

"We were at one wedding where a woman had a heart attack. We noticed a commotion around her and calmly called 911. The big thing we had to do was walk around with a calm attitude."

They also "police" the room to make sure kids are behaving appropriately, and that no one who has been drinking plans to drive their car. "On behalf of the hosts, we try to make sure everyone will get home safely," says Baker.

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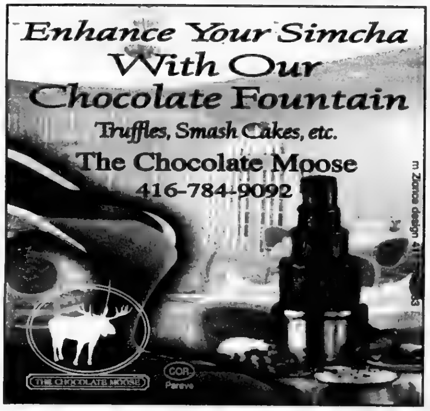

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By ADAM SEGAL
Special to The CJN

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Mark Selby

"If you're going to pay for it, make sure you get what you want," advises Raisy Ordel of the 42nd Street band.

"I have to cater to the client's needs."

Ordel says a band that is able to please clients is versatile and has the musical gift "to accommodate every age."

That could mean playing anything from jazz and swing to the current pop hits.

Ordel notes that except for the drummer, all members of 42nd Street sing, which provides for a wide and exciting range of sounds when the band performs.

"My philosophy is that I do every job as if it were my last," she says. "And I have to go out with a bang."

Ordel says throughout the affair, the music should flow without lulls and the tempo and volume should be in synch with speeches and meals.

"For instance, in between courses, we pick it up," she says. "[Softer] music allows for conversation at the tables."

While the main party portion of an affair is usually when the music booms, background music during cocktails adds to the ambience.

Mark Selby is a cocktail pianist who says background music offers "a nice piece of entertainment before the [main party]."

Selby tailors his repertoire of songs to the age range of guests, and he usually plays for about one hour.

On some occasions, clients request more than the piano, and in those cases, he has included a vocalist, harpist or whatever a client wants.

With or without those extras, Selby says he offers your guests a treat.

"At some parties, you get a loot bag on the way out," he says. "With a [cocktail pianist], you get it on the way in."

The 42nd Street band has played at weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs, corporate affairs and has also performed on boat cruises.

Selby plays at similar functions and has also entertained audiences at university formals.

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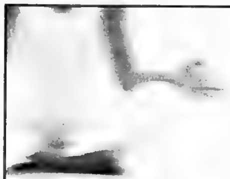

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Shower the bride with a variety of themes

Legend has it that the first bridal shower was hosted for a Dutch bride with a broken heart. It seems her father refused to give her a dowry because she intended to marry an indigent miller.

The young couple decided to marry despite her father's lack of financial and emotional support. Evidently, the groom's friends pitched in and "showered" the bride with gifts of household necessities for the couple's new home. Thanks to the "showering" of gifts, the bride's heart mended and her cupboard was full.

Today, bridal showers are a tradition, and are made by a bride's friends, business acquaintances and relatives. Furthermore, showers have branched out to include other auspicious events, such as the impending birth of a baby, the purchase of a new home and retirement farewells.

> Regardless of the social occasion, showers revolve around a theme

Regardless of the social occasion, showers revolve around a theme. It is common for a bride to have several different types of showers, all on different themes that serve as icebreakers and contribute to the ambience of the occasion.

Here is a listing of some of these themes.

ABC theme: On the invitation, each guest is assigned a letter of the alphabet. Whatever the letter, the guest brings a gift starting with that letter. (For example, "L" for lingerie.) Assigned letters can also spell the bride's name.

Specialty wedding items: A shower of this type provides the bride with many of the little extras for the wedding that she might not buy for herself. The hostess should confer with guests to prevent duplication of items.

Gourmet gadget shower: Cuisine is the theme. Guests bring a recipe, along with a piece of equipment to prepare it. (For example, a poacher with a recipe for poached salmon.)

Round-the-clock shower: On the invitation, guests are assigned an hour of the day. They are challenged to provide a functional gift related to that time. For the time 7 a.m., for example, an automatic coffee maker would be an appropriate choice. To add to the fun, guests may also write a poem to accompany the gift.

The big picture: Everyone brings a photo for the bride and/or groom with a caption. Photos are displayed on a board that the couple keeps. The couple will treasure the sentiment and everyone will learn more about the couple. This theme leads to friendly conversation.

Kitchen shower: Again, poems can accompany gifts to serve as effective icebreakers. Household accessories such as spice racks, canisters, knives and trivets are appreciated gifts.

Fitness shower: Today's health-conscious couples need gifts to keep in shape. Presents can range from sports gear to gift certificates such as a membership to the Jewish community centre. A cool idea for a party atmosphere is to set up a juice bar for refreshments and have a sporty décor theme. The buffet can include crunchy carrots, celery and fresh fruit platters. A bathroom scale, a nonstick skillet, hand-held weights and other exercise gear are other ideal gifts.

Look good, feel good shower: At this kind of party, guests shower the bride with gifts to help her feel rejuvenated, such as make-up, beauty certificates for pedicures, facials, reflexology, spa services and aqua-fitness lessons.

Lingerie showers: Everything from fancy tea gowns and elegant lingerie to sporty night shirts and terry cloth robes fit this theme.

Jewish customs and ceremonies: For couples who will observe Jewish holidays and ceremonial events throughout their lives, this type of theme works well. Among the many meaningful items are Shabbat candleholders, a menorah, a kiddush cup, a challah cloth, a challah tray, a Passover seder plate, a haggadah and a mezuzah.

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Young Israeli Yemenites revive pre-nuptial henna ceremony

By SHARON KANON
Israel Press Service

Guests begin to trickle in for the henna, or hinne, ceremony scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the WIZO Club in Rehovot, located on a secluded driveway off Herzl Street. Ora Melamad waits outside to greet her guests. "Yes, this is the right place," she says. The mother of the bride-to-be introduces herself. She is trying to appear calm, but is obviously quite emotional. "Merav is my only daughter; an only child," she says.

The colourful hinne ceremony is held by Jews from Sephardi countries about a week before a wedding and symbolizes the bittersweet separation of the young bride from her family. Over the past 30 years, interest in the custom has waned and few Sephardi brides have chosen to hold the ceremony. In recent years, however, increasing numbers of young Israelis of Yemenite origin have been keen to revive it and demonstrate a return to tradition.

Inside the WIZO Club, a stage is transformed by oriental rugs that form a backdrop for the ceremony. The beautiful rugs on the floor are original and handmade in Yemen. At the back of the room, two young chefs in traditional Yemenite dress are preparing *lehuch*, deftly flipping the pancake-like bread in eight pans set on the buffet table. Guests will fill the pancake with hummus, salad, a tomato-based sauce, brown-boiled eggs and *shoug*, a spicy Yemenite condiment. Later, several other Yemenite dishes – *malawah* and *jachnun* – will be added to the buffet. The main beverage is mint-flavoured lemonade in a large punch bowl.

The bride-to-be is getting dressed in a small adjacent room, or, to be more precise, is being dressed by two elderly Yemenite women. Petite Merav seems to be thoroughly enjoying the preparations. A natural beauty, she has donned a beautiful gold-threaded dress, pantaloons and slippers. A heavy necklace with several strands of red and orange amber beads and silver filigree balls is placed around her neck over a long gold bib that helps to bear the weight. In the centre are three round silver circles of gradually increasing size that represent the sun, and on the bottom, a silver case for psalms.

Then comes the jewelry – vast amounts of it. The women dressers adorn each of Merav's arms with four silver filigree bracelets, while rings made by Yemenite silversmiths renowned for their craftsmanship are placed on every finger.

"The costume weighs 10 kilograms," says dresser Mazal Zioni. "This symbolizes the heavy burden that the young bride is going to be taking on when she marries."

The headdress is the final adornment. It consists of an exquisite gold-embroidered hood scarf, called a *gargush*, which is draped over the head and shoulders. Over this is placed an even more elaborate headpiece, the *tashbuk*, a tall conical crown framed by a garland of fresh flowers and branches of *shadaf*, a green herb, similar to rue, believed to ward off the evil eye. Then lavish ear hangings are suspended from the headdress and across the chest, which is itself draped with necklaces of silver and coral beads, pearls, amulet cases and silver bells.

Taking a break to eat a *lehuch* filled with hummus and salad, 22-year-old Merav tells me she is studying bookkeeping at a college in Bnei Brak. The groom, Hanan Meshulam, 25, is studying at a yeshiva in Jerusalem and hopes to become a religious court judge. The couple met through a shidduch suggested by friends of the parents four months before. They chat easily during the final adornment and picture-taking, clearly comfortable in each other's company.

Hanan's family comes from Rosh Ha'ayin, a city with one of the largest concentrations of Yemenites in Israel. He wanted his bride to have the henna ceremony.

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Reviving the pre-nuptial henna ceremony

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"Both my mother and my grandmother had it," he said.

Although the hinne is an all-women affair, Hanan agrees to don a ceremonial wedding robe, including a cap with peyot (long curls) attached.

"I'm not allowed to stay and watch the women dance or listen to the singing," said the groom. "According to tradition, Merav and I cannot see or talk to each for the next few days, until the wedding. It is very hard."

On reaching the hall, guests and family surround Merav, join hands and break into spontaneous dance – the intricate steps of the Yemenite dances familiar to all the guests, including Merav's Ashkenazi friends from college. Yet the music is provided by a hip-looking DJ (a touch of modern culture) and the guests are dressed in everything from jeans and long-toed stiletto heels to suits and stylish dresses.

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After an hour or so of dancing, Merav leaves the hall to change her costume for the second procession. She is surrounded by friends and relatives, most of whom have now changed into traditional Yemenite garb to add some additional colour to the evening. Merav changes into a black robe, red gargush and silver jewelry. Family members again escort her back to her guests, encircled with flowers and candles and accompanied by singing and drumming, to continue the lively dancing – for it is a mitzvah to make the bride happy.

After all the preliminaries, Merav leaves the hall to change yet again – the actual henna ceremony is about to take place. Dressed in a black robe trimmed with red and gold, and with a beautiful striped red and gold headscarf and no jewelry (typical of dress in a northern Yemenite village), Merav is ready for the third procession. Along with the drum-playing dressers, who sing traditional henna songs, her mother carries a basket with dry henna covered with a cloth, and escorts Merav to her seat on the stage.

Merav's intended, Hanan, in a ceremonial wedding robe, including a cap with long curls (payot) attached.Merav is dressed in customary Yemenite dress for the pre-nuptial henna ceremony.

Eager to give meaning to the ceremony, Mazal explains the importance of the special songs to her guests, the flowers and candles, which are meant to light Merav's way to her new life, and the henna ceremony itself.

"Hinne is an acronym for three mitzvot that a young married woman performs: *havrashah challot* – separating a piece of the challah dough for the priests; *niddah* – observing the laws of purity; and *nerot* – lighting the Sabbath candles. The application of henna, she explains, is thought to engender good fortune, happiness and protection against the evil eye and, accordingly, is applied during times of potentially difficult transitional events, such as birth and marriage.

Merav's grandmother then pours water onto the dry henna and mixes it with her hands until the mixture becomes a brown (later a dark red) paste. Family members and friends take turns dipping a finger in the henna and then dabbing it on Merav's palm, while giving the bride-to-be their blessing. Some bless her with a life filled with Torah, chesed and spirituality, while others bless her with good health, happiness and love, and a righteous home in Israel.

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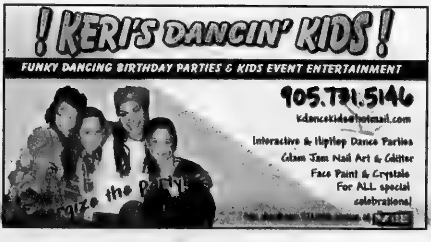

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Jerusalem's mayor seeks economic aid

Makes pitch to corporate Canada

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Uri Lupolianski

Uri Lupolianski, the recently elected mayor of Jerusalem, has enlisted corporate Canada's assistance to revitalize the city's battered economic base.

Visiting Toronto for one day last week in his first overseas trip as mayor of Israel's capital, Lupolianski confirmed that the current Palestinian uprising has devastated Jerusalem's tourist industry, "the basis of our economy."

In an exclusive interview, he said there has been a precipitous decline in the number of travellers going to Jerusalem.

Last year, Jerusalem played host to 35,000 to 40,000 foreign tourists, compared to three million in 2000, the year the intifadah erupted.

The resulting sharp decrease in business has caused widespread unemployment.

"Thousands of people – hotel and restaurant workers and taxi drivers – have lost their jobs, and workshops catering to tourists have closed," said Lupolianski, who spoke alternately in halting English or through his international affairs advisor and interpreter, Jacob Rosen.

Sombrely describing the Palestinian revolt as Israel's "biggest war," he said that about 70 per cent of the suicide bombings directed against Israel have struck Jerusalem.

"The economic fabric of Jerusalem has been very badly damaged," said Rosen, who accompanied Lupolianski on his 10-day North American trip. After leaving Toronto, he was due to fly to New York and Baltimore.

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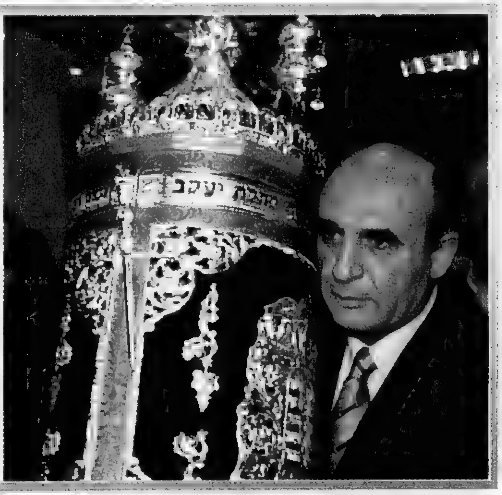

Israeli Defence Minister Shaul Mofaz holds a Sefer Torah that was brought to the Jewish state from Iraq. The Torah was dedicated at the Defence Ministry's synagogue to the memory of ministry workers who have fallen in Israel's wars. *[Israel Sun photo]*

CIJA takes over

Umbrella agency sets new course

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

It's a done deal.

After months of backroom negotiations, the country's major Jewish advocacy organizations have signed on to a restructuring program that is intended to enhance the community's ability to present a pro-Israel agenda while addressing the growth of domestic anti-Semitism.

At the centre of the restructuring process will be a new committee, the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA), which will set policy, review budgets and co-ordinate resources so that advocacy groups will be better able to respond to incidents as they occur while developing a course of action.

CIJA will act as a "conductor and facilitating entity," with national campus services and organizations such as Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC) operating within that framework, said Maxyne Finkelstein, executive vice-president of UIA Federations Canada.

Congress and the CIC will retain an independent organizational structure and "on an operational basis, they're going to have a certain level of autonomy," Finkelstein said. "But they'll be part of a larger framework where budgets are set and policies [are] made."

Congress will be responsible for domestic advocacy, the CIC for Israel-related issues.

Funding for each group in the next three years is expected to increase by a total of $5 million per year – doubling recent budgets. The funds will be raised by local federations through their annual campaigns and through special gifts.

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Abella, Weston Honoured

TORONTO — Ontario Court of Appeal Judge Rosalie Abella and former Ontario lieutenant-governor Hilary Weston received the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews' (CCCJ) Human Relations Award last week at the CCCJ's 56th annual awards dinner. It's the first time two women have won the prize, which honours people who have made outstanding contributions to Canadian society across religious, racial or ethnic lines.

ISRAEL

Right-wing Peace Plan

JERUSALEM — Israeli right wingers are drafting an initiative aimed at countering other peace plans. Backed by settler leaders and hawkish Likud Party members, it would create a binational state with a Jewish prime minister and, possibly, a Palestinian deputy prime minister. It would also reject a separate Palestinian state and dismantle the Palestinian Authority. To prevent a Palestinian parliamentary majority, Israel, the West Bank and Gaza would be split into cantons, with representation not necessarily set according to population. The plan comes after two left-wing peace plans and reports Prime Minister Ariel Sharon might evacuate settlements.

Missiles to India

JERUSALEM — Israel Aircraft Industries is set to sell India $100 million (US) worth of SS Barak missiles to protect Indian warships. It would be the parties' third such deal.

Israel Seizes Dolls

JERUSALEM — Israeli customs officials seized 400 Osama bin Laden and 50 Saddam Hussein dolls last week, saying they could incite violence. An Israeli Arab businessman said he ordered them from China to sell as joke gifts.

WORLD

Morocco Jails Nine

CASABLANCA — Morocco has jailed nine people in connection with the Sept. 11 murder of Jewish lumber merchant Albert Rebibo in Casablanca. Police believe he was murdered by an Islamist cell. One man, an ex-policeman, was sentenced to 20 years, the others for between two and 15 years. None of those jailed is believed to have been among the gunmen.

Funds Sought for Care

JERUSALEM — The Claims Conference will urge Germany to pay for home care of ailing Holocaust survivors around the world. The decision came at a Claims Conference executive meeting last week in Jerusalem.

SS Guard Ordered Out

DETROIT — A U.S. judge last week ordered the deportation of a former SS guard who served at the Mauthausen concentration camp in 1943 and 1944. The judge said Johann Leprich, 77, lied about his past when he immigrated to the United States in 1952. Leprich was arrested in July when he was found hiding under the basement stairs at his family's home in Clinton, Mich., near Detroit. He fled to Canada in 1987 after losing his U.S. citizenship, but evidence later surfaced that he continued to live secretly in the United States.

EU Study Shelved

BERLIN — A study by the European Union on anti-Semitism in Europe was not released earlier this year for political reasons, reportedly because it found that Muslims, as well as right-wing extremists, were largely to blame for anti-Semitic incidents in May and June 2002, British news reports said. As well, there may have been problems separating anti-Israel activity from anti-Semitism. The European Monitoring Center on Racism and Xenophobia said the findings would be part of a larger study to be done next year.

Cartoon Gets Award

LONDON — A cartoon of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon eating a baby that critics said was reminiscent of blood libels against Jews throughout history was honoured by Britain's Political Cartoon Society last week as the top political cartoon of the year. The society's founder, Tim Benson, who is Jewish, said it is "a criticism of [Sharon] and his party," but is not anti-Semitic. Britain's Press Complaints Commission rejected complaints about the cartoon, which was published in January by the *Independent*, the award's sponsor. In accepting the prize, cartoonist Dave Brown thanked the Israeli embassy in London for its angry reaction, saying it gave the drawing publicity.

Resolution Withdrawn

NEW YORK — Israel said last week it withdrew its first resolution at the United Nations since 1976 because Arab countries rewrote it in committee, making it anti-Israel. The document, which expressed concern for Israeli children living under the threat of Palestinian terrorism, was to be voted on in the General Assembly's committee on human rights. It followed the passage of an Egyptian-sponsored resolution expressing concern over Palestinian children living under occupation. "We put the UN to the test, to test the morality of the UN, and the UN failed," said Dan Gillerman, Israel's UN ambassador.

Pastor Tries to 'Save' Western Canadian Jews

REGINA — Local Jews and Canadian Jewish Congress have criticized a Regina pastor after he mailed hundreds of letters earlier this month to people with Jewish-sounding names urging them to accept the New Testament and "get saved."

Rev. William Cicansky of the three-year-old BibleWay Baptist Church said he sent the letters – addressed "Dear Jewish friend" – to people he found in the Regina, Saskatoon, Winnipeg and Vancouver phone books.

Allan Dolovich, president of Saskatoon's Congregation Shir Chadash, told the *Saskatoon StarPhoenix* he is "offended by anything that suggests that our faith is, in some way, less than what it should be, or substandard."

Manuel Prutschi, CJC's national director of community relations, told CBC Regina that while he respects Christians' right to proselytize, targeting one group is offensive. "It's hurtful because the implication is that being a practising Jew is somehow not sufficient. The message that it's saying to Jewish people is that your faith is inferior and your faith is incomplete unless you convert."

Cicansky told the *StarPhoenix* he's not sure exactly how many people got the letters, but said he has mailed such letters in the past and will do so again. He told CBC that "political correctness" is to blame for the negative reaction to them.

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Lawsuit fights retroactive repeal of EETC

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

Ontario's Jewish community is closely monitoring a court challenge that seeks to stop passage of the new Liberal government's bill that would repeal the Equity in Education Tax Credit.

Canadian Jewish Congress is not party to the challenge being mounted by the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools (OACS), which went to court last week seeking an injunction aimed at stopping the repeal of the EETC.

But CJC is watching the case and considering whether to become an intervenor, Ontario region chair Ed Morgan told *The CJN*.

A judge in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice reserved judgment last Thursday after a day of pleadings from the OACS and lawyers for the government.

If passed, the legislation would eliminate the EETC retroactive to Jan. 1, 2003, cancelling the credit's benefits for the current school year and even part of the 2002-2003 academic year. It would also roll back corporate tax cuts and raise cigarette taxes.

The OACS argues that in cancelling the EETC, the Liberals are not following due process under the 1999 Taxpayer Protection Act, which sought to stop tax increases unless they're approved in a province-wide referendum. The retroactive rollback effectively puts extra money in the government's coffers, the alliance contends.

The OACS wants an injunction to prevent the government from debating the legislation.

Morgan said although the chances of winning an injunction to freeze a government bill are remote, it's worth a shot.

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Sokolsky named new president of UJA Federation

Ted Sokolsky

Ted Sokolsky has been appointed the new president of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, succeeding Allan Reitzes, who is stepping down in January.

Sokolsky, who joined UJA Federation in 1986, has served as assistant campaign director, campaign director and, most recently, as vice-president, integrated fundraising.

A committee chaired by Ralph Shedletsky selected Sokolsky after consulting community members on the qualities required for a president. The committee enlisted the assistance of recruitment services provided by United Jewish Communities, the umbrella organization for North American Jewish federations.

"Ted was selected for his visionary leadership and his internationally acclaimed track record of accomplishments," said UJA Federation chair Leslie Gales. "We couldn't find a better person to chart our course in the 21st century."

Reitzes, who first joined UJA Federation as budget director in 1982 and succeeded Steve Ain as president in 1992, said, "Ted's dedication, dynamism and leadership strength will serve UJA Federation well on the local, national and international stage."

Gales said, "I've known Allan for nearly 20 years and I've always admired his devotion to professionalism, his sensitivity to the needs of all community members and the way in which he calmly steered us through many periods of crisis."

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Jerusalem GA notes (2)

From the editor's desk

This week I continue with some of my observations from the four-day General Assembly (GA) of the United Jewish Communities of North America in Jerusalem last month.

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Monday, Nov. 17.

After an inspiring tribute to the Israel Defence Forces, which concluded with an emotional impromptu mother and son reunion, the delegates gathered outside the conference centre in the waning, late afternoon Jerusalem light.

We were assembling for the GA Solidarity March into downtown Jerusalem. It was approximately 4:30 p.m.

As the sun receded behind the slope of the western hills, the air became decidedly cooler. Sunset arrived quickly. But the abrupt transition to evening mattered not at all to the thousands of excited North Americans readying themselves for the kilometre-plus walk into the heart of the city.

Like the children of Israel who marched through the desert of Zin bearing the flags of their ancestral tribes, we too carried the standards and the distinct colours of our respective communities.

The sheer number of people waiting for the signal to march; the playful, spirited presence of so many college students; and the palpable, near-metaphysical, charge of seeing and "feeling" Jerusalem ubiquitous, in every direction, stirred in us a sense of special occasion and of historical moment.

Then the march began. The boisterous Canadian delegation walked in the middle of the large throng. From the venue of the GA, Binyanei Ha'oumah, which sits high atop a promontory in Jerusalem's western hills, we walked east toward the Old City, literally descending the slope down Jaffa Road.

Readers familiar with Jerusalem will know that Jaffa Road is one of the city's main east-west arteries. Its name derives from the fact that it was the road ancient and modern Jerusalemites would travel to the Mediterranean port of Jaffa. In Jerusalem, the streets ends – or begins – at the Jaffa Gate, one of the eight gates to the Old City.

Jaffa Road is a noisy street, almost always busy with pedestrian and vehicular traffic, lined throughout its length with stores and small businesses. In addition, most of the inter-city buses enter Jerusalem on Jaffa Road because the city's central bus station is nearby – not far from Binyanei Ha'oumah.

It is not surprising, therefore, that the Palestinian suicide bombers have frequently targeted Jaffa Road buses.

But suicide bombers and terrorism were far from our minds as we joyfully walked in decidedly non-military, haphazard formation down Jaffa Road.

The street was decorated with GA flags and posters. The festoonery of colours would have been even more spectacular had we been marching during the day, under Jerusalem's unique blue-sky canopy.

But if our procession lacked eye-catching, bright colour, it overflowed with festive, celebratory atmosphere. Behind us, a group of youngsters were singing. Ahead of us, some enthusiasts were pounding out a rhythmic walking beat on a set of drums.

It was very quickly apparent to us that not only were we part of this amazing parade, but we were also on parade.

Jerusalemites lined the streets,waving, greeting us with smiles, some blowing kisses, all of them cheering us on with words, expressions and gestures of welcome. Many of them joined our ranks.

Some 20 minutes into the march, we veered south toward Agrippas Street, the street, I assume, named after one of the two descendants of King Herod. Agrippas is a much narrower thoroughfare that runs parallel to Jaffa Road and boasts some of Jerusalem's least assuming but finest bakeries and restaurants.

To get to Agrippas, we walked through Jerusalem's famous open air market, Machane Yehuda, a wonderland warren of intersecting alleyways, booths, shops, kiosks, foodstuffs and smells. The entry points to the market are now controlled by security guards with metal detectors, the bitter harvest, alas, of the suicide bombings that have sprouted here.

Along the way, I stopped at a sweets and candy kiosk owned by the Eliahu Brothers, a family that many years ago found its way to Israel from Iraq. I loaded up on assorted teas, chocolate bars, rolled sheets of pressed apricot and supersweet hunks of halvah that made perfect, exotic gifts for friends in Toronto.

While on Agrippas Street, I saw an old acquaintance from Montreal who was on sabbatical from the Université de Québec. He and his wife were perched, precariously it seemed to me, upon the base of a light standard, looking out, with obvious excitement and happiness, upon the thousands of GA marchers walking past their lookout, wending their way slowly toward Kikar Tzion, or Zion Square.

We could not embrace as it would have meant my pulling him down from his elevated perch. But through animated conversation and the exchange of good wishes, we "embraced" nonetheless. Our emotions ran high, as did our feelings for Jerusalem and its courageous people, among and with whom on this wonderful evening it was a privilege to be walking. ***—MBD***

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BETH EMETH MISSION: On a recent mission to Israel, participants from Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation were welcomed at Laniado Hospital in Netanya. They were given a tour of the hospital, as well as the new children's medical centre scheduled to be opened in 2004. Two plaques were unveiled during their visit and two rooms were dedicated, one in memory of Arthur Anisman by his brother David, family and friends, and the second by members of Beth Emeth.

Wagner faces his family's anti-Semitic past

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

It is hard to imagine a more controversial musician than 19th-century German composer Richard Wagner.

Wagner, who was known mainly for his operatic works, was also notorious for his fiercely anti-Semitic views. Both his music and his writings were appropriated by the Nazis.

In *Twilight of the Wagners: The Unveiling of a Family's Legacy* (Picador USA, 1999, translation by Della Couling), Wagner's great-grandson, Gottfried Wagner, describes a family history where art and politics combined to form a culture that produced the Holocaust.

Gottfried Wagner's pilgrimage begins with his discovery of his great-grandfather's essays, written in the anti-Semitic intellectual heyday of the 1850s. In his writings, Richard Wagner described the Jews as repulsive foreigners and encouraged Europeans to rid themselves of the curse by destroying them.

Gottfried Wagner, who was born in 1947, says in his book that his great-grandfather's views are hard to separate from his childhood discoveries of newsreels and diaries that show his parents and grandmother were friends of Adolf Hitler. The Wagner family were clearly part of the political and social elite of Germany's Third Reich who congregated regularly in the Wagnerian cultural home in the town of Bayreuth, where the annual opera festival remains a national event.

It soon became apparent to Wagner that Hitler embraced his great-grandfather's writings as the cultural basis for his Final Solution and included Wagner's music in his parades and films.

In the book, Wagner says the family markets their heritage by maintaining tight control over operatic performances in Germany and by the manipulation of a history in which they present themselves as innocent bystanders to Hitler's atrocities.

In some cases, he argues, lovers of Wagner's music attempt to redeem the composer from his past by presenting the family as philo-Semites and pointing to appearances made by Israeli conductor Daniel Barenboim in Bayreuth. Barenboim's longtime attempts to promote Wagner's music have caused widespread controversy in Israel, where there is an unspoken taboo against the composer. He caused an outcry when he led the Berlin Staatskapelle in a selection from the opera *Tristan und Isolde* at the 2001 Israel Festival.

Gottfried Wagner, who will be in Toronto next week as part of Music Reborn, a Royal Conservatory of Music weekend event devoted to the Holocaust, is one of the founders of the Post-Holocaust Dialogue Group. For him, German-Jewish relations can only move forward if second-generation Germans honestly confront their past by asking their parents what they did during the war.

It isn't enough that Germans have official days of remembrance, Wagner said in an interview from his home in Italy last week. Individual Germans must also face their own family histories, even when it is painful.

Ignoring family involvement in the Holocaust leads to denial, he said, pointing to a recent comment made by German parliamentarian Martin Hohmann that Jews could be seen as a "nation of perpetrators," similar to the Nazis, because of their actions in the 1917 communist revolution. Even though Hohmann was ejected from the Christian Democratic Party for the comment, an opinion poll released Nov. 13 showed that about 50 per cent of the party's supporters do not consider the statement anti-Semitic.

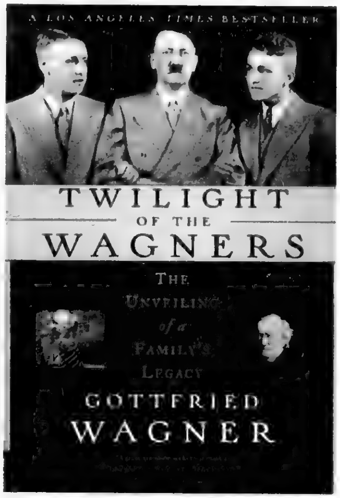
"Most Germans are surrounded by silence and concealment and grow up with lies and falsifications," Wagner said. "This is especially true of those who grew up in East Germany, where Hitler and the Third Reich were never discussed."

Unfortunately, he said, "facing truth can be very painful and sometimes split families." Wagner and his father, Wolfgang, who heads the Bayreuth Wagner legacy, have not been in touch for many years.

Gottfried Wagner said second-generation Germans must develop an honest historical consciousness that is based on shame rather than guilt, adding that this consciousness must come slowly in order to prevent disengagement.

Wagner is currently working on an opera with Yehuda Nir based on Nir's memoir titled *The Lost Childhood*. The work brings together a survivor and a Nazi descendent in an attempt to honestly confront the German descent into genocide and only then venture into the realm of forgiveness.

Wagner is speaking at The Royal Ontario Museum on Dec. 5 at 4:30 p.m. and at the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre on Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. Admission is free.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Conservative expert says Halachah 'not infinitely elastic'

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

How elastic is Jewish law? Rabbi Joel Roth answers that question with an ease that confirms he's on familiar ground.

If you compare Halachah to a rubber band, "you can stretch it to the point where, when you release it, it comes back," says the Jewish Theological Seminary professor of Talmud and Jewish law. "If you stretch it beyond that point, you've stretched it too far.

"Halachah is very elastic, but not infinitely elastic," Rabbi Roth told *The CJN* in an interview at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, one of five Toronto congregations at which he spoke during a three-day visit late last month.

He also spoke to high school students at both branches of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, and was keynote speaker at this year's Torah in Toronto, an annual United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism adult education event held this year at Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Rabbi Roth, who wrote the 1983 responsum that enabled women to become rabbis in the Conservative movement, said that halachic elasticity "means that one generation could render decisions that would be unrecognizable by an earlier generation… but it doesn't mean that anything anybody wants to do can happen just because they want it to happen. It has to be defensible within the halachic system."

Rabbi Joel Roth

The rabbi is serving as co-chair of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's new committee set up to examine ways of reinforcing the centrality of Halachah in the Conservative movement.

He said the biggest misconception about Conservative Judaism is that Conservative Jews can choose which laws to keep. Much of his work in more than three decades in the rabbinate has been devoted to educating the laity of the Conservative movement about the "critical and central" role of Halachah.

But the thorniest halachic issue currently facing the Conservative movement has to do with homosexual behaviour, an issue expected to be addressed at the movement's law committee retreat next March.

"I can see no halachic way that can legitimate homosexual behaviour as halachically acceptable," said Rabbi Roth. "That has nothing to do with the value of the people who are gay. It has nothing to do with the reality that I know gays don't choose to be gay – which is not the same as saying God made them that way. I'm not 100 per cent convinced of that."

Rabbi Roth's views differ markedly from those of his colleague Rabbi Elliot Dorff, a philosophy professor at the Conservative movement's University of Judaism in Los Angeles. The rabbis, both of whom serve on the movement's committee on Jewish law and standards, led a panel discussion on the issue at the Conservative movement's biennial convention in Dallas in October.

At the panel, Rabbi Dorff said he wants the movement's committee on Jewish law and standards to reinterpret the laws – based on moral and medical considerations – to sanction monogamous homosexual relationships by offering Jewish commitment ceremonies and to encourage committed, same-sex couples to consider adoption, the use of surrogates and artificial insemination to replenish the dwindling Jewish population.

Rabbi Roth believes the issue could split the movement and sees "no great benefit" to its being discussed now. "Nothing has changed either halachically or scientifically" in the 12 years since it was last studied, he said.

In 1992, the law committee issued a consensus statement that said Conservative rabbis would not perform same-sex commitment ceremonies nor admit avowed homosexuals to the rabbinical school or ordain them, but would assiduously avoid attempts to make gays uncomfortable in synagogues and advocate equality of civil rights – without recognizing the halachic legitimacy of homosexual behaviour.

Rabbi Roth said he's not prepared to state in a public document that same-sex monogamous relationships are preferable to promiscuous ones in case it appears that he endorses such relationships.

The issue of women's ordination was also contentious, said Roth, a former rabbinical school dean, recalling that some of the more "traditionalist" leaders left the movement. The rabbi believes women's ordination is halachically defensible, but he says he "cannot find any way to validate homosexual behaviour.

"I cannot conceive of any issue that will be more divisive."

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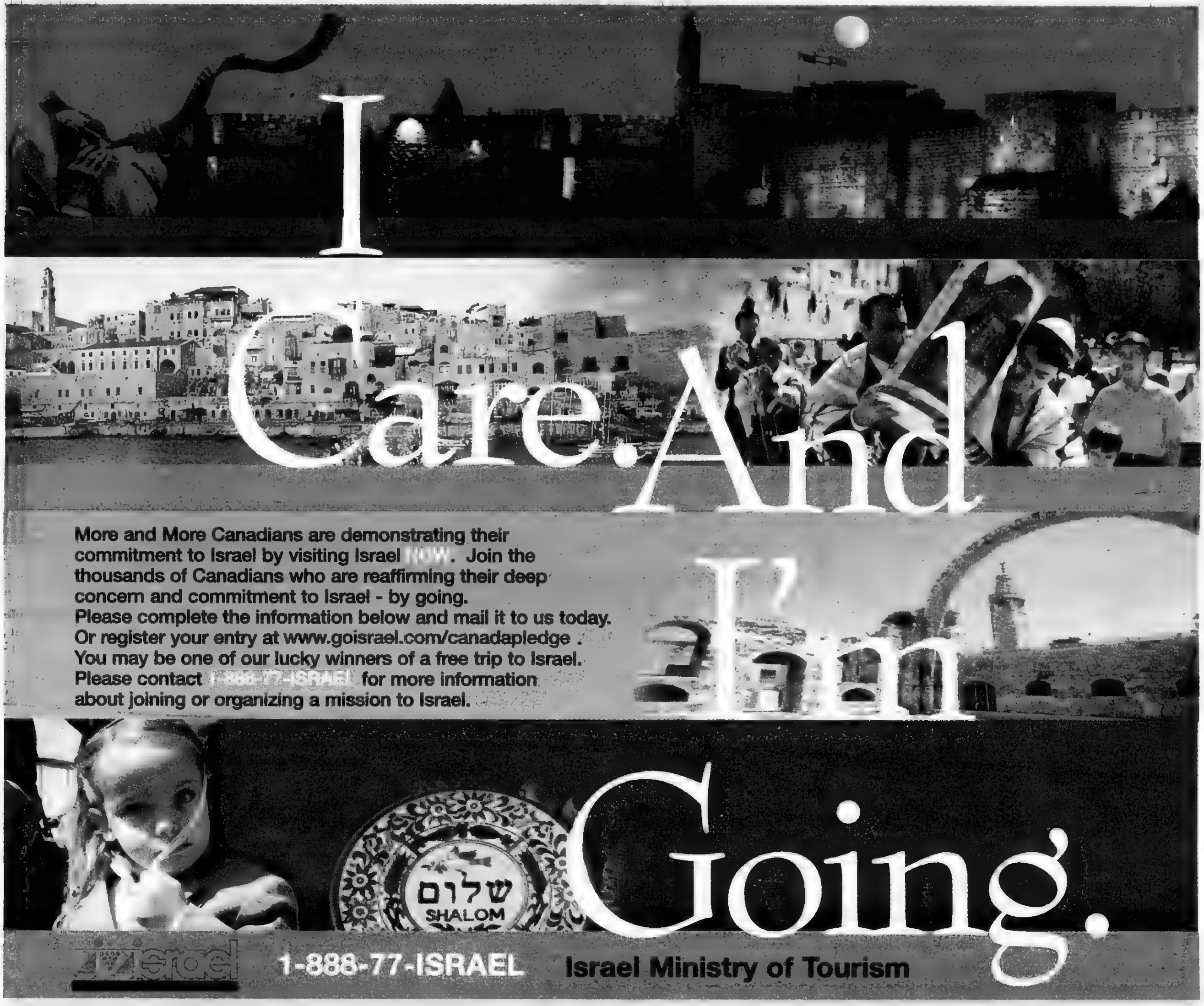

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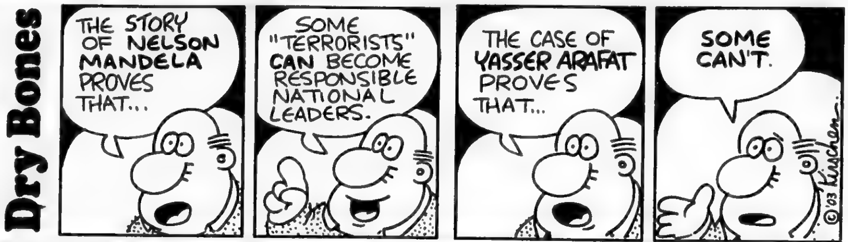
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Latest Annan salvo; latest UN failure

For at least 30 years, Israel and its supporters have harboured no illusions about the attitude of the United Nations towards the Jewish state or about the organization's ability to play a truly constructive role in the pursuit of Middle East peace. We saw only last week, again, very clearly, the two-faced, hypocritical approach of the UN towards Israel when the Jewish state was compelled to withdraw a General Assembly resolution seeking to protect Israeli children as well as Palestinian children from the ravages of violence and war.

The General Assembly is nothing more than a glorified speakers' corner of constant calumny against Israel, an echo chamber of reverberating slander by the Arab League, the Islamic Conference and their numerous confederates in the unceasing campaign to delegitimize the only Jewish state on earth. And its chief administrator, Secretary General Kofi Annan, alas, has allowed himself to become nothing more than the body's oft-manipulated spokesperson.

Last week Annan published a report in which he concluded that the security fence Israel is erecting is in violation of international law. It "could damage the longer-term prospects for peace," he added. "In the midst of the road map process," Annan wrote, "when each party should be making good-faith confidence-building gestures, the barrier's construction in the West Bank cannot, in this regard, be seen as anything but a deeply counterproductive act."

What sets Annan's latest salvo against Israel apart from his previous ones is neither its conclusion nor its tone. They have become all too predictable. Rather, it is its complete lack of contextual or moral positioning. He calls for confidence-building gestures within the framework of the road map. Where has he been these past months and years? The first, indeed virtually the only, obligation upon the Palestinian Authority (PA) leadership under the road map is to dismantle the structure of terror. Yet they have publicly and openly refused to do so. Annan accuses Israel of undermining long-term prospects for peace. Yet can he name even a single step the PA leadership has taken to enhance any prospects for peace – short, medium or long term?

The security fence is a last-gasp, defensive measure by Israel to protect its citizens. It was born of overwhelming desperation, a dispiriting concession to the bitter truth that Israelis feel no hope of reaching a settlement with the current Palestinian leadership. The majority of Israelis support the security fence.

To be sure, questions about the route of the fence are legitimate. But illegitimate is the brazen double standard that questions Israel's right to do what every other country on earth does, namely, erect barriers to ensure the safety of its own citizens.

The fact that, once again, it is the secretary general of the UN who applies the double standard is further proof of the UN's abject failure to help bring the parties closer to peace.

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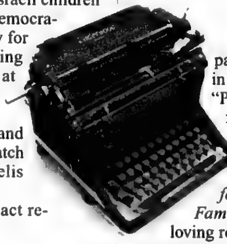
UN disappoints again

The news last week that Israel was forced to withdraw its United Nations resolution regarding the protection and safeguarding of its innocent children from numerous terrorist attacks is extremely disappointing and disheartening. Does the UN General Assembly really believe the lives of Israeli children are worth less than those of other children in the world? The fact that Egypt, which now has a peace treaty with Israel, introduced the absurd amendments (causing Israel to withdraw its resolution) and asked countries such as Malaysia, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Sudan, whose own children have also been under attack by terrorists to support them, is absurd and beyond comprehension.

We have been to Egypt and have seen the "carpet schools" where young children, ranging in age from six to eight years old, are forced to work. We were told that the children willingly attend. These schools are well-known to be nothing more than child labour institutions! What gives Egypt the right to even suggest that Israeli children should not be protected? Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East, not only cares deeply for its own children, but about all children living in Israel. On a visit to the pediatric ward at Hadassah Ein Kerem in Jerusalem, we saw Palestinian children being cared for compassionately and lovingly by professional and volunteer staff. It is a remarkable sight to watch the mothers of both Palestinians and Israelis caring for each other's children.

We urge the UN's secretary general to act responsively and humanely.

Norman and Brenda Kaman
Richmond Hill, Ont.



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Claims Conference ignores survivors

Sam Bloch's article "Conference Aids Survivors, Preserves Shoah Legacy" (*CJN*, Nov. 20) is a page taken from the Claims Conference's mantra that has been disseminated in North America and Europe by its public relations apparatus. The *Frankfurter Rundschau* of Oct. 24, for example, echoes the mantra when it informs its readers that "the Jewish Claims Conference uses the money [from unclaimed property sales] mainly for the social care of Holocaust victims and their descendants."

Documentary and circumstantial evidence, however, demonstrate that large sums of monies have been allocated to non-Holocaust enterprises, both in aid and education, giving lie to Bloch's assertions.

From Brooklyn to Boston, Toronto to Tel Aviv, the voices of survivors tell a tale of sorrow. A daily posthumous victory is handed to Hitler when a survivor dies of want.

Eli Pfefferkorn
Toronto

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Holocaust funds dispute can be resolved

The longstanding dispute between the survivors' organizations and the Claims Conference over allegations that Claims Conference's allocations funds are transferred to non-Holocaust related undertakings ("Claims Conference is on trial," "Conference aids survivors, preserves Shoah legacy," *CJN*, Nov. 20) can be resolved by appointing an independent inquiry committee that would have access to all the relevant documents held by the Claims Conference.

Esther Bem
Toronto

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Language inappropriate for *CJN*

I must express deep concern about the appearance of very vulgar words in your publication ("University paper pulled after anti-Semitic comment," *CJN*, Nov. 27).

The CJN has never descended to such language before and it is inappropriate for a family paper.

Rabbi Meir Gottesman
Toronto

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Our elderly parents

Etta Ginsberg McEwan's letter ("Our elderly parents," Letters to the editor, *CJN*, Nov. 13), in which she calls the title of our recent lecture "Parenting your parent" at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care demeaning, is totally inappropriate and misleading.

In fact, as the co-authors of the book *Parenting Your Parents: Support Strategies for Meeting the Challenge of Aging in the Family*, we are staunch advocates of sensitive, loving relationships with elderly parents. And that is precisely the message we delivered to an appreciative audience attending the lecture.

Just as our parents gave all they could to nurture and help us through our formative years, we are now in the position to help them in their most challenging years. It goes without saying that this is a respectful and loving process of caring for their well-being and safety.

Considering Ginsberg McEwan never attended the lecture and obviously has never opened the book, she might benefit from the old but wise adage, "You can't judge a book by its cover."

Michael Gordon
Bart Mindszenthy
Toronto

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Queries Cotler

I understand that outgoing Prime Minister Jean Chrétien wants to etch his name in the annals of history as he leaves politics, but what is Mount Royal Liberal MP Irwin Cotler's reasoning for favouring the legalization of same sex-marriage? I strongly doubt that a majority of his constituents favour same sex-marriage, whether it is performed in a civil or religious ceremony.

Harry Grunstein
Hampstead, Que.

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Worrisome echoes of a dark past

By AMNON RUBINSTEIN

According to Jewish philosopher Emil Fackenheim, Jew hatred has three stages. In the first stage, the message is you can't live among us as Jews; in the second, it's you can't live among us; and in the third, it's you can't live. The first stage is coerced conversion, the second is expulsion and the third is destruction.

The message of the fourth stage is you can't live in your own country.

In the 1930s, the streets of Germany filled with two kinds of graffiti: "Jews Out" and "Jews to Palestine."

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Anti-Israel demonstation in London earlier this year **[C. Devorah photo]**

But the call of the new anti-Semitism of our age is "Jews out of Palestine." It is characteristic not only of the traditional Israel haters but also – and mostly – of circles dubbed as "the left" nowadays, in Israel, Europe and among "liberal" Americans.

The absurd thing is that negating Israel's right to exist – which provides the intellectual backing for threatening its destruction – is espoused in the name of doctrines of human rights and equality. In other words, all nations have the right to self-determination – except the Jews. There is no substantial difference between that and the first stage of traditional anti-Semitism according to Fackenheim: "You can't live among us as a member of the family of nations."

The fact that the extremist intellectual left is now carrying the banner once hefted by the fascist right in Europe is as traumatic for many contemporary Jews as it was in the late 19th century. True, there are no pogroms and no Dreyfus trial, but when the chief rabbi of France, Joseph Sitruk, goes on radio to tell Jews to avoid wearing a skullcap in public, it is a call that should shock the most secular Jews to their core.

The European Social Forum, meanwhile, invites anti-Semitic Muslim intellectual Tarek Ramadan to join its ranks, and the left in general inspires only deep disappointment when it does not demonstrate alongside Jews who are afraid to wear a skullcap and are killed at prayer in synagogues.

Those not tainted with fashionable academic ignorance today, who read early Zionist thinkers and philosophers Moshe Lilienblum and Yehuda Leib Pinsker, cannot help but feel deep identification with those two writers. It's not only Jews who are hurt by the combination of extremist Muslims and anti-Semitic leftists.

The French press – including a media very critical of Israel – is shocked by what has happened.

On Nov. 18, *Le Monde* justifiably praised the rapid response of President Jacques Chirac, who called a special session of his cabinet, after arsonists struck a Jewish school in Paris on Nov. 15. The newspaper warned of the danger in the combination of violent Islamic anti-Semitism and traditional French anti-Semitism.

Le Figaro, on Nov. 17, drew a connection between the events in Istanbul and Paris and the public opinion poll in which Europeans ranked Israel as the leading country endangering world peace. The newspaper added that the greatest success of the new anti-Semitism is its very banalization.

Gerard Dupuy, writing in *Liberation* on Nov. 17, opens an editorial on the Turkish bombings with this stunning statement: "In 2003, a person can be killed simply for being Jewish – in Istanbul, Jerba and Casablanca." He adds that anyone trying to explain the anti-Semitism, if not justify it, in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is making a moral mistake, because it is a murderous trend, rooted in Muslim society, and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is just an excuse for it.

Anti-Israel sentiments in Dublin **[C. Devorah photo]**

French-Jewish jurist Robert Badinter, a former justice minister and now a socialist senator, was bitter in an interview with a Catholic publication about how the new anti-Semitism is disguised as anti-Zionism.

And German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder announced a special session of the European Council on Peace and Security to discuss the issue of the new anti-Semitism in the spring.

Maybe those same Israeli leftists who dismiss the charges about signs of the new anti-Semitism should read these articles that appeared overseas.

Amnon Rubinstein is a former minister of justice in Israel.

Anti-Israel march in Paris **[RNS/Reuters photo]**

In one week...

Just some of the incidents

- **Marseille (Wednesday, Nov. 26)**

Swastikas were daubed on Jewish shops in southern France. The swastikas were found in the morning on the outside of a Jewish photography studio and bookshop in Marseille, as well as on a number of walls close to the city's main synagogue. About 70,000 Jews live in Marseille, the second largest Jewish community in France.

- **Paris (Tuesday, Nov. 25)**

French President Jacques Chirac called for legal measures to protect judges attacked on the basis of their ethnic or religious origins. In a letter to the country's highest judicial body, Chirac said a recent case in which a Tunisian man demanded an appeal against his sentence because the judge was Jewish "had created undeniable and legitimate anger." The president added, "Anti-Semitism runs contrary to all of France's values."

Also on the same day, swastikas were painted on a mosque in northern France, and an attempt was made to set the building alight.

- **Marseille (Monday, Nov. 24)**

Swastikas and anti-Semitic slogans and insignia were painted on tombstones in a Jewish cemetery. Some 10 tombstones were desecrated in a nighttime incident at the Trois Luc Cemetery in Marseille, Jewish leaders there said. In addition to the swastikas, White Power and SS slogans were found on the tombs, as were insignias representing the far-right New Order movement. The Marseille regional branch of the CRIF, the umbrella organization of French Jews said in a statement that it hoped "everything would be done to place this racist minority, whose acts bring to mind the darkest hours of French history, beyond the pale."

- **Istanbul (Monday, Nov. 24)**

The *Jerusalem Post* reported that a Turkish terrorist group claiming responsibility for synagogue bombings in Istanbul had publicly threatened Jews. In a letter publicized on Turkish television Nov. 20, the group blamed Jews for poisoning Muslim society and threatened Turkey's chief rabbi, Isak Haleva. They also wished "Dirty Jews a peaceful Shabbat."

–JTA

Bargaining with God

Norma Baumel Joseph in Montreal

Most of us think we are not supposed to bargain with God when we pray. We think it is unseemly. Yet, that is precisely what most of us do. "Please God, let my father live and I will…" There are many versions. We promise to give charity, pray more fervently or regularly, do some act of righteousness. We promise to be good. Just give us what we want. Somehow that stance seems unbecoming to proper prayer.

But is it? Surely we are supposed to be good all the time, not just upon receiving God's favour. Nevertheless, I think that Jewish notions of prayer allow, even encourage, making deals with God. Termed vows, the Bible recognizes the power of a promise in beseeching God.

Perhaps the most suggestive biblical vow is that of Hannah, mother of Samuel. She pleads with God to give her a son and pledges that if her request is granted, she will dedicate his life to service of God. There are many elements of this story worthy of elaboration, but the simple fact of her request stands as essential. After an interesting misunderstanding, Eli, the priest, blesses her and God grants her request. So the bargain – or vow – works.

Not only is this narrative interesting as story, it also becomes the archetype for appropriate prayer. The rabbis ascertain correct prayer mores from Hannah's actions. Ironically, a woman sets the standard for prayer.

According to the Talmud, both the proper structure and the content of prayer are established by Hannah. True prayer (Tfillah with a capital T) requires standing silently, lips moving and vocal murmuring. The Amidah, the central text of our liturgical tradition emulates Hannah's engagement with God. Most importantly, she demonstrates proper prayer content.

According to Maimonides, prayer must contain praise of God, thankfulness, and a request – a *bakashah*. Hannah asks and God grants. Thus, we are bound by our ancestral tradition to plead with God.

According to the writings of Rabbi J. B. Soloveitchik, it is imperative for human beings to accept and understand their humanity at the moment of prayer. Praying out of need indicates our true frailty. We are not all-powerful, able to stand alone, totally self sufficient. In all humility, we must recognize our finiteness.

Prayer allows us to approach the Omnipotent, not from a standpoint of equality but from one of submission. We acknowledge our mortality, we accept God's creative power and we ask for help. That is prayer. The definition of the word includes the notions of supplication or entreating. We stand before God asking for blessings, an act that translates into embracing our own place in the order of the universe. Able to accomplish much, required to do good, we need assistance. God grant us that which we truly need.

What is to be done?

Jean M. Gerber in Vancouver

This month, I would like to address the position of the Conservative Movement on gay and lesbian Jews.

In 1992, the Law and Standards Committee of the Rabbinical Assembly passed five policies regarding homosexual Jews:

- no commitment ceremonies for gay and lesbian couples;
- no admittance to rabbinical or cantorial schools: those who are already students or members will not be subject to "witch hunts;"
- each congregation and rabbi will decide whether gays or lesbians will function as teachers or youth leaders for that congregation (taking into account the responsa of the Law and Standards Committee);
- each congregation and rabbi will formulate policies for inclusion in honours and lay leadership positions;
- but they "hereby affirm gays and lesbians are welcome in our congregations, youth groups, camps and schools."

These rather contradictory approaches form the basis for each congregation to address the inclusion of gays and lesbians in synagogue life. My attention immediately goes to the second item, a ruling reminding us of the days when Jews were not admitted to medical schools or internships in Canadian hospitals, and when women were not admitted to those same rabbinical or cantorial schools.

I believe the issues are not merely legalistic. We must examine not only the halachic discussion, but also the deep emotional stresses caused by the knowledge that our own Torah called the practice of male homosexuality an *abomination*. This term wounds more deeply than words can say.

But there are real people behind these words. Consider: a young man cared for his partner through the final weeks of AIDS and then was barred from his funeral so as not to embarrass the family. Or a strong commitment was shown by a Jewish lesbian couple to sending their children to day school, continuing the precious commandment of teaching our children Torah.

Rabbi Reuven Kimelman wrote a detailed and closely argued responsa in support of the above rulings. I deal with only part of his reasoning. He argues that Judaism is based on family, which the Torah defines exclusively as man and wife, and he says that "the birth of a child most fully validates sexual partnership as a means of [Jewish] continuity. It is there that the Divine presence most fully dwells."

He also argues that family " transcends the participants" and contributes to the health of the entire community. Thus it assures the continuance of the Jewish polity. The health of the entire Jewish community will be compromised if such unions are sanctioned – they will become role models for children and undermine the "privileged position of normative marriage" in Judaism.

Further, he says, to condone homosexual unions will " easily slide into the legitimation of 'loving' incestuous, pedophiliac and adulterous relationships."

Others rest their case on the biblical prohibition and the fact that the first commandment in the Torah is "be fruitful and multiply," something that homosexual couples cannot do unaided.

And yet, and yet. I cannot stomach these condescending arguments. As far as we know, sexual orientation is not a chosen, acquired preference, but something hard-wired into human identity. Despite heroic measures to overcome it, it persists, and its suppression leads to tragic lives and sometimes suicides of despair. Can we assume responsibility for those twisted lives and cold deaths?

The equation of acceptance of homosexuality with incest and pedophilia is appalling. We are talking about two adults making loving decisions, not about the deviants who pounce from a position of power on weaker victims.

Full participation of women in worship was regarded with horror, as the slippery slope into a female-dominated service, with men relegated to the sidelines. Yet the feared "feminization" of Judaism has not happened.

We in the Conservative movement manage a pretty good balance today between men and women as prayer leaders and members of the minyan, and congregational rabbis and cantors are still overwhelmingly male!

Sexual orientation is not, nor should it be regarded as a barrier to Torah study or the high calling of rabbi. Homosexuality does not make one less acute in the apprehension of Torah learning, nor make one less empathetic, a quality most needed by congregations.

Finally, there is no evidence that being taught by a gay person will make you gay. It may, as my children tell me, make you more accepting of the diversity of the Jewish people. We need to take another look at this "we-they" mentality. If we believe that "We are one," then we need to act like it.

Remembering the 'other' 11th

Stuart Slayen in Winnipeg

A powerful memory overwhelmed me shortly after I woke up on Remembrance Day this year.

As a teen, I used to go with my father to *tallis 'n' tfillin*, the Sunday morning minyan at Beth Israel Synagogue in north Winnipeg. The service was less a spiritual experience, and more a way to pass the time while the breakfast herring and schnapps were allowed to breathe. Actually, for the schnapps we had on Sunday morning, breathing wasn't enough. While 15 men prayed, the schnapps gasped.

It was a weekly ritual that the men loved: a short service, a two-dollar breakfast (everyone chipped in) and the same chat about sports, politics and synagogue business, with the odd awful joke thrown in for good measure between bites.

Services were led by members of the congregation. My father, not overly confident with his Hebrew, never led the services. He sat quietly at the back of the bland chapel. He joined in congregational singing, but rarely davened out loud.

I don't remember the exact year, but it was some time in the early 1980s. It was Nov. 11. The service ended at its usual time and the usual schnapps and shtick were flowing. My father excused himself after breakfast. A few moments later, I got up to retrieve my tallis and tfillin from the chapel. As I entered, I saw my father – the man who shied away from standing at the front of the room – standing at the pulpit, tallis back on his shoulders, reciting the *Kaddish* and weeping softly. At 11 a.m.

My father was a veteran of World War II – a proud Canadian soldier who lost friends in the war. He was remembering his fallen comrades – mostly not Jewish – the best way he knew how.

My father served in England during the war. He never saw combat. He had few stories. (In fact, the only one I can remember is the one about him and a few friends getting promoted to corporal, celebrating a little bit too much and then getting busted back to private shortly thereafter.)

But the fact is he served. He was proud to do so. He did what he was asked in the name of Canada and in honour of the king, and because it was right. He felt passionately Canadian and passionately Jewish. When I think back to my father crying while saying *Kaddish* for his gentile friends, I'm overwhelmed by Canadian and Jewish pride. And I know definitively that those two prides can co-exist.

Our aging World War veterans will soon no longer be with us. And while today's Canadian soldiers deserve our ongoing gratitude, we must be absolutely steadfast in remembering the thousands of people who served this country in world wars I and II and in Korea.

Global realities have changed since my father and his peers were in the armed forces. Today's realities are shaped largely by the events of Sept. 11. In the process of learning to live in this new world, perhaps we're beginning to forget the significance of Nov. 11. But as the veterans of the world wars pass on, it is our responsibility as Canadians and as Jews to recall their heroism and commitment.

When my father died in 1986, a local Jewish war veteran attended the funeral in Legion-issued ceremonial garb. He placed a creased Canadian flag on my father's coffin, said a few words and saluted. It was strange at the time. My father wasn't active in the Legion and I had no clue who this guy was. But when I think back, it made sense. He wasn't just saying goodbye to my father, he was saying goodbye to another small piece of a generation that helped to shape Canada.

After I recalled this memory this past Remembrance Day, I made a point of finding a quiet place to say *Kaddish* at 11 a.m. But I didn't feel a sense of loss the way my father did. I felt a sense of gratitude.

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Kaifeng: the remains of China's old Jewish community

"Shalom," said Moshe Zhang Xingwang, a short, squat, goateed man sporting a black embroidered kippah, green corduroy slacks, a blue-and-grey sweat top and black sneakers.

Sheldon Kirshner in Kaifeng

Greeting me in a high-pitched voice that is fairly common among northern Chinese men, Moshe ushered us into the living room of his spare seventh-floor apartment on the outskirts of Kaifeng, 300 kilometres southwest of Beijing. Kaifeng (population 800,000), China's former capital, is a clean, attractive city of reconstructed imperial palaces and administrative buildings, splendid monasteries and temples, the chrysanthemum-bedecked Dragon Pavilion, a riverside theme park portraying old China and the imposing Iron Pagoda.

As I quickly looked around Moshe's modestly furnished flat before sitting down for a chat, I saw two brass menorahs resting on a shelf, a small plastic Israeli flag affixed to a wall and photographs of Moshe posing with Orna Namir (Israel's former ambassador to China) and of the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

Moshe, a cheerful 56-year-old physical education teacher, is clearly not a typical Chinese person. In fact, Moshe is a rarity, a direct descendant, on his father's side, of Jews who settled in Kaifeng about 1,000 years ago.

In all of the vastness of China, with a mind-boggling population of about 1.2 billion, there are only 300 individuals like Moshe – 100 in Kaifeng, where Jewish traders from India, Iran and Afghanistan settled after reaching Cathay via the fabled Silk Road, and 200 in the rest of the country.

Moshe Zhang Xingwang

Whether self-appointed or not, Moshe, a warm, engaging man who makes visitors feel at home, has set himself up as the spokesperson for these people. Foreigners interested in Kaifeng Jewry are always directed to Moshe.

When I asked how he identifies himself, he replied, "Chinese, with Jewish blood." Munching an oversize apple as he spoke, Moshe explained that while he is an atheist, he feels a great kinship with his Jewish ancestors. He observes the sabbath (though not major Jewish holidays), lights candles on Shabbat and refrains from eating pork and blood-soaked meat. And in deference to his forefathers, which he can authoritatively trace back to the early 17th century, he wears a yarmulke.

Moshe began to seriously identify with his Jewish ancestors about a decade ago, when China launched far-reaching economic reforms, opened itself up to the world in a bid to modernize itself, and began tolerating religious freedom. Last year, accompanied by his 20-year-old son, he went to Nanjing University's Judaic Institute to learn more about Jewish traditions and history (his grandfather had taught him a little) and to study Hebrew. He hopes to travel to Israel one day.

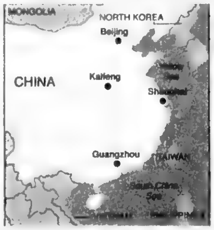
I was not surprised to hear that anti-Semitism has never intruded into Moshe's life. Chinese emperors welcomed Jews (called *Youties* in Mandarin), and the Jewish community in Kaifeng – the most permanent and long-lasting in China – was gradually so integrated and assimilated into Chinese society that it simply disappeared.

Pan Guang, a Chinese scholar based in Shanghai, claims that the first Jews came to China during the Han dynasty (206 B.C.E. to 220 C.E.) But it was not until the 10th century, under the Northern Song dynasty, that Jews established a community in Kaifeng, known then as Dongjing. Smack dab in the middle of Henan province, and lying along the Yellow River, Kaifeng was a thriving mercantile town of 1.5 million at the dawn of the second millennium.

The emperor, having accepted a tribute of cotton goods they had brought with them, is said to have declared, "You have come to our China. Respect and preserve your customs of your ancestors here in Kaifeng."

Enjoying equal rights and free to pursue their activities as merchants, the Jews of Kaifeng built a synagogue in 1163, renovating it a century later. During the Ming dynasty (1368-1644), the community prospered, reaching a population of approximately 4,000 among 500 families. Jewish communities also emerged in cities such as Guangzhou, Hangzhou and Ningbo, but only the one in Kaifeng endured.

By the 17th century, Kaifeng's Jewish residents had drifted into the civil service, the professions, the skilled crafts and agriculture. Amid a remarkable climate of tolerance and acceptance virtually unique in the annals of Jewish history, they absorbed Chinese habits, dressed like Chinese, took Chinese names such as Zhao, Li, Ai, Gao, Jin and Shi and intermarried. When the Ming emperors closed the Silk Road to commerce, the Jews of Kaifeng were isolated and forgotten.



Their isolation was abruptly broken in 1605 when the Italian Jesuit priest, Matteo Ricci, met Ai Tian, a Chinese Jew from Kaifeng. Less than 40 years later, the synagogue and many of its religious artifacts were swept away by a flood. In 1642, the shul was rebuilt in the shape of a pagoda. But over the next few centuries, the community declined as Jews stopped practising Judaism, the last rabbi died and the synagogue fell into decrepitude and was once again inundated by flood waters.

In the 19th century, their deracinated descendants, some mired in poverty, sold Torah scrolls and Hebrew manuscripts to Christian missionaries. These priceless relics ended up in the British Museum, Oxford University, Cambridge University, Southern Methodist University in Dallas and the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. A small collection of artifacts, ranging from a lacquered wooden Torah case to rubbings from a 15th century stone stele commemorating the rebuilding of Kaifeng's synagogue, found their way into the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto.

The Canadian connection is intriguing. Bishop William White, a Church of England missionary working in Kaifeng in the early 20th century, made a serious attempt to revitalize the community. In 1942, the University of Toronto Press published his book, *Chinese Jews*.

By 1907, when *The National Geographic* magazine published a piece by Oliver Bainbridge titled "The Chinese Jews," the Jews of Kaifeng had been reduced to a pathetic rump. The community, Bainbridge wrote, "has dwindled down to eight families, numbering in all about 50 persons, who have in a great measure forgotten their characteristic observances through frequent vicissitudes and varied conditions of life." Many of the Jews, he added, "had merged into Mohammedanism through persecution and distress."

And all efforts to bring them back to Judaism failed.

Today, in Kaifeng's City Museum, on the banks of Lord Bao Lake, the remnants of a dead community are displayed in "An Exhibition of the History and Culture of Ancient Kaifeng Jews." The exhibit, on the top floor of the museum in two dusty, dimly illuminated rooms with barely legible explanatory signs and a geographically inaccurate map of the Silk Road, is normally closed to the public, said its pleasant curator, Yue Qin.

Special arrangements must be made to view the unimpressive objects, most of which are enclosed in glass cases: a large stone bowl, two stone tablets and three ink rubbings, all taken from the synagogue, and a scroll of the synagogue's interior. There are five empty glass display cases, waiting to be filled should further artifacts ever be found.

The ruins of Kaifeng's synagogue were scattered after the land it was on was sold to Canadian missionaries. The Number 4 Hospital now stands on the site, and the hospital's gloomy power plant sits on what was once the synagogue's courtyard and well.

A block away, on a narrow alley of drab cinderblock homes, is the Teaching Torah Lane, the former residential quarter of Kaifeng Jewry. There I met Cui Shu Ping, whose late husband, Zhao Pingyu, was a descendant of a Kaifeng Jewish family. Her home, consisting of two small rooms, is something of a shrine of Kaifeng's Jewish past.

Teaching Torah Lane [Sheldon Kirshner photos]

On the walls, and arrayed on shelves, are photographs of long-deceased Kaifeng Jews in pigtails; paper cuts fashioned into menorahs and a Star of David; a decorative plate of Jerusalem; and four brass menorahs. The paper cuts were hand-crafted by one of Cui's daughters, and the Jewish souvenirs were left behind by Israeli tourists.

These, then, are the remains of a vanished Jewish community that has morphed into an alluring historical oddity, a community that passed into the vacuum of history through rampant assimilation and near-total isolation.

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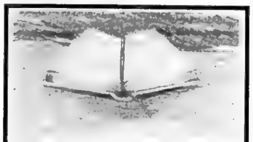
Jacob's ladder brings us to the real world

By RABBI REUVEN TRADBURKS



Rabbinic Reflections

Is the main story of Judaism the story of anti-Semitism or of man's journey together with God?

How would you interpret the great story in this week's parshah of Jacob and the ladder? Esau wants to kill Jacob for having stolen the birthright. Jacob flees for his life from the land of Israel.

He lies down that night and has a dream. He dreams of a ladder reaching up to the heavens. Angels are going up and down the ladder. HaShem assures him that all will be well and he will return in peace to the land of Israel.

What is the main point of this story? Is it about anti-Semitism? Is God saying, there will always be enemies, dear Jacob. You are running from an enemy, your brother, who wants to kill you. And by the way, it won't be much better in Lavan's house. He will pretend to be your friend but will really want to stab you in the back. So Jacob, let Me assure you that I will protect you and you will survive anti-Semitism and the enemies of the Jews, both those in exile and in the land.

Or is this an entirely different story? Is God saying, Jacob, look at those angels going up and down the ladder. Look at who is at the top of the ladder. Jacob, you and your people have a special relationship with Me that is connected to the land of Israel. All these blips along the way, don't worry about them – the bigger picture is you walking with Me, our special relationship through life.

Now, I may be reading a bit too much into this story from the Torah, but I feel a bit jaded looking at the modern Jewish world. You would think, when reading Jewish newspapers, when seeing the topics of the wonderful speakers and lectures offered in our community, when hearing rabbis' sermons, that the biggest issue in the Jewish world today is anti-Semitism, both in the land of Israel and in the Diaspora.

I flinch at this. I think our world today is Jacob's world. His brother wants to kill him. He is going to have a host in exile – Lavan – who is duplistic, who loves him and maybe hates him, who accommodates him but is happy to have him leave.

Yet I don't think that is the point of the story of the ladder. The point is we must rise above our momentary challenges and climb up the ladder to the top, where our relationship with HaShem, our special covenant, is apparent. God is saying this relationship is the heart of you, Jacob – Esau's hatred to you does not define you, nor does the ambivalent relationship with Lavan define you – My pact with you, My covenant with you, is your definition.

Today's Jewish world faces many challenges. The persistent anti-Semitism is of great concern, as is the continual, decades-long tensions in the land of Israel. However, in the heart of each Jew is our covenant with God, our loyalty to Him and His loyalty to us. The heart of each Jew lies in our Jewish living, our learning the Torah, our aspirations to do mitzvot with a full heart, with a heart of passion.

I think the ladder transports us above this world to the real world of Jewish living.

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Psychological probing of midrash

***Wise Men and Their Tales: Portraits of Biblical, Talmudic and Hasidic Masters,* by Elie Wiesel, Random House, $40.00.**

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Wise Men and Their Tales, like Wiesel's previous books, *Souls on Fire* and *Sages and Dreamers* is a compendium of lectures given at the famous 92nd Street Y in New York and at Boston University.

Much of the material here may be familiar. But Wiesel brings to it psychological probing midrashic commentary and the wisdom that flows from his own singular experience – as well as an unexpected vein of humour.

Freshly presented by a master storyteller is: the matriarch Sarah, fiercely guarding her son, Isaac, against the negative influence of his half-brother Ishmael; Samson, the solitary hero and protector of his people, whose singular weakness brought about his tragic end; Isaiah, caught in the middle of the struggle between God and man, his messages of anger and sorrow counterbalanced by his timeless, eloquent vision of a world at peace; the saintly Rabbi Yahoshua ben Levi, who by virtue of a lifetime of good deeds was permitted to enter heaven while still alive and who tried to ensure a similar fate for all humanity by stealing the sword of the Angel of Death.

Wise women are not overlooked. In addition to considering the life of Sarah, Wiesel also looks at the lives of Hagar and Miriam. About Miriam, he writes that her whole life was lived under the sign of water. Remove the Hebrew letter resh from her name and you have *mayim* – water.

"We meet her on the banks of the Nile, we find her on the far shore of the Red Sea. We leave her, or she leaves us, as her people are clamouring for water. Water is like love: we only appreciate it in its absence. To the thirsty, it stands for happiness; to the slaked, the satisfied, it represents the banality of everyday life. Water is the liquid of life, but also a call by death and to death."

The chapter "Converts in the Talmud" leads to a general discussion of the conversion process. Wiesel points out that Judaism does not recognize conversion to another religion. A Jew who is born Jewish, according to tradition, remains a Jew. In the Middle Ages, the Church punished conversion to Judaism with death.

When Jews were accused of seducing Christians into conversion, harsh collective punishments followed. To protect their communities, great rabbinic authorities, such as Rabbi Gershon ben Yaakov of the 13th century, implored their congregants not to discuss theology with Christians, so as to avoid the appearance of trying to influence them.

Wiesel insists that Christians need not become Jewish to be respected by Jews. The same applies to Muslims.

"I insist on this because a regrettable speech was recently heard in the United States. Some Southern Baptists announced their intention to convert all Jews in America. Well – that is some ambitious project… if they persist in trying to convert all American Jews, well – let them start with me."

Often Wiesel poses questions. But he provides few answers. The question mark is as prominent as the period. Yet always his explorations, which draw on a vast tradition of wisdom and insight, are illuminating and rewarding.

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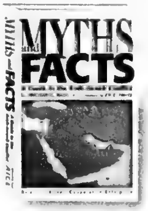

Although critics have sought to portray the security fence as a kind of Berlin Wall, it is nothing of the sort. First, unlike the Berlin Wall, the fence does not separate one people, Germans from Germans, and deny freedom to those on one side. Israel's security fence separates two peoples, Israelis and Palestinians, and offers freedom and security for both.

Second, while Israelis are fully prepared to live with Palestinians, and 20 per cent of the Israeli population is already Arab, the Palestinians are the ones saying they do not want to live with any Jews and call for the West Bank to be *judenrein*.

Third, the fence is not being constructed to prevent the citizens of one state from escaping. It is designed solely to keep terrorists out of Israel.

Finally, of the 150 miles scheduled to be constructed, only a tiny fraction of that (about five miles) is actually a 30-foot-high wall, and that is being built in three areas where it will prevent Palestinian snipers from around the terrorist hotbeds of Kalkilya and Tulkarm from shooting at cars as they have done for the last three years along the Trans-Israel Highway, one of the country's main roads. The wall also takes up less space than the other barriers, only about seven feet, so it did not have a great impact on the area where it was built.

Most of the barrier will be a chain-link type fence similar to those used across the United States that are combined with underground and long-range sensors, unmanned aerial vehicles, trenches, landmines and guard paths. Manned checkpoints will constitute the only way to travel back and forth through the fence. The barrier is altogether about 160 feet wide in most places.

Israel did not want to build a fence, and resisted doing so for more than 35 years. If anyone is to blame for the construction, it is Hamas, Islamic Jihad and other Palestinian terrorists. Perhaps its construction may help stimulate the Palestinians to take action against the terrorists because the barrier has shown them there is a price to pay for sponsoring terrorism.

Source: Myths & Facts Online: A Guide to the Arab-Israeli Conflict *by Mitchell G. Bard, http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org.*

Holocaust restitution deadlines

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

The Jewish Highway

In recent years, Holocaust survivors have had the opportunity to apply for restitution from governments, banks and other institutions that had stolen their property. Some deadlines have passed, but others are approaching. Today, an overview of compensation funds with impending deadlines, along with Web sites with excellent resources for people considering applying for restitution. The information below is a summary of the conditions of these funds. Please read the Web sites carefully before you apply. Most apply to very specific types of claims.

The International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims – Deadline: Dec. 31

The International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims was established by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, the World Jewish Congress, the State of Israel, the Claims Conference and five major European insurance companies. It has published the names of insurance policyholders from the Holocaust era, with the goal of enabling heirs of victims to search the list for policies held by their families. Claim forms can be downloaded from **http://www.icheic.org/submit/english.html**.

Holocaust Fund for Property (Slovakia Republic) – Deadline: Dec. 31

This fund was created "to mitigate some material damages caused by the Holocaust, to persons to whom their [real estate] property has not been returned or in any other way compensated." Survivors who emigrated after the war can apply, as can eligible successors **[http://www.holocaustslovakia.sk/english.php]**.

Austrian Slave and Forced Labor Fund – Deadline: Dec. 31

The Austrian parliament has approved a fund called "Austrian Fund for Reconciliation, Peace and Co-operation" to compensate former slave and forced labourers. The estimated number of survivors eligible for compensation under this law is 150,000, of whom roughly 10,000 are Jewish and could include Hungarian Jews who were deported to Austria in 1944 and 1945. Heirs of victims may be eligible if the victim died on or after Feb. 16, 2000 **[http://www.claimscon.org/index.asp?url=austria/forced_labor]**.

Austrian National Fund for Victims of Nazi Persecution – Deadline: Dec. 31

This is a one-time "supplemental payment" of $7,000 (US) for victims of Nazi persecution, including Austrian citizens on March 13, 1938 or children born in a concentration (or concentration-like) camp in Austria of parents of Austrian citizens or 10-year residents. Some residency leeway may apply **[http://www.claimscon.org/index.asp?url=austria/national_fund]**.

General ("in rem") Settlement Fund – Austrian Federal Government – Deadline: Jan. 27, 2004

Restitution for "Aryanized" real estate, as well as Jewish communal property, that was directly owned by the Austrian federal government as of Jan. 17, 2001, will be subject to restitution on a case-by-case basis. An exchange of equivalent property is possible, but compensation is not **[http://www.claimscon.org/index.asp?url=austria/GSF]**.

The claims form can be downloaded from the National Fund of the Republic of Austria Web site **[http://www.nationalfonds.org/aef/english/konFragebogen.htm]**.

Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany – Deadline: March 31, 2004

The Claims Conference "has published a list of former owners of Jewish assets in the former eastern Germany that it has either recovered or for which it has received a compensation payment under German restitution law… or for which it has filed claims that are not yet adjudicated" **[http://www.ajr.org.uk/claimsconf.htm]**.

For more help, visit the Holocaust Claims Processing Office of the State of New York **[http://www.claims.state.ny.us/]**, the Commission for Art Recovery **[http://www.comartrecovery.org/]** and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum **[http://www.ushmm.org/assets/]**. You can also search the Tel Aviv-based Information Center for Holocaust Survivors, which has several published lists of property owners from the Holocaust period. Its centralized database includes the names of bank, property and insurance policy owners from countries including Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Sweden **[http://www.claimsinfo.org/searchdb.asp**.

Please note that several other restitution funds have no associated deadlines. These include funds administered in Germany, Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, France, Italy and The Netherlands. For more information on requirements and benefits, download the document "Compensation and Restitution by Country" **[http://www.claimscon.org/forms/compensation_guide.pdf]**.

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NCSY opens drop in centre for teenagers

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

The National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) has opened a new drop-in centre for teens on Eglinton Avenue just west of Bathurst Street.

The centre is run by newlyweds Shmuel and Elana Soroka, who are alumni of NCSY, the youth outreach arm of the Union of Orthodox Hebrew congregations (O-U).

When the two got engaged, they asked Rabbi Glenn Black, regional director of NCSY, for an assignment. He suggested they establish a presence in the Bathurst-Eglinton area. In September, they opened a renovated 1,000-square-foot space in a building donated by the owners.

The centre has a small office area, ping- pong and pool tables, sofas and a supersize television. Large tables are used for study, discussion, meals or whatever else is needed.

"It's a safe place for kids to hang out and just chill," said Elana.

The centre has no particular schedule, Elana said.

NCSYers relax and enjoy a game of pool at the drop-in centre on Eglinton Avenue. At right: Dedication of the new office with Sid Jelinek (left), the property manager of the building putting up the mezuzah with Shmuel and Elana Soroka.

"It's crucial to have a spot where kids can just hang out and socialize, with no pressure."

The centre currently offers junior and senior NCSY programs, free pizza lunches and a drop-in on Tuesday nights, where kids can come to relax, play games, have a snack, see a movie or participate in discussions. Plans are to expand these programs in the near future.

These activities are supplemented by the many educational programs NCSY holds at local schools, Shmuel said. For instance, the organization runs the Culture Club, an outreach program for public high school students, at Forest Hill Collegiate Institute.

The couple said they plan to work with the whole community. In addition to their work at the new centre, they said also teach NCSY Torah High classes at Shaarei Shomayim and Chabad of Midtown and have organized other events in the area, such as a sukkah party, a weekly Carlebach minyan and a monthly Friday night dinner at the nearby Village Shul, as well as several Shabbatons.

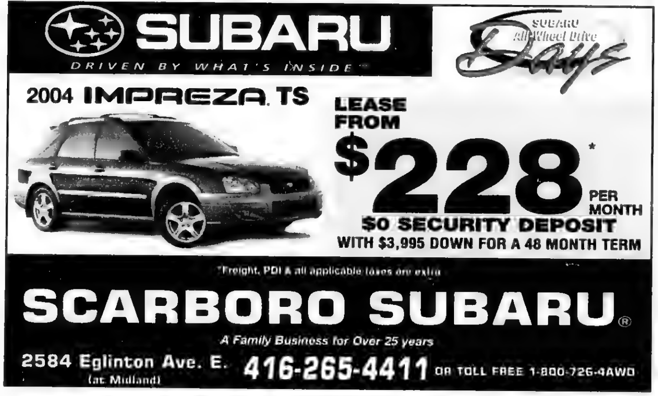
They say being a husband and wife team benefits their work.

"We are an educational and a social team," Elana said. "We can have kids over for Shabbat, and they get to know both of us."

Rabbi Black told *The CJN* that opening the centre at Eglinton is part of NCSY's mandate to serve the estimated 18,000 affiliated and non-affiliated Jewish teenagers in the GTA.

"We started with a storefront at Baycrest and Bathurst, then eight years ago we moved north to Steeles. When the new federation campus opens at Bathurst and Weldrick, we plan to open a centre there too."

The first drop-in centre was at the Bathurst and Steeles location. "Now, there are 12 or 15, including Los Angeles, Vancouver and



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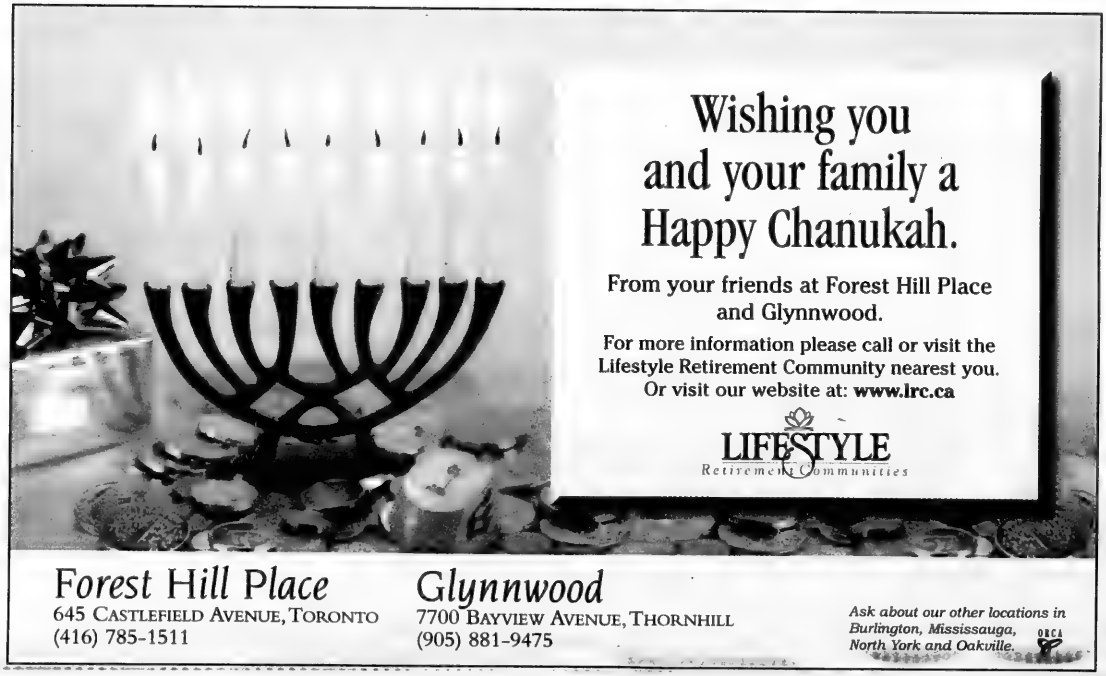

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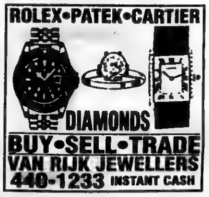

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Senator Grafstein to monitor Georgian elections

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

Sen. Jerry Grafstein, who heads the liberal, democratic and reform caucus in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), has been appointed to an OSCE election-observation mission and will travel to the Republic of Georgia to monitor that country's election next month.

Grafstein, who will be making his third trip to the Caucasus Mountain state, will also serve as part of a Canadian all-party delegation that will observe Georgia's presidential election on Jan. 4.

The election was called after President Eduard Shevardnadze stepped down in the wake of massive demonstrations in the capital, Tbilisi, to protest a rigged parliamentary election on Nov. 2. Shevardnadze was forced to resign when the parliamentary building was stormed by angry legislators and the army sided with protesters.

Grafstein said the OSCE presence as well as that of monitors from other international organizations will play a key role in assuring Georgia remains on the road to democracy.

The OSCE "is more effective than the United Nations in building democracy and freedom. We're the carpenters and electricians of building democratic organizations," he said, adding the OSCE has assisted countries in central and eastern Europe organize political parties, a public service, and free labour and capital markets.

The OSCE, which evolved from the Helsinki Accord of the mid-1970s, urges states to respect human rights and it played an important role in the collapse of the Soviet Union. Last summer it called on its 55 members to take steps to address a rising wave of anti-Semitism.

The OSCE, Grafstein said, has been trying to shepherd Georgia towards democratic reform for several years. It has invested its prestige in attempting to work against separatist influences in a number of Georgian regions while promoting parliamentary reform and an open society.

At the same time, international financier George Soros has been working on a parallel track – unco-ordinated with the OSCE – to promote creation of grass roots and democratic initiatives, Grafstein said.

He suggested Georgia's location north of Turkey and south of Russia make it of strategic interest to the West. A proposed oil pipeline that will bring millions of barrels of Caspian oil to the West via Turkey will traverse Georgia. As well, Georgia sits just south of Chechnya, where Islamic rebels have been fighting Russian forces for years. The United States has sent military personnel to train Georgian forces in counter-insurgency techniques.

Grafstein was critical of the Canadian government for ignoring the region too long. Canada has no diplomatic representation in the Caucasus and it, along with other the Western nations, particularly the EU, neglected Georgia in the 1990s as its economy withered. Georgians desperately want to "face west" and Canada could trade on its strong reputation as an independent, middle-sized democracy to steer Georgia on a course to an open society, he said.

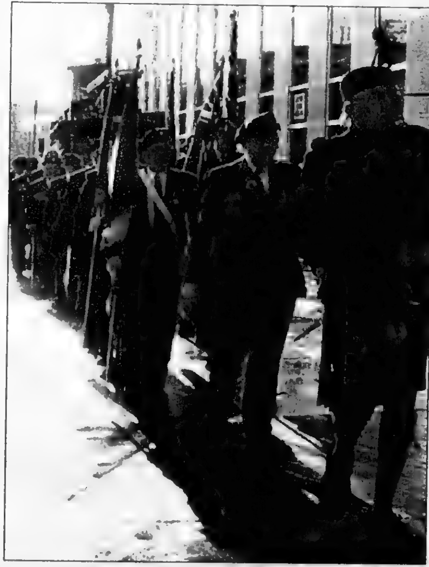
What's more, Canadian "benign neglect" has frozen it out of all work on the proposed oil pipeline even though "we are the leading technologists and engineers in long distance pipelines."

In 1998, Grafstein addressed the Georgian parliament, discussing Canada's open society and urging Georgia to adopt Canada's pluralist approach to politics. At the time, he was the first Canadian legislator to address the Georgian parliament.

Instead of investing in diplomatic representation in the Caucasus, Grafstein said Canada has erected "monumental embassies" in London and Paris. More should be done in helping emerging democracies in eastern Europe and the countries in central Asia which end in "stan." Doing so now could get Canada in on the ground floor when these countries expand their trade, Grafstein suggested.

"I have high expectation we will have a much more realistic and cost effective foreign policy under the new government [of Paul Martin] than under the previous Liberal government," he added.

DEDICATION: A piper and colour guard from the General Wingate Branch 256 of the Royal Canadian Legion marked the recent re-dedication ceremony for the newly renovated Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, in remembrance of the Canadian Jewish soldiers killed in action. Fifty years earlier, the Wingate branch was active in raising funds to build the downtown JCC, which was dedicated to "Canadians of the Jewish faith who gave their lives in service to their country." Former minister of national defence Barney Danson, who was also an active fundraiser for the original JCC, delivered the keynote address at the re-dedication, and a remembrance song was performed by Grade 2 students from the Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School, which is housed at the JCC. The building's 1953 cornerstone now sits in front of the refurbished Nadal JCC at Bloor Street and Spadina Avenue.



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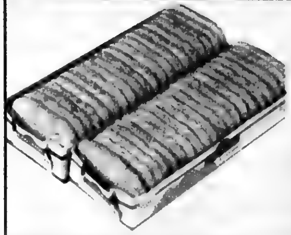

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Linitzer society marks 90 years

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

After 90 years, the Linitzer Benefit Society is still going strong.

The organization, which began with about 25 immigrants from the Ukrainian town of Linitz (today called Ilintsy), has a membership today of more than 200 families. At its largest, the society had about 500 member families.

Carl Kellen, 79, who has been a member for 55 years, says about 70 or 80 people still turn out to meetings, which are held six times a year. One member, Joe Mazin, has belonged for 65 years.

The secret to its success, Kellen says, "is that we keep our children involved. We understand that if we don't bring in young people, the society will disappear.

"My own father Louis, joined in 1918, and now my son David, is active. The children are the ones who are running the society," says Kellen, who is honorary president.

Linitzer Benefit Society president David Kellen honours Joe Mazin, a 65-year-member, at the society's 90th anniversary celebration.

Since 1916, when the society was chartered as the Linitzer Sick Benefit Society, its mandate has been to help members in need, says Kellen.

"Our founders fled from oppression in Europe and sought the right to raise their families in freedom, earn an honest living and have their children gain entrance to any university. They helped create the city's garment industry, and they were [in the forefront] of the establishment of Baycrest Centre and Mount Sinai Hospital.

"During the '20s and '30s, the society paid for members' doctors' visits, and also paid for funerals and put up monuments at the Linitzer sections in Dawes Road or Bathurst Lawn cemeteries."

Kellen's father died in 1935, he says, and the family was in desperate financial need.

"When things were tough, I knew there was a society."

In 1970, Kellen had heart surgery in Cleveland, Ohio, and was allowed no visitors, but then-president Morris Resnick snuck into the hospital and walked up nine floors to see him.

"He just had to see for himself how I was doing," he says.

"The bottom line is that we do not abandon people when they have problems. That is what we try to teach our children."

The organization has always supported various charities, Kellen says.

"In 1943, we donated an ambulance to the Canadian army, and this year we equipped a Magen David Adom ambulance. We also maintain an endowment fund at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem."

Today, the society supports the Heart and Stroke Foundation, UJA Federation and a number of institutions in Israel.

Kellen says Linitzer members are proud of their history.

"As Jews, and as children of the Holocaust, we know what survival means. We are behind all political parties that support peace and security…

"We are survivors – Jewish survivors. Our history is written in the history of this city, this province, this country."

Chasm between secular, haredi Jews said problem

By ADAM SEGAL
Special to The CJN

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is usually seen as the biggest war being waged in Israel, but the deep chasm between secular and haredi Jews is equally if not more worrisome, says an Israeli scholar.

"In Israel now, there is a war over what it means to be a Jew," said Bar-Ilan University professor Noah Efron, who spoke recently on "Israel's Other War: The Struggle Over Jewish Identity in Israel" at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

"There is a sense in Israel… that we need to hate" the haredi community, said the author of *Real Jews: Secular, Ultra Orthodox and the Struggle for Jewish Identity*, published last May by Basic Books.

Efron, who spent 10 years researching for his book, said secular Zionists, by and large, harbour feelings of hatred and anger toward haredim, and vice versa.

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For instance, he spoke of the recent rash of infant deaths in Israel caused by a vitamin deficiency in the kosher Remedia Super Soya 1 baby formula made by the German company Humana.

Israel's mainstream press reported that haredi rabbis "prevented the [formula] company from including the vitamin because it was not kosher," Efron said, adding that the main slant was that the rabbis valued kashrut over human life.

Efron said the vast majority of the Israeli public bought into this notion, yet it turned out that the real cause of the deficiency was an error made by the company's factory workers.

He also cited a recent play he attended in Israel, in which haredim were depicted as massing nuclear attacks on Europe in order to spur the coming of the messiah.

"People applauded," he said. "No one seemed to really question that notion of ultra-Orthodox Jews wresting control [of the world]."

Efron identified the following five reasons for the anger: haredim do not typically serve in the Israeli army; the perception that an unfair amount of tax money goes toward supporting yeshivas; the belief that the haredi value system is being imposed on the larger society; and a fear that neighbourhoods are being "lost" to the haredi community.

Efron outlined shortcomings for each point.

He noted that in one secular, wealthy Tel Aviv suburb, only one-sixth of the residents eligible to serve in the army do so.

With respect to haredim studying Torah instead of working, Efron said, there is "something lovely about sacrificing material things… to study Torah."

He said there is a historic dimension to the divide: early Zionist ideology portrayed haredi Jews as the "old Jew" and the secular Israeli as the "modern, new Jew."

The main tenet of Israeli MK Tommy Lapid's platform in Israel's last election was to lead secular Israelis to freedom from haredi "oppressors," said Efron, who referred to himself as "modern Orthodox, although I view myself as a culturally secular Jew."

"This is a tragedy. It is a tremendous injustice."

Efron's solution is dialogue.

"I have great faith in discussion," he said, adding that another part of the solution is for Israelis to celebrate Zionism's successes instead of harping on the negative.

"People have to stop being so violently self- critical and start talking about the positive things," he said.

Efron, who is chair of Bar-Ilan's graduate program for history and philosophy of science, is currently working on a new book called *Golem, God and Man: Human and Divine in the Age of Biotechnology*.

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A sobering experience for high school students

By DANIEL HOROWITZ

More than 25,000 Ontario students visit the UJA Federation Holocaust Centre of Toronto each year, and according to Dana Wallace, a teacher at Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School in Markham, just two hours at the centre can make a profound difference in young lives.

"As a leader, you hope to not only teach students, but you hope to be an instrument of change," says Wallace, who recently brought 45 students to the centre. "To experience the Holocaust through an actual survivor is incredible for these kids. You can watch all the documentaries and read all the books about the Holocaust, but once the students come here, they go into total shock. It just doesn't become real until they come here."

Leonard Vis, a 73-year-old Holocaust survivor from Holland, and the speaker for Wallace's group, has been teaching students about the horrors of the Holocaust since 1989.

"Combating racism begins with education," Vis told his audience. "Like many of the Holocaust survivors, I'm not going to be around that much longer and it is vital that I teach all of you about what discrimination and hatred can lead to. How it felt to be a little Jewish boy in Holland who was hated for no reason. I still have many of those terrible feelings today, at the age of 73."

And his emotional candor was not lost on his young listeners.

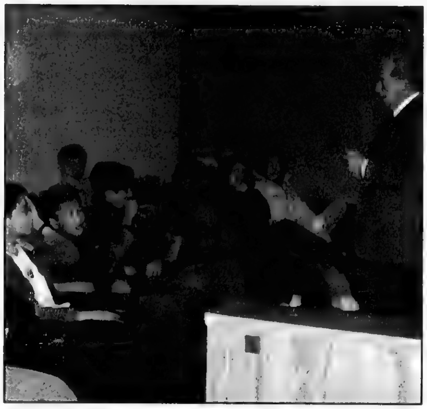
"It's so important because we simply can't let something like the Holocaust ever happen again," said 15-year-old Patrick Knight. "To prepare for this day we watched movies, did assignments, and learned a lot about World War II in general. I'm hoping to learn much more about the Holocaust, and I'm hoping that many more people come and learn what the history books just can't teach."

"We absolutely have to know, first-hand, what happened during the Holocaust," observed 16-year-old Daniel Nguyen. "Everybody should know about the past and what it must have been like for the Jews to face such terrible discrimination and hatred."

"Humanity has always had three basic needs," said Vis. "Food, shelter, and somebody to blame. It's always been the Jews who have filled that need."

According to Wallace, the lessons learned at the Holocaust Centre are lessons in life.

"My students have learned that while there were many people who did what they could to help Jews during the Holocaust, there were many who simply did nothing. Now they know that they have a responsibility for others and they shouldn't be like those who did nothing."



Students from Markham's Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School at the UJA Federation Holocaust Centre of Toronto. The guest speaker was Leonard Vis, a 73-year-old who survived the Holocaust by hiding in his native Holland.

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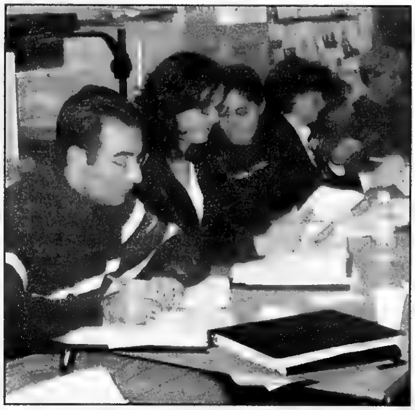


The UJA Federation Board of Jewish Education recently held two Professional Development Days for 1,200 supplementary and high school teachers. The teachers gathered in five different locations to learn about courses in Jewish studies, general subjects, personal growth, psychology and teaching techniques.

(Photo by Jonathan Ain)

The Chapel Club: together for 30 years

Not many groups can claim to be successfully functioning after three decades, but the Chapel Club, a group of men and women – many of them former Second World War soldiers - has been meeting regularly for the past 30 years in the chapel at Toronto's Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, which officially opened on Sunday.

Chaired by Coleman Bernstein, club members come together every Thursday and Sunday to remember the past, and support one another.

The chapel is named after Bernstein's brother, Michael, who was just 17 when he enlisted, and died three years later while stationed in Italy.

"If my brother Michael was alive today, he would be absolutely overjoyed to see this wonderful chapel named in his honour," says Bernstein, who became Chair of the club following the death of his other brother, Leonard, seven years ago. "Michael was such a great guy, a fantastic brother, a true patriot and one heck of a son. He used to send his paycheques home to my mother, telling her to buy a new dress or something else he knew would make her happy."

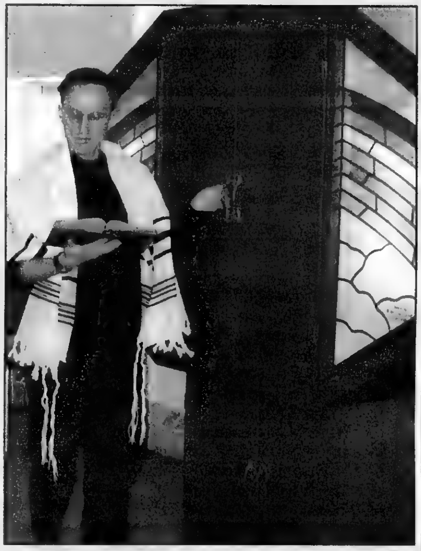
The Chapel Club began at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre – now the Nadal Centre - in 1974 with little more than a closet and a whole lot of determination and commitment.

"At first, they could only give us space in a closet at the old 'Y'," says Bernstein. "But, eventually, when they knew we were here for the long haul, they gave us more and more space. About seven or eight years ago, we renamed the chapel after my brother Michael. We had a parade, the whole works."

According to Naomi Rose, Executive Director of the Nadal Centre, the Chapel Club fills an important niche in the lives of Bernstein and the others.

"The Chapel Club provides a wonderful anchor for these men and women," says Rose. "Some of these same men have been *davening* here for 30 years. It's an incredibly caring, warm atmosphere where they look out for one another. It's a tremendous thing they've accomplished here. "

The new state-of-the-art Nadal Centre was rebuilt on the site of the original Bloor Jewish Community Centre – affectionately known as the south "Y". The original "Y" was built in 1953 with funds raised by returning World War II veterans, and it was dedicated to the memory of Jewish Canadian servicemen who lost their lives.



Eric Goldstein inside the Miles Nadal JCC Michael Bernstein Chapel

Coleman, who is also a volunteer with *Meals on Wheels*, is proud of what he and the others have accomplished.

"This club has become a real staple in the lives of so many people who come from all over Toronto to participate, either by saying *kaddish* or commemorating a *yartzheit*," says Bernstein. "For me, the most important thing about our club is the camaraderie it provides. As far as I'm concerned, the Michael Bernstein Chapel is one of the most beautiful small chapels in Toronto, and I think anybody who comes for a visit would feel the same way."

Jewish Toronto solidifies status as largest Canadian community

By WENDY LAMPERT

Toronto has strengthened its position as Canada's premiere Jewish city, with a Jewish population that is growing faster than that of any other major Canadian centre.

That's one of the latest findings based on 2001 census data from Charles Shahar, chief demographic researcher for UIA Federations Canada.

The Greater Toronto Area Jewish population numbers 179,100, making up almost 85% of Ontario's Jewish population and almost half of all Jews in Canada. In the last decade, the number of Jews living in Toronto has grown by 9.8%, far surpassing the 3.5% Jewish population growth in Canada as a whole.

"Toronto is the cultural and economic hub of English Canada. The quality of Jewish life in Toronto is one of the highest in North America. It has a long history of being a close-knit and diversified community," said Shahar.

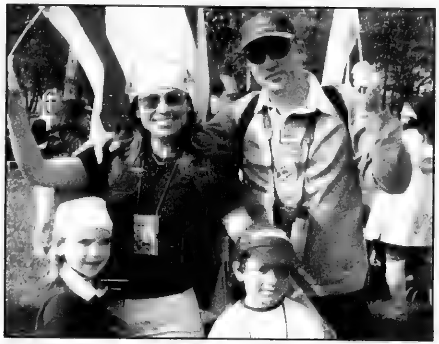
Shahar noted that Toronto also offers a sense of stability and continuity to Jewish immigrants. "The Jewish infrastructure in Toronto is particularly strong, and it accommodates a very diversified range of Jewish identity," he said. "It absorbs a multitude of different segments. Members of the immigrant Jewish population, when they come to Toronto, feel like they've come to the right place because of the strength of the community and its organization."

With a median age of 39.4 years, Toronto's Jewish population is slightly younger than that of Vancouver, a surprising finding according to Shahar. "That fact bodes well for the future of the Toronto community, which includes a significant population of young adults and young families," he said. "On average, Toronto has a younger community than most other major Jewish centres in Canada."

However, Toronto's Jewish baby boomer population is aging. "The baby boomer has hit middle age, so to speak," said Shahar, who noted that by the time the next census is completed, these same boomers will begin to swell the ranks of seniors, those 65 and older, who make up 15.4% of Toronto's Jewish community. Currently, almost 45% of all Jewish seniors in Canada live in Toronto.

"The analysis of this census data provides a revealing portrait of our community," said Warren Kimel, Chair of Community Planning & Allocations for UJA Federation. "For example, these statistics make it clear that appropriate services for seniors should be available as they progress through the aging process," he added.

Kimel said the community wants to work with the government to ensure that there are programs to support both healthy seniors and those who are becoming increasingly frail. "Through home support services and community programming, we want to help people remain independent for as long as possible, and continue to engage them as important members of Jewish Toronto. Holocaust survivors also have unique needs that should be addressed."



With a median age of only 39, the future looks bright for Toronto's young and vibrant Jewish community.

Report from the Chair

Inspiring stories from a remarkable mission

By LESLIE GALES
Chair, UJA Federation

In English it means "together" and UJA Federation's recent *B'yachad* mission truly typified its name. Three hundred of us - one of the largest UJA Federation mission contingents to ever visit Israel - travelled together, learned about Israel's current realities together and absorbed the remarkable spirit of our extraordinary Jewish homeland.

None of us came back the same.

There are so many stories to tell, but the following experiences illustrate how the people of Israel maintain their passion for life and the Jewish values that make life worth living despite the difficulties they face.

A deeper meaning

The members of Israel's Fire Brigade are routinely confronted by terrorism-related dangers. With every fire, there's always the risk of deadly chemical or biological weapons or becoming the target of a secondary round of bullets and grenades. That's why, on this mission, Toronto's Jewish community dedicated to the brigade, a uniquely equipped fire truck. On our visit, the brigade commander explained the difference between Israeli and California fire fighting techniques. California crews, he said, often wait until a fire is under control before removing individuals who are trapped inside (after monitoring their safety). Israelis, he continued, puncture a hole in the building, in order to immediately remove men, women and children. Just a technical difference in approach? I don't think so. Israeli firefighters understand the devastating impact of one lost life on the future of the country - on the future of the Jewish world. Everything in Israel houses deeper meaning.

Leslie Gales spends some time with Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon on the recent B'yachad *mission.*

One people

We were privileged on this mission to meet both an Israeli soldier and a Toronto *birthright israel* trip participant with whom he had been matched, as part of the *Mifgashim* program. Through a special grant provided by UJA Federation's Venture Philanthropy Fund, *Mifgashim* brings Israeli soldiers together with *birthright israel's* young people. The *birthright israel* member told us how much his newfound friendship with the soldier had affected him emotionally and ignited his spirituality. The soldier explained the way in which his encounter had altered his Jewish worldview. He used to think that he was fighting to protect his family, his ancestors and his country. Now he understands that he is fighting for Jews everywhere. We are truly one people.

A tough decision

Finally, my teenage daughter, Stephanie, who accompanied me on *B'yachad*, was torn between donating her bat mitzvah money to the Ethiopian children of Kiryat Moshe, who touched her heart because they need so much (UJA Federation strongly supports the community) or helping to purchase urgently required protective uniforms for the Fire Brigade. It was a classic struggle between an emotional decision (Kiryat Moshe) and a practical one (the Fire Brigade). Her heart eventually won over her mind, but there are so many needs and, fortunately, so many generous, caring community members in Toronto to meet them.

Our UJA Federation annual campaign is closing in on $50 million. With your help we will, once again, exceed $60 million to assist victims of terror, preserve Israeli social services, fight anti-Semitism and educate a new generation to deal with anti-Jewish intimidation.

Before I left for Israel I knew in my mind that Jewish unity is our most powerful defence against those who seek our destruction. Now that I'm back, I understand in my heart that, together, we are truly stronger.

Anti-Semitism will worsen

Professor, analyst and activist Ellen Cannon has issued a warning about a worldwide tide of anti-Semitism and anti-Americanism. "You haven't seen anything yet," she told several hundred people at a UJA Federation event. "Islamism (radical Islamic ideology) is much more dangerous than Nazism," she said. " A whole world is being influenced by a radical ideology."

According to Cannon, radical Islam not only seeks to destroy Israel, but also the United States, western democracies and virtually all Arab regimes – in fact, all nation-states, which would be replaced by Islamic rule. An Islamic state of Palestine, she said, would be "as anti-Christian as it is anti-Jewish." And, anti-Semitism, inspired by Islamic radicalism, she cautioned, is catching on. "Now it is legitimate to speak about Israel's existence in esoteric terms. Its future is no longer a certainty."

Cannon also outlined a three point plan to deal with this new threat: a massive communications campaign in the Arab world about the benefits of democracy; new programs in Arab society to teach entrepreneurship in order to break away from feudalism and political advocacy, particularly by building coalitions with Christians and other non-Jews.

Cannon, who holds a doctorate from the University of Massachusetts, is a frequent commentator on U.S. networks.

Chairs of UJA Federation's Israel Action & Education Committee Toddy Granovsky (left) and Richard Diamond (right) flank keynote speaker, Dr. Ellen Cannon, a renowned political analyst, during a recent UJA community event. (Carole Sterlng, another chair, was not available for this photo).

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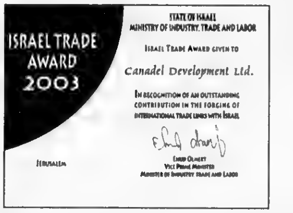

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Israel's military power divisive force: historian

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Israel has a responsibility as a sovereign state to defend itself against aggression, but its exercise of military power has been a divisive force, historian Michael Oren said last week.

Michael Oren

In a speech at Holy Blossom Temple, Oren said this pattern has manifested itself since the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

Virtually every Israeli "resort to power" since then has divided Israeli society and broken governments, said the author of *Six Days of War*, an account of the 1967 Six Day War.

Currently a senior fellow at the Shalem Center in Jerusalem, Oren cited two examples of the divisiveness of Israeli power: Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon and its efforts to contain the first and current Palestinian uprisings.

"The dividing issue in Israel is [military] power," he said.

There are two exceptions to this axiom: Israel's waging of the Six Day War and its successful 1976 Entebbe raid to extricate Israeli passengers in Uganda whose Air France plane had been hijacked by Palestinian and European terrorists.

Military power, however, has not always worked against Israel's interests, he added. "Power [does] have its rewards."

Israel gained a 10-year respite from war after the 1956 Sinai campaign, and France helped Israel build a nuclear reactor.

But after the Six Day War, Israel relied too much on military power and indulged in a worship of generals, said Oren, a former paratrooper who left the United States more than 25 years ago to settle in Israel.

The current wave of Arab terrorism, which forces Israel to hit back, has reopened the debate on Israeli power, he said.

In a reference to the Israel Defence Forces, Oren said it is "too Jewish." Rather than levelling Palestinian villages after suicide bombings, the Israeli army erects checkpoints in the territories.

And in an effort to reduce the possibility of civilian casualties, Israel's general staff enters into lengthy debates over the advisability of using 500 or 1,000-pound bombs to kill terrorists.

On political power, he said, most rabbbinic sages have opposed the Jewish acquisition of such authority, considering it dangerous, foolish, profane and blasphemous.

And today, he pointed out, haredim usually oppose Zionism, the modern expression of Jewish power.

But power, military and political, is integral to Islam, said Oren. If Jews recoil from power, Muslims seek it out.

On a per capita basis, the intifadah has claimed as many lives as the Yom Kippur War, he said, adding that Israel increasingly serves as a focus of anti-Semitism.

Asked to comment on the Olso peace process, Oren dismissed it as "an old, disastrous idea" that has been tried without success since the 1930s.

Oslo, he said, represented yet another attempt to partition a land inhabited by Jews and Arabs – "yet another chapter in the belief that the Palestinians are willing to share Palestine."

But the Palestinians have repeatedly rejected this concept. And as a result, he is pessimsitic. As he put it, "I'm convinced there is no one on the other side to talk to."

Palestinian professions of interest in partition are misleading, he said, adding that Palestinians want to struggle against Israel by political and demographic means.

He said Israel faces a dilemma: it engenders bitterness among Palestinians and creates new terrorists by mounting reprisal raids, but if it fails to respond to provocations, it will leave the impression it is weak and vulnerable.

The security barrier Israel is currently building through the West Bank evokes images of the "ghetto wall" Zionism sought to dispel.

Yet if the barrier follows the pre-1967 lines, the Palestinians will conclude that Israel is weak and has succumbed to the threat of terrorism, he said.

Commenting on Israel's recent bombing of a Palestinian camp deep inside Syria, Oren said it was "long overdue" given Syria's support of terrorist groups such as Islamic Jihad and Hamas.

The United Nations Resolution 242, unanimously adopted in November 1967, has been universally misinterpreted, he said, since it calls on Israel to withdraw from "territories," not "the territories," and recognizes the right of all states in the region to defensible borders.

BUTTERFLIES: The grade 4 and 5 students at both campuses of The Leo Baeck Day School created butterflies to be sent to the Holocaust Museum in Houston for their Butterfly Project. The children remembered the children who were victims of the Holocaust by creating a colourful butterfly in the image that was evoked for them by their writings. These butterflies represent the dreams and hopes that Leo Baeck students believe had been held by the children in Terezin who had lost their lives. From left: Jonti Gavin, Kayla Perlmutter, Nicole Hausman.

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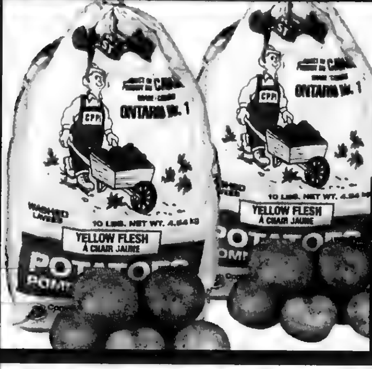
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Palestinian solidarity conference proceeds uneventfully at U of T

By LEORA BERESKIN
Special to The CJN

A Palestinian solidarity conference proceeded uneventfully in a University of Toronto building Sunday, although it was originally cancelled by school officials because of its exclusionary nature.

The conference, which attracted approximately 80 people, took place at the Bahen Centre for Information Technology. It was originally to be held a week earlier in another U of T building, but was cancelled, not because of its possibly anti-Semitic or terrorist-endorsing inferences, but because university officials felt it excluded people who did not want to sign one of its registering documents, the Basis of Unity.

Jewish student felt 'pretty disheartened'

The Basis of Unity consisted of six points, including "Israel is a racist apartheid state," "The two-state solution is not a viable or acceptable option" and "We support the right of the Palestinian people to resist Israeli and colonialism by the means of their choosing." Under pressure from pro-Palestine protesters who claimed that their freedom of speech rights were being infringed upon, the university rescheduled the conference to Sunday.

One of the organizers of the event, Hazem Jamjoum, spoke to journalists about this last point, saying he abhors suicide bombers, but he believes that in a situation of oppression, anyone has a right to resist it.

He said violence has been used effectively many times in history to make a positive change.

The schedule included talks on "the realities and nature of Israeli apartheid" and "Zionist claims of 'diversity.'" It also discussed specific plans for action and events to be held in Toronto in the future.

The conference was organized by Al-Awda (the Palestine right to return coalition) and the Arab Student Council, and attracted a diverse crowd, including several individuals wearing buttons that read: "Jews Against Occupation."

A Jewish student who attended part of the conference said he left feeling "pretty disheartened."

Last Wednesday, people protested the cancellation of the conference by marching across the U of T campus.

Lawsuit fights repeal of tax credit

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"In the best of all worlds, we would like the credit preserved. But we know that's not going to happen. We're painfully aware they campaigned against it. We're just hoping they'll phase it out in a humane way."

The OACS is suing Finance Minister Greg Sorbara and Attorney General Michael Bryant for not holding a referendum.

Lawyers for the government have argued the OACS motion should be dismissed because repealing a tax credit is not the same as raising taxes and is therefore not subject to the Taxpayers Protection Act. They have also argued that the recent provincial election amounted to a referendum on the issue and that the legislature could be paralyzed if the court interferes with government business.

CJC and the Ontario Association of Jewish Day Schools have been working to change the date of repeal to June 30, 2004.

Morgan said officials in the finance and education ministries have invited Congress and other interested parties to submit ideas for alternatives to the EETC.

He said two ideas are being considered. One would follow the models of funding private, faith-based schools in Quebec and British Columbia, where schools that follow the provincial curriculum receive grants based on certain criteria, including the number of pupils.

The other, which is in place in Alberta, is for private schools to affiliate with public school boards.

That was tried in the late 1970s, when Associated Hebrew Day Schools attempted unsuccessfully to affiliate with the North York Board of Education.

"We're willing to look at that again," Morgan said.

In a joint statement last week, CJC and the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) "expressed considerable disappointment" at the Liberal plan to ax the EETC.

"We are very disappointed that the government has proceeded rashly and has retroactively killed the tax credit. Parents with children in independent schools made their financial decision on the basis of the tax credit applying for the full school year," Mohammad Ashraf, secretary general of ISNA Canada, said in a statement.

"Our parents are mostly average middle-income earners who were counting heavily on this tax credit in their household budget. I am frankly surprised that the government acted with such mean spirit. It was not necessary."

Morgan stated that he fully agrees with the Islamic group.

"We always understood that the premier supported funding to faith-based schools. In fact he voiced this support publicly to our executive only a few years ago. We hoped that the government would have offered another alternative to the tax credit. Now we non-Catholics in Ontario are once again the subjects of religious discrimination. This is not acceptable."

Bernie Farber, CJC Ontario region's executive director, said the Liberals' bill may very well be the first example in Canadian history of a retroactive cancellation of a tax break.

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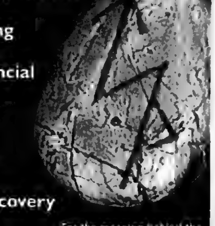

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Jerusalem mayor enlists Canadian aid for economic recovery

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In a bid to restore the city's economic viability, Lupolianski has established a forum to bring high-tech industry to Jerusalem and diversify its tourist-dependent economy.

While in Toronto, Lupolianski met with Gerry Schwartz, chief executive officer of Onex Corp., a multinational investment firm with a myriad of companies and thousands of employees around the world.

Rosen said Lupolianski invited Schwartz "to help us restore Jerusalem's economic health."

Schwartz promised to lead a Canadian delegation to Jerusalem in the near future, Rosen added.

In addition, Lupolianski met with with members of the Reichmann family, who are real estate investors and have close ties with Israel.

"The mayor's message is that we have to rebuild Jerusalem," said Rosen. "It's not charity."

Friendly and down-to-earth, Lupolianski expressed admiration for the spirit and steadfastness of Jerusalem's residents in the face of continual Arab terrorism.

In an effort to create a safer environment for its more than 600,000 citizens, one third of whom are Arabs, he asked Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to build a barrier around the city.

The security fence, scheduled to be completed by year's end, will protect the people of Jerusalem, he said.

"I have talked to professionals in the army and the police, and they have told me the fence will help secure Jerusalem and stop terrorism."

Lupolianski said he would ask Diaspora donors for funds to hire more security guards to safeguard schools and old-age homes.

As well, he plans to make city parks wheelchair accessible to victims of terrorism.

An ordained rabbi and the first haredi mayor of Jerusalem, he said he has every intention of preserving the religious status quo, and will not try to change the current balance between secular and observant Jews in the city.

From left: Toronto Deputy Mayor Case Ootes; Jerusalem Mayor Uri Lupolianski; Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, executive director Bernie Farber; then-Toronto mayor Mel Lastman; Toronto Councillor Mike Feldman.

"It's vital for Yerushalayim, the heart of Israel and of the Jewish people, to stand firm on the status quo so that everyone can live together in peace."

He has come under pressure from some haredi circles to increase the severity of religious laws, but he will not be moved.

"It's not an easy job, I know," he said, referring to his determination to serve all Jerusalemites. "I want to strengthen the bridges between various Jewish groups. I can make a unique contribution."

He added, "I don't want to step on anyone's foot. We have Jewish people, and Muslims and Christians, and the mayor is responsible for all of them. I will do my best to serve them."

Lupolianski denied reports that the Arab inhabitants of eastern Jerusalem receive poorer services than their Jewish counterparts.

"On a per-capita basis, we spend more money in Arabic districts than in Jewish neighbourhoods," he said, claiming that the infrastructure of Arab neighbourhoods was neglected by Jordan before the Six Day War in 1967.

He also hopes to beautify the city by adding more gardens.

Lupolianski, who paid a courtesy visit to Mel Lastman before his resignation as Toronto mayor earlier this week, was born in Haifa in 1951.

Elected a city council member in 1989, Lupolianski was appointed acting mayor last winter when the incumbent, Ehud Olmert, resigned to pursue a career in national politics. Olmert is currently minister of trade and industry and deputy prime minister.

In last June's municipal election, he defeated his opponent Nir Barkat by a relatively wide margin. His term of office is five years.

Before becoming mayor, Lupolianski – the father of twelve – was best known as the founder of Yad Sarah.

It is a nation-wide, non-profit medical aid organization that attends to the needs of the disabled, the sick and the elderly.

Accompanied by Israel's ambassador to Canada, Haim Divon, Lupolianski reportedly drummed up support for Yad Sarah during his brief visit to Toronto.

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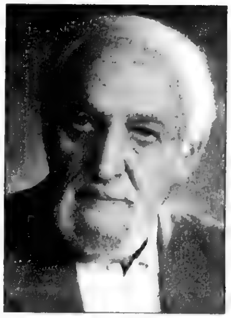
Seniors Scene

Tales of Toronto's first Jewish *shvitz* chronicled

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Norman Bornstein, 90, remembers growing up at his grandfather's Russian Turkish Steam Bath at 36 Centre Ave. in downtown Toronto.



Norman Bornstein

Ten years ago, he began documenting his memories of his mother's father, Mendel Riman, but then put his papers away. Last February, after 66 years of marriage, his wife Lillian died.

"I was very lonely, and I looked for things to do, and the opportunity came along for me to look at the draft of my grandfather's story and to begin writing again," he says.

Sara Edell Kelman brought Bornstein back to his writing. Kelman had begun writing the history of her own family and discovered that her father, Pesach Edell, was a relative of Mendel Riman. While conducting her research, Kelman contacted Bornstein, and last year, she agreed to work with him on writing his memoir.

"I was excited and fascinated by Norman's story," Kelman says. "I felt that it was a valuable piece of Toronto Jewish archival history."

In his brief but nostalgic short story, titled *Hot Rocks: The Story of the First Jewish Steam Bath in Toronto*, Bornstein describes the central role Riman's baths played in his life.

Mendel Riman

Born in an apartment above the *shvitz* (steam bath), his father died in a car accident when he was eight years old. He and his mother moved in with her parents on Brunswick Avenue and Bornstein began working at the steam baths as a teenager.

Born in 1865, Riman came to Toronto from Galicia in 1900.

"My grandfather was a smart man, and he opened the steam bath because he didn't want to work on Shabbat," Bornstein says.

At that time, there was a steady trickle of Jews arriving from eastern Europe.

"They needed to find work and lodgings. Helping organizations had not been formed yet, so it took individuals like my grandfather to fill the void," Bornstein says, adding that his grandfather's bath was probably the forerunner of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society.

Hundreds of rag and bottle pedlars, bookmakers, swindlers, racketeers, rabbis, cantors and businessmen found their way to Riman's baths, and Riman was always ready to help the new immigrants find their way in the new world, Bornstein says.

In *Hot Rocks*, Bornstein describes how the ovens for the baths were set up, how the steam was made and the *bazems* – bouquets of oak leaves – were prepared.

"More than likely, my grandfather used his own creative talent. He came up with what was to become the forerunner of the present day spas and health clubs."

The history of Toronto in the early 1900s unfolds in *Hot Rocks* as Bornstein describes his family life, the growth of the city and the characters who came to the *shvitz*.

Bornstein, who went to Landsdowne Public School and Harbord Collegiate, began working at the baths when he was 14. He says the number of customers increased and included jockeys who came regularly to lose weight for a race the following day.

He describes Saturday nights as full of "fights, smokers, stags, floating crap and poker games." Those days, he says, there was horseracing, basketball and hockey, "before Hockey Night in Canada. The bookies were busy with all the events." He even describes a so-called "new sport," cockroach races.

Even cold pop was available, and later, customers could order in a corned beef or pastrami sandwich for five cents.

As the Jewish community moved north, many of Riman's customers, particularly those who didn't have cars, began to drop away. One former customer built a new modern steam bath on Bathurst Street just south of College Street.

The business faltered with the stock market crash of 1929, the disintegration of the oven and many unforeseen costs. The family lost the business in 1933 when they were unable to pay the interest on a $4,000 mortgage. Riman died in 1945.

Bornstein, a retired broadcast producer and sales trainer, says that when he told people he was Riman's grandson, "I was embraced and told how wonderful my zaide had been to them. This great man, my grandfather, who helped unknown numbers of immigrants, also took into his home his widowed daughter, my mother and her two little children raising us as his own sons.

"This was my zaide and I am very proud of him. He deserves a place in the story of the Jews of Toronto."

Bornstein, who served in the Canadian Air Force during World War II, says, "I've had ups and downs in my life but I've enjoyed every minute. The downs have taught me to enjoy the ups even more."

For more information on *Hot Rocks*, call Bornstein at 416-635-9570.

Seniors learn to get computers up and running

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

A computer class at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living. [Cynthia Gasner photo]

Twelve future cyber bubbies and zaides sat on ergonomic chairs at their 17-inch flat-panel monitor displays in the new Computer Learning & Resource Centre at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living on a recent Monday morning.

Assisted by an instructor and three volunteers, they were learning how to surf the Net in an Internet Explorer class, one of nine computer classes offered at the centre each week to more than 100 students aged 55 and up.

The state-of-the-art computer centre was part of an extensive renovation to the more than 20-year-old building at Bathurst Street and Steeles Avenue. To participate in the computer programs, you must be a member of the Betel Centre.

"There's a technology gap between seniors and young people," says program co-ordinator Jennifer Paquette.

The classes meet for two hours a week and all sessions last eight weeks. The cost is $45 for the eight sessions, but the program is funded in part by a two-year operating grant from the Trillium Foundation and by members of the Betel board of directors. This enables the Computer Learning & Resource Centre to offer spaces in each class for scholarships based on financial need and the desire to learn.

"We are committed to making this available to everybody, regardless of their ability to pay," Paquette says.

The roster includes several beginners classes, including two given entirely in Russian. Paquette says she anticipates that this will change over time.

"We'll open up more and different types of classes at the intermediate and advanced levels. We'll grow as our students do."

Each class begins with a 15-minute review, and the computer centre has open lab time for practice throughout the week.

The atmosphere is friendly as the volunteer teaching assistants help the students and the students help each other. The instructor, who that morning was Cary Weinberg, a professional computer teacher at Centennial College and the Toronto District School Board, works on a computer that is connected to a projector where the large screen reflects each step of the program.

Weinberg says learning the computer gives seniors a chance to access the outside world via Internet and e-mail.

"I love teaching seniors," Weinberg says. "They remind me of my bubbies and zaides. I find they are terrific students. They are attentive and eager to learn." This was evident when many of the students did not leave their computers during the 10-minute break offered.

Paquette says that in seeking volunteers, the program "isn't so much looking for people with technical skills as [seeking] caring, compassionate individuals with lots of patience, who understand how scary it is to be trying something new. Volunteering is a great opportunity for recently retired individuals to keep using workplace computer skills."

Paquette, who also teaches two classes, says her challenge is to prepare the lessons at a beginners level. "Libraries and the boards of education have computer sessions, but they are not geared for seniors."

Arthur Adler, 85, a veteran of the British army says he is now living alone, and "I am playing with my computer."

Student Dorothy Weiner says, "My objective is to be comfortable with e-mail so I can keep in touch with my nieces and nephews in Israel. I love getting picture of the baby and keeping up to date with my family."

Weiner adds that she came to the computer class "because I was tired of being frustrated. I'm beginning to see the light."

The next courses begins on Jan. 5. Registration is required. The Web site is www.betelcentre.org/clrc, or you can call Jennifer Paquette at 416-225 2112, ext. 128.

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Please note: There is no Dec. 25 issue. The Dec. 18 issue will list events occurring between Dec. 18 and Jan. 3.

Thursday, Dec. 4

TEA AT THE EMBASSY

CBC Newsworld profiles former Japanese P.O.W. **John Franken**, a Dutch Jew born in Indonesia, and his struggle to get an apology and compensation for his slave labour. 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. Repeated Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 6

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda's Brotherhood and Sisterhood present the film *The Golden Age of Spadina Avenue* with commentary from **Bill Stern**, author of *You Don't Have To Be Jewish*. 7:30 p.m. $5.

Sunday, Dec. 7

SUNDAY BREAKFASTS

Beth David Brotherhood presents "Planning A Simcha" with Miriam's Table Catering and other professionals. 9:15 a.m. Minimal charge.

Congregation Habonim Breakfast Club presents **Vera Schiff** on "Theresienstadt: The Town the Nazis Gave to the Jews: Stories of Her Personal Experiences." 10 a.m. $6.

FEMINISTS ON ATWOOD

The Feminist Book Discussion Group, Older Women's Network, discusses *Negotiating with the Dead* by **Margaret Atwood** 1:45 p.m. at the Barbara Frum Library. Call **Ruth Goldsmith**, 416-782-6414.

A HEALING SERVICE

The Toronto Healing Project offers a healing service with **Rabbi Jason Rosenberg** and **Ken Rabow**. This is an opportunity to experience hope, comfort, faith and support in the face of any difficulties you may have. 3-4 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. Wheelchair accessible. Free. For more information, call **Etta**, 416-944-3359.

HAMILTON CONCERT

Simona performs at a women-only, pre-Chanukah concert in support of the One Family Fund, a charity that helps Israeli victims of terror. Adas Israel Synagogue, 125 Cline Ave. S. Hamilton. 7:30 p.m. Tickets $20. Call 905-526-8496 or 905-525-3467.

CIVILIZATION & THE JEWS

Beth David Synagogue presents *The Crucible of Europe*, part of a screening of **Abba Eban**'s series *Heritage: Civilization & The Jews.* Introduction by Canada-Israel Committee's **David Goldberg**. 8 p.m. 416-633-5500.

Monday, Dec. 8

BOOK REVIEW

The Holy Blossom Library Book Club, with **Andrea Most**, discusses *Hungry Hearts* by **Anzia Yezierska**. 10 a.m. 416-789-3291, ext. 235.

EPHEMERA TALES

Adath Israel Adult Study presents **Barbara Rusch** on "Ephemera Tales: Touchstones to the Past." 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 9

CHANUKAH MARKETPLACE

Come to the Holy Blossom Temple pre-school Marketplace Evening for great Chanukah shopping for the whole family. 7-10 p.m. Free admission.

ZOHAR & REFORM JUDAISM

Temple Har Zion welcomes **Rabbi Lawrence Englander** of Solel Congregation for a lecture and discussion on "The Shattered Tablets: The Zohar meets Reform Judaism." 7:30 p.m. 905-889-2252.

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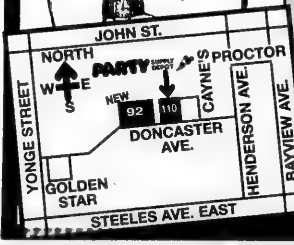

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Seymour Epstein leads a discussion of chapter 8 of Kohelet. 8 p.m. at Beth David Synagogue. All welcome.

LOUIS DANTO IN CONCERT

The Jewish Public Library presents "Retrieving a Lost Treasure: The Yiddish Art Song" with **cantor Louis Danto**. 8 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. $10.

AUCTION & GAMES NIGHT

Beth David Sisterhood hosts a Chanukah Auction and Games Night. Bring a wrapped gift worth less than $10. Gifts will be auctioned for charity. 7:30 p.m. Guests $5.

Wednesday, Dec. 10

DEMYSTIFYING THE MIKVAH

Beth Tzedec Congregation presents "Demystifying the Mikvah: Rituals for Conservative Jews" with **Rabbi Lauren Berkun**, Jewish Theological Seminary Midwest rabbinic fellow. 7:30 p.m. 416-781-3511.

PROSTATE AWARENESS

A Prostate Awareness Meeting at The Civic Garden Centre, Edwards Garden, with **Dr. Sidney Radomski** discussing "Incontinence & Impotence." 7:30 p.m. 416-932-8820.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles will meet at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation for "Creative Chanukah Ideas," a workshop of Chanukah projects including gelt bags, painted stuffed dreidels, candles and more. 8 p.m. Call **Anna**, 416-638-3342.

Other news

WHY SUPPORT ISRAEL?

Why support Israel? Hear **Rev. John Tweedie** Thursday, Dec. 11 at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. 8 p.m. 416-633-3838.

CHANUKAH EVENTS

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Young Families Group Family Chanukah party Sunday, Dec. 14 with dreidels, latkes, lunch and music by **Mickey Lewin.** 12– 2:30 p.m. Tickets $5. Call 416-633-3838.

Lodzer Centre Congregation presents "The Lights of Chazzanut Cantorial Concert," Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. with **cantors Shneur Bielak, Sidney Dworkin, David Edwards** and **Ben Silverberg**. Tickets $18 in advance, $25 at the door. 416-636-6665, ext. 222.

ON BROADWAY CONCERT

Beth David Synagogue presents "On Broadway," a concert featuring **cantor Marshal Lomar, Shannon Barnett, Michael Smolash** and **Lisa Sonshine**. Monday, Dec. 15. 8 p.m. $25. 416-633-5500.

LEARN HEBREW

Beth David Synagogue is planning an intermediate Hebrew class to begin January 2004. If you are interested, know 50+ words and can read and write in Hebrew, call 416-633-5500.

Canadian Zionist Federation offers Hebrew language studies with **Channa Sargon** at 4580 Dufferin St. #508. Upcoming session begins the week of Jan. 5, 2004. Day and evening classes and beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. To register, call 416-633-3988 or e-mail czf@bellnet.ca.

Keren Hatarbut Institute is now accepting registration for winter Hebrew language classes at 788 Marlee Ave. Classes are offered for adult, teenagers and pre-teens at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. Beginners will speak, write and read Hebrew in 14 sessions! To register, call **Joseph Klinger** at 416-787-0197.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service information/registration: call 416-638-7800, ext. 215.

"Developing A Successful Parenting Plan For Your Children": a one-session workshop for divorced parents. Monday, Dec. 8, Promenade Mall, #313, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

"High-Conflict Divorce": a one-session workshop for parents to develop strategies to deal with divorce and lessen the impact on the children. The workshop requires active participation and is not appropriate for people in abusive situations. Tuesday Dec. 9, 6:30-9 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

"Adolescence & Divorce – A Trying Time For Teens": a one-session workshop for parents to help teens cope when their family changes. Wed. Dec. 10, Promenade Mall, #313, 7-9 p.m.

FOR SENIORS

Beth Tzedec Seniors Haverim joins **Holy Blossom Lunch 'n Learn Seniors in Retirement** at Holy Blossom Temple, Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 1:30 p.m. for "An Afternoon of Song" with operatic and concert singer **cantor Deborah Staiman**. $1. Bring a dairy lunch. Drinks served.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the boardroom at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Call 416-630-9444 for more information.

Cranbrooke Friendship Club "Chanukah: Chai-Jinks" with **David Abramowitz**. Monday, Dec. 15. 12:30 p.m. 585 Cranbrooke Ave. $10 includes lunch. 416-789-5502.

Association of Jewish Seniors Annual Chanukah Dinner, Tuesday, Dec. 16 from 5:30-8 p.m. at Adath Israel Congregation. $20. Purchase tickets in advance, 416-635-2860.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Casino Niagara, Dec 18. Saturday dance, Dec. 6, 20. Sunday dances, Dec. 14, 28. Bridge every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 1 p.m. Call 416-395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. Dec. 4, sing-a-long; Dec. 11, lecture with **Frank Dimant**; Dec. 9, day trip to Dixie Mall; Chanukah party, Dec. 21. **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 416-630-5771.

Young at Heart Seniors winter trip to the Glatt Kosher Saxony Hotel. Live entertainment, free breakfast and bar daily. Call **Helen**, 416-635-6343.

Senior Bowlers meets every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Playtime Bowl, 33 Samor Rd.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

1003 Steeles Ave. W. 416-225-2112.

Lifelong Learning Institute, discussion with **Isadore Lacow**, Tuesday, Dec. 16, 10-11:30 a.m.

Chanukah Luncheon, Wednesday, Dec. 17, 12-3 p.m. Purchase tickets in advance.

Israeli Club Etrog for Hebrew speakers meets Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. Dr. Navi Israel discusses nutrition Dec. 9; **Donna Kaplan** in concert Dec. 16; Chanukah party Dec. 23. Purchase tickets in advance. Call **Anna**, ext. 110.

BATHURST JCC

Bathurst Jewish Community Centre and Koffler Centre of the Arts, 4588 Bathurst St. 416-636-1880 or www.bjcc.ca.

"History, Family and the Legacy of the Third Reich: The Wagner Paradigm" with **Gottfried Wagner**, great-grandson of composer **Richard Wagner**. Sunday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. Free.

A Family Chanukah Concert featuring Israeli jazz with **Mattan Klein & Seeds of Sun**. Thurs. Dec. 11, 8 p.m. at the Leah Posluns Theatre. Tickets $30. Groups $25. Children under 14 and seniors $15. Call ext. 228.

Kayla's Chanukah Party with Kayla Goren Sunday, Dec. 14, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets $22. Call 905-709-0234 or visit www.jacobsladder.ca.

The Family Place @ The Jewish Discovery Museum has weekly programs for children under 5. Call ext. 390.

Tic Tac Two available for morning school in January. Call ext. 351/248.

Register for art, music and drama programs beginning January 2004.

National Lifeguard Training, Jan. 11-April 4, 6-10 p.m. Call Graham at 416-636-1880 ext. 252 or e-mail gungar@bjcc.ca.

MILES S. NADAL JCC

Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211 or www.milesnadaljcc.ca.

Lunch & Learn presents **Dr. Derek Penslar** on "Anti-Semitism & Anti-Semitism." Noon, Thursday, Dec. 4. $7 includes lunch. Babysitting available. Dietary laws observed.

Books & Bagels welcomes poet **Lolette Kuby**, Sunday, Dec. 7, 11 a.m.

"How to do… Chanukah" with **Rabbi Ed Elkin** of First Narayever Congregation, Sunday, Dec. 7, 11 a.m. Coffee and bagels served. Members free, non-members $5.

Toronto Jewish Film Society presents *Waiting for the Messiah* Sunday, Dec. 7, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Register now for winter session programs including Hebrew and Yiddish classes, Improv Workshop, Inner Torah with **Rabbi Aubrey Glazer**, Klezmer Players Workshop, Woman's Chorus, Art History and all children's and fitness programs.

REENA LAUNCHES SECOND ELDERHOME: The Reena Foundation recently held a launch at the Magna Golf Course for its fundraising campaign for a second ElderHome. Celebrating, from left, are: Ted and Tobie Bekhor, Syd and Florence Cooper, Lynda and Steven Latner and Clara and Richard Cooper. Reena was the first organization in Canada to build a residential home for seniors with developmental disabilities.

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The Vaughan Campus Steering Committee (L-R): David Sadowski, Campus Development Manager; Lou Greenbaum, Land Development Chair; committee member Michael Naiberg; UJA Federation Vice Chair David Engel; Patricia Tolkin Eppel, Director of Planning, York Region; Guela Solow Ruda, Master Planner; Paul Morton, Co Chair, Community Services; Steering Committee Chair Leo Goldhar; Michael Levy, Co Chair, Community Services; and CHAT Joint Management Committee Chair Morris Perlis.

Last week, UJA Federation briefed York Region community members about an unprecedented project - the Vaughan Jewish Community Campus on 50 acres of land at Bathurst & Weldrick, south of Major Mackenzie. The new campus is one of three Jewish city centres under development through UJA Federation's Jewish Toronto Tomorrow initiative. The other two are located downtown - anchored by the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre and the Wolfond Centre for Jewish Campus Life - and in the central Bathurst-Sheppard area. The Vaughan Jewish Community Campus will serve a rapidly growing York Region Jewish population of 60,000.

Please visit us at the new Vaughan Campus Operations Office at Rutherford Village, 9200 Bathurst Street. You may also contact us at 905.482.1818, or at vaughancampus@ujafed.org

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tomorrow
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Vaughan Campus Steering Committee Chair Leo Goldhar described how the project has developed since its inception at the briefing.

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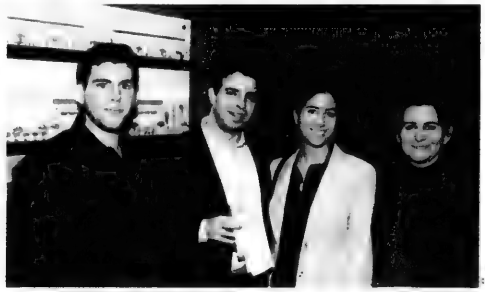
Vaughan Campus

Vaughan Campus Steering Committee member Michael Naiberg discusses plans for the Vaughan Campus development with area residents.

From left: UJA Federation Vice Chair David Engel, Vaughan Campus Land Development Chair Lou Greenbaum, Vaughan City Councillor Susan Kadis and David Koschitzky, Chair Integrated Development.

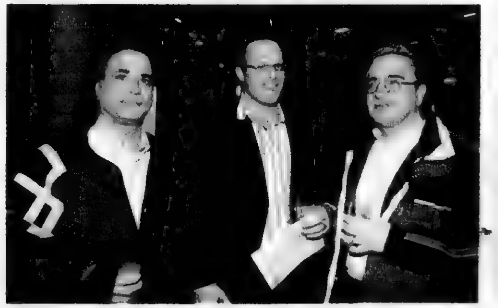


UJA Federation Vice President Fundraising Ted Sokolsky examines the model of the Vaughan Campus development with area residents.

From left: Gary Sandor, Michael Levy, Guela Solow Ruda and Paul Morton share a moment at the briefing.

Vaughan Campus Master Planner Guela Solow Ruda (right) explains some of the finer points in the master plan for the development to local residents.

Local residents examine the plans for the exciting new Vaughan Campus development at Bathurst and Weldrick.



York Region residents of all ages came to The City Playhouse in Vaughan to hear the plans for the Vaughan Jewish Community Campus.

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On Campus

Hillel-endorsed slate wins York student elections

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

The votes are in, and – unofficially, at least – the slate of candidates endorsed by Hillel has swept elections for the York Federation of Students.

Paul Cooper was elected YFS president, winning 907 votes (31 per cent), while opponents Derek Abdul Salick and Ali Hassan received 768 (about 27 per cent) and 470 (14 per cent) votes respectively. Erica-Joy Henry and Jeffrey Granell, also running for president, received 492 and 260 votes respectively.

Cooper headed a 31-member slate, the first ever to be endorsed by Hillel at York University. Twenty-seven members of his team, including the entire executive slate, were elected. The new president will also appoint students to four positions that are unfilled because nobody ran for them.

As of last Friday, the results were not official because they had not yet been ratified by the YFS council.

"I feel fantastic. It's great," said a jubilant Cooper last Friday, the morning after election results were announced. "This is a victory for all students across Canada and anywhere who feel student government isn't representing them. We're not here to represent Jews. We're here to represent all students."

Talia Klein, director of Hillel at York, was "absolutely ecstatic" over Cooper's win.

She noted that many of the candidates who did not win congratulated Cooper's team – and very graciously.

"I hope this will serve as a basis for some partnerships."

Cooper's campaign had been plagued by unpleasant incidents including defacement of his election posters with graffiti and a "Hitler moustache," as well as the disqualification of one candidate for council who slandered Cooper and his slate at a Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights event.

Paul Cooper

According to Cooper, there is also an elections committee hearing pending, based on a complaint by other candidates that his slate misrepresented its spending. He is confident that the evidence shows "clearly and without question" that there was no wrongdoing.

Cooper is known on campus as president of the Young Zionist Partnership (YZP), a grassroots, right-wing organization. He told *The CJN* he wants to clarify that the YZP is "not extremist. The right-wing label comes with a lot of assumptions that don't apply to us. We believe in a two-state solution. My politics are in line with peace."

For the moment, he said, his YZP presidency is "temporarily suspended" until he finds out whether he would be allowed to continue in that capacity as well as serving as YFS president.

The YFS presidency takes priority, he said. The first thing he intends to do is reduce the $20,000 salaries of the four YFS executive members by 10 per cent. "That will save $8,000. I think security cameras or lights can better serve the students."

Cooper's platform, Progress Not Politics, was based on taking the YFS focus off political activity, such as its funding of a new union newspaper with anti-Israel material, to concentrate on more general student issues.

U of T student newspaper issues apology

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

The *Gargoyle*, the bi-weekly student-run newspaper of University College at the University of Toronto, has issued a letter of apology to the Jewish community after an anti-Semitic note by the editors appeared in its Nov. 21 edition.

The papers were pulled off newsstands immediately following complaints by two members of Hillel at the University of Toronto.

"There is no excuse for the careless and offensive comments," the editors said in the letter. "The comment was a mistake, and highlights failings in our editorial policy which will be addressed by the university in an internal campus investigation as well as by our own editors. In addition, the *Gargoyle* has suspended publication until this matter is resolved."

The comment, which stated "…shut the f*** up, you stupid greedy Jew," appeared following an article by a Jewish student that included a criticism of a cartoon that appeared in the previous paper.

Part of a series called "Adventures in Objectivism," the cartoon depicted two men, with one carrying a bag of money and wearing a black hat and sideburns. The Jewish student questioned whether the artist had meant to portray the character as a Jewish Shylock.

The editorial note defended the cartoon and concluded with the anti-Semitic slur.

The paper's letter of apology said the comment "was absolutely not intended to be hateful… It was made within the context of an ongoing ironic dialogue between the *Gargoyle* and one of its writers, but it absolutely crossed the line between satirical commentary and language plainly unsuited for publication anywhere.

"As a newspaper, we all hope that this episode can be used as a springboard for a constructive and, ultimately, positive dialogue about issues of cultural discrimination, and that the Jewish communities on campus and beyond can forgive us for our egregious and shameful error."

"I think the whole thing has been handled very well," said Lisa Isen Baumal, director of the Wolfond Centre for Jewish Campus Life, who met with Paul Perron, principal of University College, the day of the incident. She said she was "very satisfied" that the matter was handled quickly and taken seriously by the university's administration. She doesn't believe the paper had any malicious intent.

But Hillel members Johanna Herman and Elanna Mosoff, who lodged the complaint, want the editorial board of the *Gargoyle* to step down. Herman, Hillel's public relations co-ordinator, said regardless of the editors' intent in publishing the comment, what matters is "how people took it." Several students were in tears, she said.

OLMERT MOBBED: Deputy Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, standing fourth from right, met last month with student activists from the Betar-Tagar world student Zionist movement at the home of Rachelle and David Bronfman in Toronto. Olmert told them that "students who fight for Israel on university campuses are almost as important as the Israeli soldiers who fight terror." Pictured with Olmert and the students are Betar-Tagar shaliach Itay Gadot, standing to Olmert's right, and Rachelle Bronfman, standing second from left. The event was sponsored by Betar-Tagar, Herut-Likud of Canada and the Canadian Zionist Federation.

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York U students protest speech by ex-CIA head

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Former CIA director James Woolsey and Dale Watson, former executive assistant director of the FBI's counter-terrorism unit, attracted vocal demonstrations last week outside their lecture at York University's Burton Auditorium.

Protesters from several groups, including Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights, carried signs that denounced the CIA as "Criminals In Action" and objected to having "racists" and "military" on campus.

Some of the protesters engaged in heated arguments with Jewish students. One woman used a megaphone to demand that Paul Cooper, president of the Young Zionist Partnership (YZP) and a candidate for president in last week's York Federation of Students elections, explain why his group helped organize the event, sarcastically calling him "Mr. No Politics" in reference to his election platform, which called for the YFS to de-emphasize political activity.

"He doesn't represent us if he's bringing the CIA on campus," she yelled.

The protesters did not, however, prevent Woolsey and Watson from delivering their talk, titled "Israel and the War on Terror: the Insiders' Perspective," to a mostly Jewish audience of about 300 people. It was sponsored by the YZP along with Hillel of Greater Toronto, Betar-Tagar and Hadar: the Morris and Rose Lax Centre, which is based in Hamilton.

Students have the right to protest, said Zac Kaye, executive director of Hillel of Greater Toronto. "That's democracy."

Watson was even more enthusiastic. "I think that's great," he said in the question-and-answer period. "It goes back to freedom of assembly and the right for people to protest, values that inside the United States, we hold near and dear. I would not like to see that changed."

In his talk, Woolsey said that winning what he calls "the long war of the 21st century" will involve convincing "a rather important share of the world that this is not about a clash of civilizations, religions or countries, but that it is a war of freedom against tyranny, just as we convinced important people behind the Iron Curtain" of the same thing during the Cold War. Today, he noted, the world has 121 democracies, compared to 20 in 1945.

The task won't be easy and it won't end with an arms control agreement, Woolsey said, but he believes democracy and the rule of law will prevail.

"This is a war to the death. We need to understand that, or we will not be able to fight it successfully."

Fascists and Islamists don't "hate us for what we're doing wrong. They hate us for what we do right," Woolsey said. "We are hated, indeed loathed, for freedom of speech, freedom of religion, equal treatment of women – or almost equal, and for open economies."

An open society and participation in the global economy, with businesspeople travelling throughout the world, makes the West vulnerable to attack, Watson said. But if people change the way they do business in order to protect themselves, "we will not be better off than some of the [non-democratic] countries," he said.

There is a "large debate" going on in the United States about how to deal with security, privacy and civil rights issues, he said.

In Europe, Woolsey said, anti-Semitism among the media and cultural elite is a "very serious problem.

"I am convinced that anti-Semitism is for a lot of people the first breath of totalitarianism."

He suggested that audience members tell their non-Jewish friends that "you love liberty. Once anti-Semitism raises its head, the rest of us who don't want to live with a foot on the back of our necks are likely to be the next targets."

Western's JSU part of multifaith Ramadan event

LONDON, Ont. – About 10 members of the Jewish Student Union at the University of Western Ontario took part in a multi-faith dinner recently at Brescia University College, which is affiliated with the school.

"It was a really cool event," said JSU president Gary Diamond of the second annual Cross Faith Ramadan Dinner held at Brescia.

The dinner – originally organized by Mariam Abdo, last year's vice-president, administration of Brescia's Students' Council – to encourage dialogue, brought together the Muslim Students' Association, the JSU and the Christian Unity Committee.

"We came out of respect for each other and to learn about each other's religions," said Diamond. "Once you start learning about each other, that's when you start breaking down barriers and moving in the correct direction."

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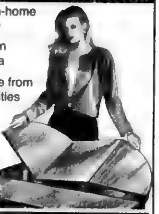

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דוד בן־גוריון, צו זיין 30סטן יאָרצייט

פון אַלעק סילווער

עס וואָלט זיכער געווען אַ גרויסע חוצפה פון מיין זייט צו אַנאַליזירן דאָס לעבן און שאַפן פון דוד בן־גוריון אין אַזאַ קורצן אַרטיקל. אַ סך מער טאַלאַנטירטע און קוואַליפיצירטע שרייבערס האָבן שוין דאָס געטאָן און וועלן נאָך באַשרייבן זיינע פאַרדינסטן לטובת מדינת ישראל און לטובת דעם ייִדישן פאָלק. מיר מוזן אָבער דאָ אָנמערקן זיין יאָרצייט און איבערגעבן די געפילן, וואָס מיר האָבן צו דעם יחיד במינו פון זיין דור.

מיט 30 יאָר צוריק, דעם ערשטן דעצעמבער 1973 האָט דאָס ייִדישע פאָלק פאַרלוירן איינעם פון אירע גרויסע זיילן און פון אירע שטאַרקסטע אַקטיוויסטן איינעם אויפבוי פון ייִדישן פאָלק און פון אַ ייִדישער מדינה. דוד בן־גוריון האָט פאַרלאָזט אונדזער וועלט. געווען שווער צו געפינען אַ צווייטע פערזענלעכקייט, וואָס זאָל קענען איבערנעמען זיין פלאַץ.

דוד בן־גוריון איז אַוועק פון אונדז, ווען זיין ווערק, וואָס ער האָט אָנגעהויבן איז געווען אין מיטן פון דער אַרבעט. זיין טויט האָט אָבער נישט אָפגעשטעלט דעם פולס פון לאַנד, וואָס ער האָט איבערגעלאָזט. פאַרקערט, זיינע פלענער פאַר דער מדינה זיינען פאָרגעזעצט געוואָרן פון זיינע תלמידים, זיינע מיטאַרבעטער, זיינע פאָליטישע חברים און אַפילו זיינע פאָליטישע קעגנערס.

אין 1906 באַזעצט זיך בן־גוריון אין פאַלעסטינע, ווען ישראל איז נאָך געווען אַ ווייטער, בלויער חלום. פאַר אים אָבער איז אַ ייִדישע מדינה אין ארץ־ישראל געווען אַ ווירקלעכקייט נאָך לאַנג פאַר איר געבוירן. ער האָט אויף איר געוואַרט און אינספירירט אַנדערע צו וואַרטן, צו האָפן און צו גלויבן. מען וואָלט עס געקענט באַצייכענען ווי אַ משיחישע מיסיע. פאַר אַזאַ מיסיע האָט מען געדאַרפט אַן אייזערנעם ווילן און איבערמענטשלעכע עקשנות. דוד בן־גוריון האָט פאַרמאָגט ביידע און ער האָט זיך דערוואַרט. דעם פינפטן טאָג אין חודש אייר פון 1948 האָט ער געהאַט דעם פאַרדינטן כבוד און די גרויסע צופרידנקייט צו פראָקלאַמירן דעם ווידערגעבורט פון מדינת ישראל — די אויסגעטרוימטע היים פאַרן ייִדישן פאָלק. ער איז דאַן אויסגעוויילט געוואָרן ווי דער ערשטער פרעמיער־מיניסטער פון דער נייער רעגירונג.

זיין וואַרטן, נאָך צענדליקער יאָרן, האָט געברענגט די געהעריקע פרוכט. און צוזאַמען מיט אים האָבן זיך דערוואַרט די צענדליקער טויזנטער ייִדן, וואָס זיינען על־פי נס לעבן געבליבן פון היטלערישן גיהנום, פון די אַראַבישע געטאָס און פון רויטן „גן־עדן" אין אייראָפּע . . . דאָס לאַנד, וואָס בן־גוריון האָט איצט געפירט און געפורעמט, איז געוואָרן זייער היים, זייער האָפענונג און זייער צוקונפט. . . אַלע געמיינזאַמע כוחות, אַלע מענטשלעכע טאַלאַנטן און אַפילו אַלע לעבנס פון דעם נייעם ווידער־געבוירענעם ייִדישן פאָלק האָט דוד בן־גוריון אינוועסטירט און פאַרבונדן מיט דער דאָזיקער היים און ער איז שטענדיק געשטאַנען אויף דער וואַך. אין דער דאָזיקער שליחות האָט ער נישט געשוינט קיין שונא און קיין פריינד און אויך נישט זיך אַליין. ער האָט אַ סך פאַרלאַנגט און אַ סך געגעבן.

נאָך זיין אַוועקגיין האָבן זיין מיסיע און זיינע אַקטיוויטעטן איבערגענומען אַ צאָל יורשים. אָבער די הייליקע ירושה האָט ער איבערגעגעבן דעם פאָלק. איז עס טאַקע אונדזער חוב — סיי די ישראלים און סיי די פון מחוץ לאָרץ — צו שטיין אויף דער וואַך און אָפצוהיטן די דאָזיקע ירושה, ווי לאַנג עס וועט נייטיק זיין. די ברוזנדיקע געשטאַלט פון דוד בן־גוריון וועט אונדז אינספירירן, ווי זי האָט אונדז אינספירירט ביי זיין לעבן. גרויסע גייסטער שטאַרבן נישט. בן־גוריון איז געווען אַ לעגענדע ווען ער איז געווען מיט אונדז. איצט איז ער אַ ווירקלעכקייט, וואָס וועט לעבן לנצח.

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Vancouver CJA campaign on pace for record year

By PETER CAULFIELD
Special to The CJN

VANCOUVER — The Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver has announced that more than $3.4 million has been pledged to the 2003 Combined Jewish Appeal campaign, making it more than halfway to its $6 million target.

"This year, we are aiming for $6 million in the annual campaign in a community that historically has raised about $4 million per year, and only last year arrived at the $4.5 million benchmark," said Arnie Fine, president of Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver (JFGV).

"We have set this aggressive goal in order to mobilize our community to respond to the dramatic world events that are having such a tremendous and difficult impact on Jews in Israel and in many places around the world."

The theme of the 2003 CJA campaign – meant to evoke the worldwide rise in terrorism, anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism – is "What will tomorrow hold if we don't act today?"

Funds will go to a variety of programs and services that support Israel and Jewish communities worldwide, including: strengthening Israel's deteriorating social services network; helping to combat the increase in anti-Israel hatred and anti-Semitism; assisting communities in distress; providing Jewish youth with the tools to defend Jews and Israel; and investing in Greater Vancouver's growing Jewish community.

One million dollars has been earmarked for defending Israel and Judaism. In Israel, for example, the Israel Crisis Management Centre – SELAH in Hebrew – will receive CJA funds.

Founded by Ruth Bar-On in 1993, SELAH is a mobile network of some 500 volunteers that assists new immigrants in crisis. It has helped more than 9,000 new Israelis, including many bereaved and wounded who have been affected by ongoing Palestinian violence.

In the Lower Mainland, the 2003 CJA campaign will, among other initiatives, strengthen services to Jewish students in local post-secondary institutions. Eyal Lichtmann, executive director of Vancouver Hillel, said that "since September 2002, Vancouver Hillel has worked with Jewish students to address the dramatic increase in anti-Israel propaganda on campuses, especially at the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University.'

Vancouver Hillel has set up Israel advocacy clubs at UBC, SFU and Langara College. The clubs, which conduct pro-Israel programming on campus, are open to all university and college students.

"Vancouver Hillel has created a very specific strategy for engaging non-Jewish student support on campus," Lichtmann said. "[We believe] that the non-Jewish and unaffiliated populations on campus, who have no opinion on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, can be educated to become supporters of Israel."

Lichtmann said that by engaging with non-partisan group, Vancouver Hillel will be in a better position to have a positive impact on campus debates about the conflict.

"In the past eight months, Hillel advocacy groups on campus have recruited [many] non-Jewish students," Lichtmann said. "[They] now represent approximately 30 per cent of the combined Israel advocacy clubs at UBC and SFU. The non-Jewish members of the Israel advocacy clubs at UBC and SFU are now some of the strongest supporters of Israel on campus, despite the fact these students have never visited Israel."

The Greater Vancouver initiative is part of an effort by Jewish communities across Canada to raise $11 million to respond to the crisis facing Jews around the world.

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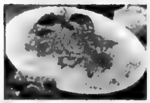

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Amnesia rules when it comes to the Middle East

According to Reports

By
PAUL MICHAELS

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict continually challenges journalists to write with consistency. Unfortunately, the issues that correspondents or commentators cover one month are all too often forgotten the next. Just as readily forgotten is history itself. The events of just three years ago are too ancient to resonate in today's media coverage.

Let's be specific. Revisionist accounts aside, Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat's rejection of the Camp David and Clinton bridging proposals of the summer and fall of 2000 – which offered the Palestinians a state in the West Bank, Gaza and parts of Jerusalem – has been an unmitigated disaster for both Palestinians and Israelis. Arafat, who has proven himself incapable of making peace with Israel, remains in charge of the PA. This recent history has been forgotten by far too many journalists.

In "Suicidal Lies," a March 31, 2002 *New York Times* column that remains essential reading, Thomas Friedman argued that the Palestinians have resorted to violence and terrorism not out of desperation under occupation, but rather as a strategic decision. (Indeed, this choice has proven so successful that Palestinian opinion polls found recently that even if Israel were to withdraw to the 1967 border – which was actually an armistice line – 60 per cent of Palestinians would still support terrorism within Israel proper.)

Today, however, amnesia rules. In Friedman's Nov. 16 *New York Times* column, "A Saudi-Israeli Deal," his target is Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who, Friedman wrote, "prefer[s] to buy time by relying on police rather than political initiatives."

Friedman criticizes Sharon for not offering former Palestinian prime minister Mahmoud Abbas enough incentives to enable him to act against Palestinian terrorist groups, as demanded by the internationally sponsored road map peace plan. Friedman then calls for a revival of the Clinton plan. Never mind that in the past, Friedman has lamented Arafat's refusal of that plan. What makes him think Arafat would accept it today?

Friedman also forgets Arafat's role in creating the ongoing impasse. Arafat undermined Abbas, just as he undermined the new PA prime minister, Ahmed Qureia, by insisting on control of all PA security services and by placing a crony in the interior ministry. Yet Sharon is expected to come up with a political initiative that will break the stalemate – almost as if Arafat and the Palestinians' rejection of Jewish sovereignty in the Middle East plays no role whatsoever.

Similar, one-sided coverage is found in most reports about recent non-governmental peace plans, including the Yossi Beilin-Yassar Abed Rabbo "Geneva Accord" and an initiative led by Ami Ayalon and Sari Nusseibeh. Sharon, under domestic pressure to show some progress toward peace, is now talking about making unilateral moves, such as removing some isolated settlements. Few if any reporters look at the other side of the equation. What can the Palestinians do, especially with Arafat still in control?

In a Nov. 20 *Jerusalem Post* article titled "It Takes Two To Partition," Israeli journalist and writer Yossi Klein Halevi injected a needed measure of cold sobriety into the discussion. Given the current Palestinian realities, wrote Klein Halevi, "the Oslo-era notion of a comprehensive peace needs to be wiped from our lexicon. Instead, we should conceive not of resolving the conflict but of managing its intensity." Only after the intensity of the current conflict subsides and a real peace partner emerges can Israel successsfully pursue the comprehensive and lasting peace it has longed for since its creation, Klein Halevi argued.

Klein Halevi's appraisal is bleak, but even for those who favour a two-state solution and understand the urgency to preserve Israel as a Jewish and democratic state, it is a realistic assessment of where we stand. Unlike the impatient Friedman, Klein Halevi presents a consistent, logical analysis, one that's in keeping with the historical record.

Paul Michaels is communications director for the Canada-Israel Committee.

YMCA PEACE AWARD:
Toronto's Ben Carniol, a longtime Jewish peace activist, was recently awarded the YMCA's Peace Medallion for his work with Toronto Shalom Disarmament and Yosher – the Toronto Jewish Network for Social Justice. Joining Carniol was Laura Palmer-Korn, vice-president of the Toronto YMCA's employment and community services.

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Internet hate sites now ‘hate and terror’ sites: expert

By DAVID LAZARUS
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL –Web sites that used to merely advocate hate are now also spewing calls to violence, says an Internet hate expert.

“I call these ‘hate and terror’ sites,” Leo Adler told an audience during the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre’s recent Holocaust lecture series.

Leo Adler

Adler, the director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center’s national affairs department in Toronto and the son of Holocaust survivors, displayed a slew of Internet images as part of his presentation.

Holocaust denial and white supremacist sites – such as those belonging to Storm Front, the Ku Klux Klan and the National Alliance – that have been around for years still exist.

The difference now is the proliferation of extremist Muslim sites that excoriate Jews and Israel, instruct on suicide bomb-making and glorify 9/11, Adler said. Others show how to build a car bomb and celebrate “martyrdom.” Another refers to the “blood of the dirty Jews,” and still another uses freedom-of-expression arguments as a cover to promulgate hate.

“Before the Internet, the only way to get things out was by word-of-mouth or by flyers,” Adler said. “That helped good ideas get disseminated while making it more difficult for hate groups.”

Because the Internet is virtually unregulated, it is easy for such groups not only to instantly spread their message all over the world, but also to win a measure of “instant credibility” simply by being online, he said.

The access is unparalleled. Adler said there are close to 600 million people around the world who have access to nine million sites.

Of those nine million, Adler said, the Simon Wiesenthal Center has so far identified about 4,000 that fall under the “hate on the Internet” category.

There are less than a handful of servers based in Canada because of stringent anti-hate laws that have forced such notorious figures as Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel to stop operating his site from inside the country, he said.

But, he added, all someone has to do is move their server over the border to the United States – as Zundel did – where freedom of speech is more broadly defined.

“Anyone can be a hatemonger,” Adler said. “But it’s often a cat-and-mouse game to figure out where the servers are located.”

With the growth of radicalism in all forms around the world, he said, it’s not only Jews, blacks, homosexuals and other minorities who are subject to Internet hate. Nowadays, America, abortionists and western values can be targeted.

“Hate comes in all forms, and all can be targets,” Adler said.

Often, he said, the hate is insidious. Open up certain sites that purport to be about freedom of speech, civil rights or tolerance, and a few links later, the real agenda unfolds.

“This is how they attract individuals,” Adler said. “You go on [the search engine] Google, and these things turn up.”

These sites generally try to attract the young and impressionable, he said. One site he displayed has a suicide bomber video game aimed at children called Kaboom. The player wins by killing the most victims as the suicide bomber’s head blows off.

The most important thing to remember about hate on the Internet, Adler said, is to be conscious of it and “recognize it even when it’s disguised.”

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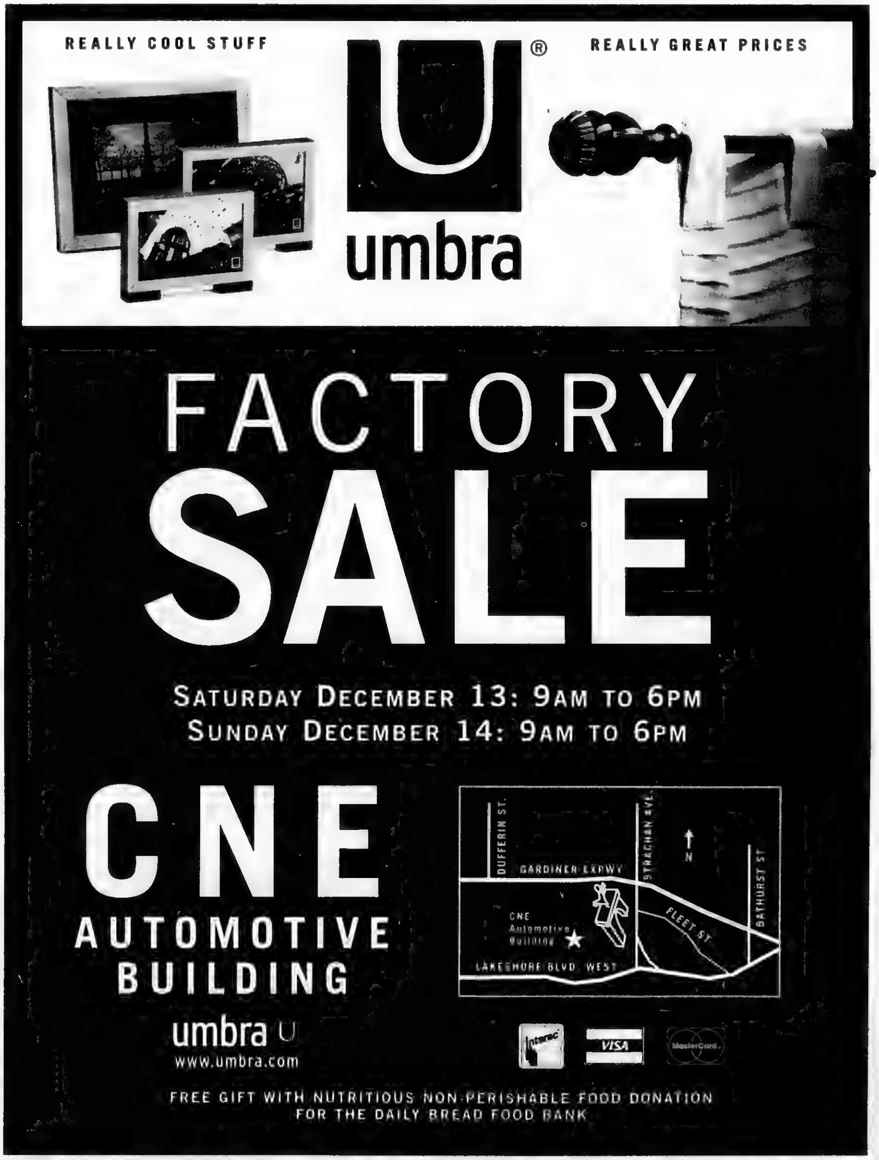
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Advocacy groups sign on for change

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Community federations from across Canada have agreed to the new arrangement. At the end of the three-year period, there will be an evaluation to determine whether the arrangement has been effective. The changes are expected to be fully in place and operational within two months, Finkelstein said.

The initiative for a major restructuring of community advocacy efforts began with the creation of an emergency cabinet of prominent business leaders who believed Jewish organizations were not making a strong enough case for Israel and not responding sufficiently to anti-Semitism on campus and in the broader community.

The emergency cabinet, for its part, has been criticized for attempting to centralize control over community advocacy organizations. The cabinet includes some of Canada's most prominent businesspeople, including Gerald Schwartz (Onex), Larry Tanenbaum (Toronto Maple Leafs and Toronto Raptors), Stephen Reitman (Reitmans clothing) and Brent Belzberg (Harrowston and Torquest Partners). It also included the late Izzy Asper (CanWest Global).

The cabinet was also criticized for conducting negotiations with UIA Federations Canada behind closed doors.

Canadian Jewish Congress officials were concerned at the onset of deliberations that the organization's unique structure would be lost in the new scheme. Congress president Keith Landy said, "At the beginning there were individuals, not necessarily from CIJA, who wanted to undermine the strength of Congress as the official voice of the Jewish community. There were who those through jealousy or [because they] held other views wanted to change the way the community lobbied.

"There are those who believe their organization would be enhanced with a diminishment of Congress."

In the end, Congress was satisfied with the outcome of talks. Under the new arrangement, it will retain its independent structure as an umbrella organization of community groups from across the country.

"We have an understanding in place," Landy said. "There is a resolution of issues and we look forward to working with them.

"Congress will continue to retain its governance structure" and "we will participate in the over-arching, supervisory role in the CIJA board."

Landy said individuals with Congress affiliation – though not Congress appointees – will also serve on CIJA's board.

Landy said with the promised increase in resources – which he had been advocating for years – Congress will be better able to improve relations with other ethnic groups.

"It's a matter of putting together a program that will promote civil discourse and understanding in conformity with Canadian values," he said.

As to the role of CIJA in Congress' future, "we've agreed to be more accountable through the program delivery process… They want measurable results."

Shimon Fogel, the CIC's national executive director, said most issues concerning the transition have been resolved, though a few "technical" matters remain outstanding.

"Those uncomfortable with it remain uncomfortable; those who want to elevate our advocacy efforts are excited," Fogel said.

CIC will remain an agency of the Jewish community, operating through UIA Federations Canada and CIJA.

"Our budget is to be vetted through CIJA. They will apply criteria to assure CIC's budget and undertakings are consistent with community desires."

The CIC will have its own board consisting of ad personam appointments, Fogel said. In the past, CIC was a partnership of Congress, B'nai Brith Canada, community federations and the Canadian Zionist Federation. B'nai Brith is shut out of the new organizational arrangement.

Fogel said CIC has submitted a budget proposal "that goes well beyond doubling CIC's resources."

The organization expects to add staff and continue to bring political leaders and opinion-makers to Israel on missions, he said. Last week's mission of business leaders headed by former Ontario premier Mike Harris and former Newfoundland premier Brian Tobin was organized by the group.

For CIC, the biggest change will be the availability of new resources and support systems.

"The community will have a substantially more co-ordinated voice and it will have a louder voice informed by strategic coordination," Fogel said.

CIC will expand its one-year young leadership development program, in which volunteers are schooled in the Canadian political system. Last year, about 20 enrolled in the pilot project and more than 70 across Canada are participating this year. More cooperation can be expected between advocacy groups to assist campus organizations to better make the case for Israel, Fogel said.

"There will be a joint management of issues to ensure we cover all the bases and bring added value approach in a more coordinated way," he said, adding that ultimately, all the changes will be judged by results.

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Why is Arafat silent?

By DANNY RUBINSTEIN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

Analysis

The Israeli-Palestinian diplomatic arena is abuzz with meetings, conferences, initiatives, even documents of mutual agreement. The most important meetings of all were between MK Omri Sharon and attorney Dov Weisglass, the most trusted associates of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, and Saeb Erekat and Jibril Rajoub, who are currently considered the closest public figures to PA President Yasser Arafat.

They are preparing for Sharon's meeting with PA Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia. There have also been other, less important, meetings of MKs from coalition and opposition factions with members of the Palestinian Legislative Council and high-ranking PA officials.

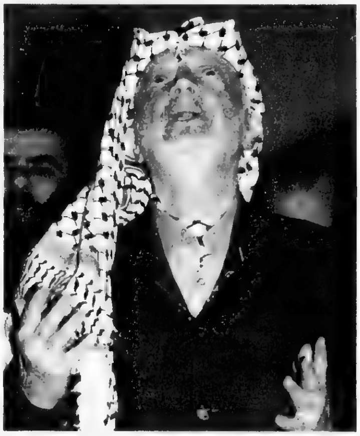
The envoys of the Sharon government were presumably spurred to hold talks with high-ranking Palestinians by the initiative of Yossi Beilin and Yasser Abed Rabbo, who on Monday were set to celebrate the signing of their document of understanding along with hundreds of invited guests in Geneva.

The official position of the government of Israel on the Geneva Accord is well known: out-and-out rejection. But the official Palestinian position is slightly more complex. Negotiations on the initiative were carried out by Palestinian officials who have served as cabinet ministers in previous Arafat governments (Abed Rabbo, Hisham Abdel Razeq, and Nabil Qassis), as well as by another group of advisors who no doubt consulted Arafat every step of the way. When the identity of the Palestinian negotiators was made public, many members of the Palestinian leadership let it be known that the document was largely the product of Arafat's initiative.

That being the case, it was a little strange to see Arafat and his associates avoid any open and explicit support for the accord. On one occasion, in answer to a journalist's question, Arafat said publicly that he had no objections to any initiative that would lead to a resumption of the "path of the peace of the brave." But leaks from internal discussions indicate that he is issuing contrary statements about the Geneva document. Sometimes he is in favour, but at other times he adopts a negative stance. This is classic Arafat behaviour. He prefers to wait and see which way the winds of public opinion are blowing.

In the meantime, Palestinian opposition groups – primarily Hamas – and refugee organizations have initiated publicity, conferences and demonstrations against the Geneva Accord. It was reported last Saturday that there was a protest in Ramallah against Yasser Abed Rabbo and that unidentified persons even fired at his home. Demonstrations were also held in Gaza and Nablus. Among the organizers were Fatah movement activists who distributed sharply worded broadsheets condemning the deal. Feelings reached such a boiling point that many of the high-ranking Palestinians who would have left Sunday to take part in the ceremonies in Geneva elected to cancel their participation.

Some Palestinian newspaper columnists came out in support of the initiative, but quite a few others expressed reservations about it. One notable column that appeared in *Al Quds* on Nov. 7, written by Palestinian National Council member Waleed al-Awad, carried the headline: "The Geneva Accord liquidates the right of return." And one of the preachers in the Al Aqsa mosque told the masses of worshippers on the first Friday of Ramadan that the negotiators of the Geneva Accord achieved nothing but granting legitimacy to the Israeli occupation.



Yasser Arafat

When Arafat's staff were asked recently why they have remained silent and allowed opponents of the accord to shape Palestinian public opinion, they answered that the signers of the accord on the Israeli side are private individuals from an opposition minority, and therefore official senior PA officials must not intervene.

But this does not seem to be the whole truth. Arafat is afraid to express open and clear support for the document because if he does, many in the Palestinian public would rise up against him. They would tell him that he was being hasty to concede the right of return – a holy asset among Palestinians – and they would ask him what he is getting in return – the completion of the separation fence and the strengthening of the settlements. In other words, they would say, "You made an agreement with a few Israeli leftists and the Sharon government is ridiculing them and you."

For now, it doesn't seem the flurry of diplomatic activity of the past few weeks will lead to any sort of result.

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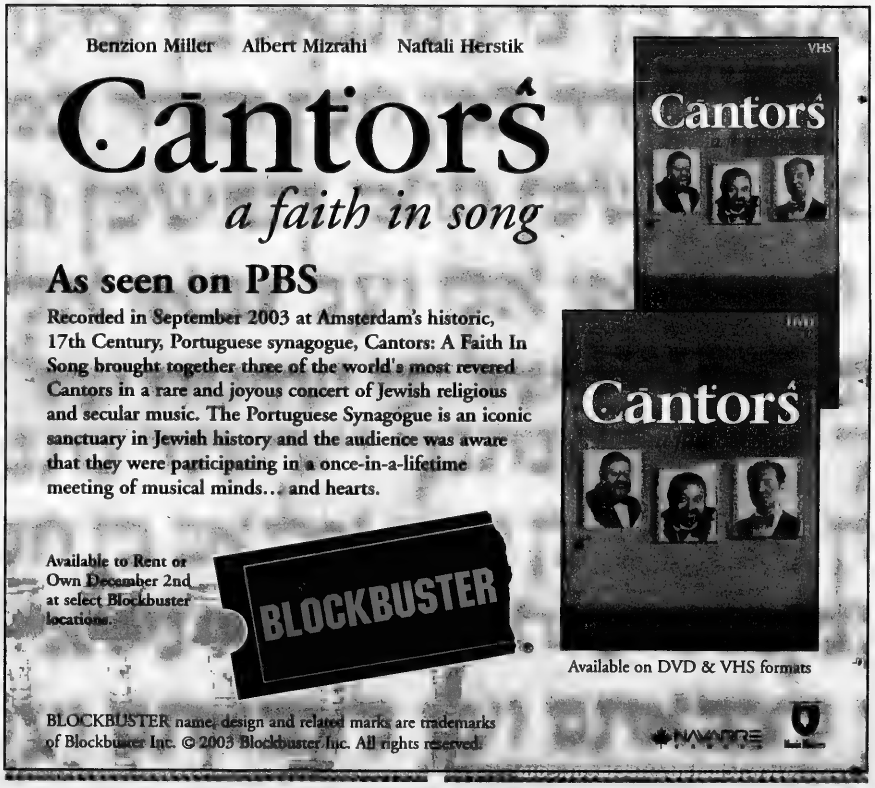
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Nearly half of all Holocaust survivors are in Israel

By SHLOMO SHAMIR and AMIRAM BARKAT
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — More than one million Holocaust survivors remain in the world today, and almost half of them live in Israel, says a new study by Prof. Sergio DellaPergola of the Avraham Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry at Hebrew University.

DellaPergola, a leading expert in the field of Jewish demography, found that the number of remaining Holocaust survivors is far higher than previously believed.

According to the report, 1,092,000 Holocaust survivors are currently living around the world. Of this number, about 511,000 (47 per cent) are living in Israel. Previous studies on the subject estimated the total number of survivors did not exceed 900,000. These studies related to figures from 1997, while DellaPergola's report refers to 2003.

In his report, DellaPergola explains the discrepancies by saying the estimates in the earlier studies did not include Jews from North African and Middle Eastern countries – Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Syria, Lebanon and Libya – who had lived under the occupation of Germany or its allies.

He also said earlier studies were based on inconsistent data.

In the wake of DellaPergola's findings, senior Jewish sources in New York have said the new figures will require significant changes to the distribution of humanitarian aid to survivors.

The geographic dispersion of the Holocaust survivors, the sources say, has significant influence on the way hundred of millions of dollars are shared among survivors.

New York Federal Court Judge Edward Korman, who is in charge of distributing money from dormant Swiss bank accounts, has ruled that funds left unclaimed by account owners will be used for humanitarian aid to Holocaust survivors.

> ***The sums in question are huge. Until now, Korman has allocated more than $250 million (US) to Holocaust survivors.***

The sums in question are huge. Until now, Korman has allocated more than $250 million (US) to Holocaust survivors. He is expected to decide soon how hundreds of millions of dollars more are to be distributed.

According to the formula determined by Korman, survivors living in the former Soviet republics receive two-thirds of the total amount in humanitarian aid, with the remaining one-third being shared out among the rest of the survivors around the world. The formula is based on two criteria: the number of Holocaust survivors living in a specific country and the economic situation of the survivors.

The money is not transferred directly to the survivors, but goes instead to aid organizations – the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in the former Soviet republics, and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims against Germany in the rest of the world.

But according to DellaPergola's study, Holocaust survivors in Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States constitute only 17 per cent (13.4 per cent in the CIS, and 2.9 percent in Russia) of the total number of survivors around the world.

Until now, survivors in Israel have received only about 10 per cent of the total amount distributed in humanitarian aid.

"It is not right for the lion's share of the aid to be transferred to Russia and the CIS when [so many] Holocaust survivors are living in Israel," a senior Jewish source in New York said.

Korman's allocation formula has sparked much criticism from survivors in Israel and North America, as well as from institutions such as the Jewish Agency and the government, who have demanded that survivors in Israel get a larger percentage of the funds.

The Jewish Agency has demanded that 20 per cent of the total be reserved for Holocaust commemoration activities and operations.

The Week in Israel

Nov. 24

- Chief of staff Gen. Moshe Ya'alon is likely to visit India early next month. His visit is expected to focus on increased military co-operation between India and Israel. Ya'alon's visit would come about two months after the first-ever visit by an Israeli prime minister to India.

Nov. 25

- Some 40,000 women were treated at the country's emergency wards this year as a result of violence in the home, the Knesset committee for the advancement of women was told.

Nov. 26

- Doctors operated on an Iraqi baby girl for 10 hours, trying to correct a potentially fatal heart defect. Bayan Jassem was born earlier in the month in Kirkuk in northern Iraq with the arteries to her heart reversed. A U.S. military doctor with the occupation forces discovered the infant's problem and matched her parents with the Israeli organization "Save a Child's Heart."

Nov. 27

- Israeli academics will set up a new forum to fight the international academic boycott of Israel, the heads of the country's universities decided at a meeting with Minister for Diaspora Affairs Natan Sharansky.

Nov. 28

- Treasury and Histadrut labour federation officials resumed talks following the breakdown of negotiations in Ramat Gan in the early hours of the morning. The breakdown was the second in two days, during which no deals have been reached on any of the pension reform issues being discussed.

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London meeting yields little

By RICHARD ALLEN GREENE
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LONDON — Closed-door meetings between senior Israeli and Palestinian officials held outside of London late last week failed to reach an agreement.

The discussions included confidants of the leaders on both sides, including MK Omri Sharon, who is also Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's son, and Yasser Arafat's security adviser, Jibril Rajoub.

Omri Sharon has served as his father's envoy in the past.

Though no diplomatic inroads were made during the meetings, the mere fact that they were held was viewed as noteworthy. The meetings took place amid a flurry of diplomatic activity, both official and unofficial, on the Israeli-Palestinian front.

Sharon and Rajoub began the conference by trading accusations, the London-based Arabic newspaper *Al Hayat* reported.

Sharon said the Palestinians had done nothing to stop terror attacks on Israelis, adding: "Until something is done, we cannot advance."

Rajoub responded that a ceasefire could not be effective until a number of Israeli operations stopped.

"It is illogical to expect resistance to cease before occupation and settlement activities cease," he is reported to have said.

Labor lawmaker Ephraim Sneh, a participant in the meetings, told Israel Radio from London that the talks were held, in part, so that "the top echelons of the British government in the defence and political arenas would be able to learn first-hand of the situation between us and the Palestinians and what can be done."

The British Foreign Office sent representatives to the conference, but Baroness Symons, the minister responsible for the Middle East, was unable to attend.

She cancelled at the last minute and was replaced by a senior figure, a Foreign Office spokesperson told JTA.

The Foreign Office provided the meeting place but did not sponsor the event, which was organized by the Labor Friends of Israel lobbying group and the Yigal Allon Educational Trust, and was billed as a Rabin Peace Seminar, named after slain Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Sessions included discussions on the role of the international community in promoting a settlement, military threats to stability in the region and the role economics might play in fostering political rapprochement.

Ya'acov Herzog, a Labor legislator who attended the talks, told the Israeli daily *Ma'ariv* that "the very fact political and professional figures from both sides were there is in itself a significant achievement."

The event came at a busy time for talks aimed at restarting serious negotiations.

The U.S. assistant secretary for Near Eastern affairs, William Burns, was in the Mideast over the weekend, meeting with both Ariel Sharon and Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Ahmed Qurei.

In addition, supporters of the unofficial "Geneva accord" were scheduled to sign it Monday in Switzerland.

Sharon has disavowed the accord, which was engineered by out-of-office Israeli politicians and leading Palestinians.

The Israeli prime minister is reported to be planning to meet Qureia, his Palestinian counterpart, soon.

31% of Israelis back Geneva Accord, 38% opposed

By YOSSI VERTER
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — According to a *Ha'aretz* survey published Sunday, a day ahead of a planned launch of a public campaign endorsing he Geneva Accord, the gap between its supporters and opponents is rather small, with 31 per cent in favour of the peace plan and 38 per cent against it.

The accord, formulated by Yossi Beilin (and others in the Israeli peace camp) and Palestinan negotiators, provides a detailed outline for he establishment of a Palestinian state and includes unprecedented concessions by both sides.

Some 20 per cent of respondents said they had yet to form a definite opinion on the deal, nd a portion said they are likely to support it in he future. This group is likely to follow the Geneva signing ceremony and will also wait to see how the debate pans out in the Palestinian treet.

Another key finding is that 13 per cent of Likud voters support the Geneva Accord, which ll Likud leaders from Prime Minister Ariel Sharon downward, have vehemently opposed.

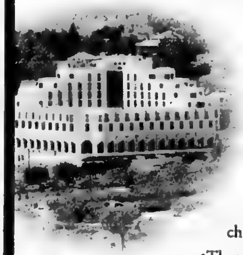
The poll, conducted for *Ha'aretz* by the Dilogue survey company, found that 21 per cent f Likud voters expressed support for the Geneva igning ceremony (overall, the ceremony was upported by 37 per cent of those polled).

As well, not all Likud voters agree with the criticism being hurled at the politicians who initiated the agreement. Overall, in response to a question on how to label the Israelis behind the Geneva initiative, the following emerged: naive, 15 per cent; statesmen, 23 per cent; subversive, 26 per cent; patriots, 19 per cent. The division between the negative and positive labels is identical. Among Likud voters, 16 per cent called the Israeli initiators "statesmen," while 12 per cent labelled them "patriots."

The above figures reinforce the paradox that appears in all surveys of recent years: a certain percentage of Likud voters are, in fact, leftist in their opinions. They voted for Likud for various reasons, such as a historical aversion to the Labor Party, but they would like to see a little of Beilin, or at least a little of former prime minister Shimon Peres, in Sharon.

These voters, together with a relatively large percentage of Labor and Meretz voters who see Sharon as a "fairly good" prime minister, are helping Sharon preserve his high level of support overall: 52 per cent of respondents call him "very good" or "fairly good", while 42 per cent label him "terrible" or "fairly terrible."

The survey also found that 60 per cent of Israelis support the evacuation of isolated settlements, such as Netzarim in Gaza, and that 50 per cent of Likud voters would support such a move.



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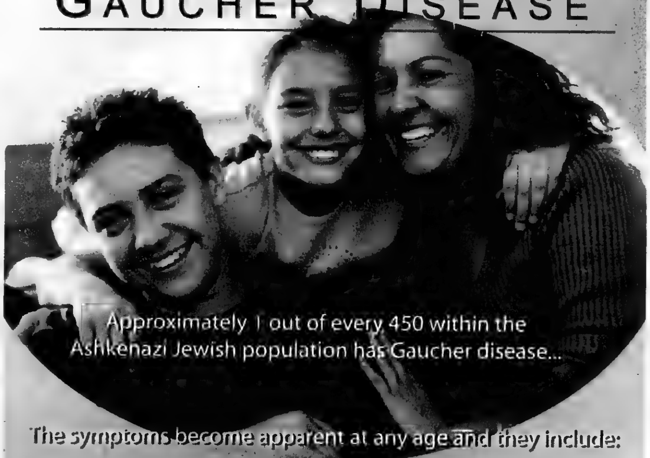

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Two unofficial peace initiatives make the rounds

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Mideast Analysis

Israel and the Palestinian Authority broke off substantive bilateral negotiations at Taba nearly three years ago. The talks have not been resumed due to the Palestinian uprising, the collapse of mutual trust and the hardening of mutual positions.

But in the last few months, two major unofficial efforts have been launched to breathe life into the dormant peace process.

The leaders of the first initiative, called the People's Voice, are Ami Ayalon – the former director of the Shin Bet, Israel's internal security service – and Sari Nusseibeh, the president of Al Quds University and the former PLO representative in Jerusalem. The second proposal, known as the Geneva Accord, is mainly the work of Yossi Beilin, Israel's former justice minister, and Yasser Abed Rabbo, the ex-PA information minister.

Similar in content, both initiatives call for a two-state solution within the framework of an end-of-conflict peace treaty, and both offer a path toward a comprehensive peace agreement.

The proposals, which have been denounced by conservatives on both sides, are the products of a curious amalgam of despair and optimism.

The Oslo peace process is dead after a succession of Palestinian attacks and Israeli counterstrikes and unilateral actions. The temporary ceasefire, which was signed by the PA and three radical Palestinian groups in June, unravelled in August following a grave upsurge of violence.

The internationally sponsored road map to peace is at a standstill after still more Palestinian suicide bombings and Israeli retaliatory raids. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, as well as U.S. President George W. Bush, continue to shun the PA president, Yasser Arafat.

Such is the situation that Israel and the PA are barely on speaking terms, though contacts were never really severed, and now Sharon hints he may take "unilateral steps" to contain the conflict. Painfully aware of the impasse that has clouded prospects for a diplomatic resolution of the Arab-Israeli dispute, Israelis and Palestinians have taken matters into their own hands.

According to Nusseibeh, the peace process has been hijacked by Israeli and Palestinian extremists, and Israel and the PA are in dire need of "a helping hand."

In a recent essay, Beilin wrote, "If we, the Israelis and the Palestinians, do not try… to save ourselves, then no one else is going to do it for us. It simply cannot be that there are not enough sane people… who want to… put an end to this never-ending, horrendous cycle of violence in which we are trapped."

The "statement of principles" enunciated by Nusseibeh and Ayalon envisages a virtual Israeli withdrawal to the pre-1967 borders, with land swaps to accommodate blocs of Jewish settlements near the old Green Line. Sovereignty in Jerusalem would be shared, and the city would be the capital of both states. Palestinian refugees would be resettled in the new Palestinian state, not in Israel.

The Geneva Accord, which was officially signed last week in a ceremony in Switzerland, calls for mutual recognition and full diplomatic relations. Israel would be required to pull back almost to the June 4, 1967 international frontiers, and land exchanges would allow some Jewish settlements in the West Bank to remain standing.

The dispute over Jerusalem would be resolved by shared sovereignty. Although the vast majority of Arab refugees would be resettled in a Palestinian state, a token number would be allowed to return under a family reunification scheme. The Palestinians would forego future claims against Israel.

The Israeli government has not adopted a public position on the Nusseibeh-Ayalon plan, but it has categorically rejected the Geneva initiative.

Although the Palestinian Authority has officially endorsed neither the Nusseibeh-Ayalon plan nor the Geneva proposal, PA officials have described them as a basis for a deal. Palestinian radicals and Jewish settlers have vehemently attacked the plans.

Sixty-five thousand Palestinians and 113,000 Israelis have signed petitions in support of the Nusseibeh-Ayalon plan, while copies of the Geneva initiative have been mailed to Israeli and Palestinian households. According to a survey released last week, 53 per cent of Israelis and 55 per cent of Palestinians support the Geneva accord.

French lawmakers deluged by anti-Semitic e-mail

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

PARIS — The French parliament's president demanded legal action last Friday after 55 lawmakers were bombarded with an anti-Semitic e-mail.

Titled "Everything you ever wanted to know about Jews but were afraid to ask," the e-mail said: "They are everywhere, they have a hold on everything."

The e-mail did not say who sent it.

National Assembly President Jean-Louis Debre asked Paris prosecutors to pursue those responsible for the "violently anti-Semitic" tract, his office said.

It refused to name the 55 lawmakers who received the e-mail.

French President Jacques Chirac promised a tough crackdown on anti-Semitism after an arson attack on a Jewish school outside Paris last month. There were no injuries, but the building was gutted.

In the last two years, France has suffered a wave of violence against Jewish schools, temples and cemeteries that coincided with new fighting in the Middle East. Many of the attacks have been blamed on young Muslims.

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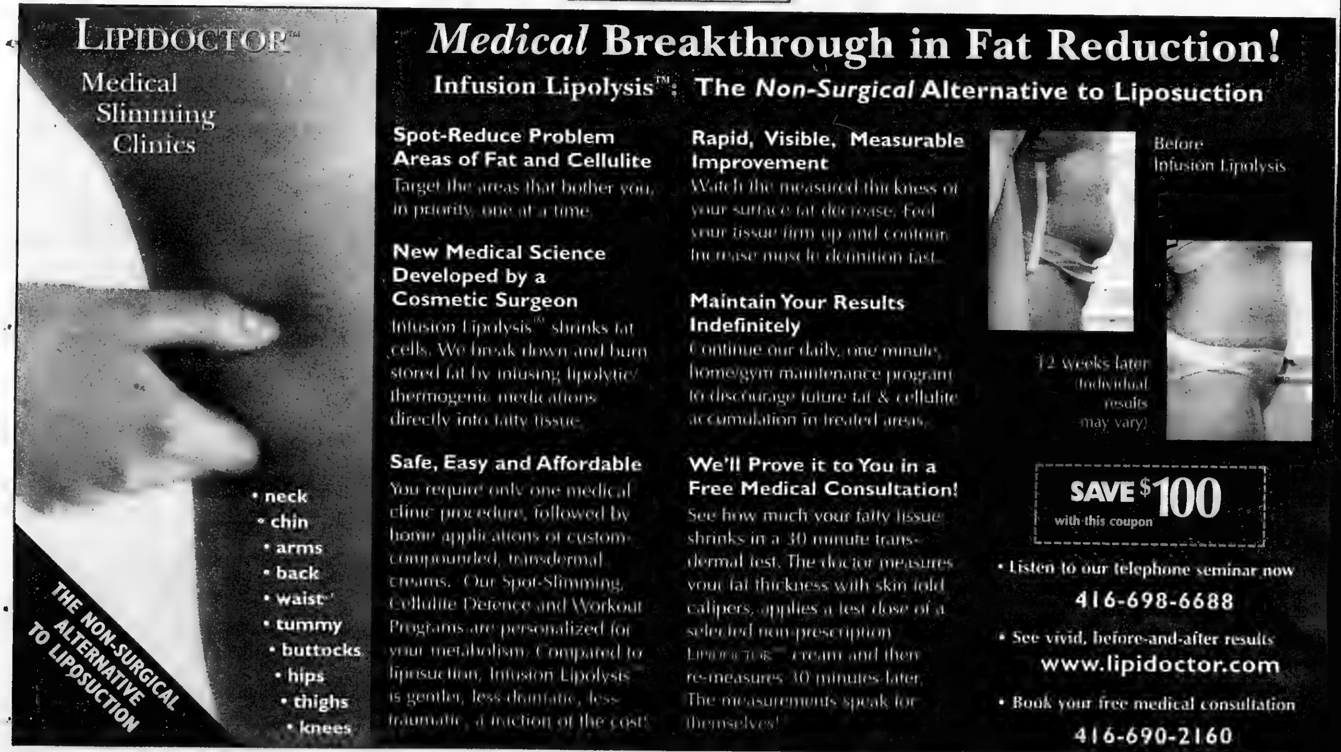

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These days, she's walking on her own, but she's still coming to the Betel Centre, for benefits she hadn't even planned on. "I hadn't joined for the social aspects, but people here socialize, and it's part of healing…Everybody cares about people here."

She often takes advantage of the renovated lounge and Cafeteria. "It's a much more welcoming atmosphere to socialize; just to sit and have a coffee, and wait for class."

Donna is one of the Betel Centre's many young seniors, and is involved in almost every aspect of daily life at the Centre. Donna's talents are welcomed at weekly Musical Matinees, Diners' Club luncheons, and at Etrog Israeli Club singalongs, where she plays the piano and sings.

Most recently, she took her "keyboard connection" with the Betel Centre one step further – from the piano keyboard to the computer keyboard. After signing up for a Word Processing class in the brand-new Computer Learning and Resource Centre, she volunteered to coach beginners.

Being busy is nothing new for Donna. As a member of National Council of Jewish Women, a founding parent of Leo Baeck Day School, a teacher ("everything from kindergarten to U of T"), wellness consultant, lifelong volunteer, and most recently, a busy grandmother, Donna is clearly used to giving back.

Her contributions to the Betel Centre are appreciated both by members and by staff. "Donna's smile and positive attitude enhance our atmosphere, and her singing and piano playing bring joy to many of our members," says Esta Wall, Executive Director. "She is a great ambassador and a wonderful addition to the Centre."

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A few new twists on some old favourites

By **DAPHNA RABINOVITCH**
Special to The CJN

Light up your culinary interests and whet your guests' appetites this festival of lights with a few new twists on old favourites.

Chanukah wouldn't be the same without latkes, of course, but my preference is to add a few sweet potatoes to the mix, providing a hint of sweetness and colour. In addition, the sweetness of caramelized onions and the tart, ruby redness of dried cranberries enliven the salad, which is a perfect foil for the warm earthiness of the mushroom and Marsala-based brisket.

Then for a change of pace, try the Zelebi, deep fried rosette-shaped fritters, which hark back to ancient times and are a favourite in Israel and among Yemenite Jews.

TWO POTATO LATKES

5 baking potatoes (about 2½ lb.)
2 sweet potatoes (about 1½ lb.)
3 small onions, quartered
4 eggs, beaten
⅓ cup all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1¼ tsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper

Peel baking and sweet potatoes; cut lengthwise into quarters. By hand or in food processor using the shredder blade, alternately shred the onions and potatoes. Transfer to colander, squeeze out as much moisture as possible, discarding liquid. Transfer to large bowl. Mix in eggs, flour, baking powder, salt and pepper.

In 2 skillets, heat ¼ inch oil over medium-high heat until hot but not smoking. Add ¼ cup mixture per latke, leaving space between each; flatten slightly. Cook for three minutes or until browned and crispy around the edges; turn and cook for 3 to 5 minutes longer or until crisp and golden. Transfer to paper towel-lined racks to drain well.

Repeat with remaining mixture, stirring to reblend, removing any cooked bits from the skillets and adding more oil as necessary.

(Make ahead: latkes can be covered and refrigerated for up to 8 hours. Recrisp in a 450 oven for about 5 minutes.) Makes 8 servings.

Recipe by Daphna R., 1999.

GREENS WITH CARAMELIZED ONIONS, DRIED CRANBERRIES AND SUNFLOWER SEEDS

2 tbsp. butter or olive oil
2 large onions, sliced thinly
6 cups torn lettuce
⅔ cup dried cranberries (or 1 cup fresh raspberries)
¼ cup toasted sunflower seeds

Vinaigrette:
2 tbsp. maple syrup
1 tbsp. grainy dijon mustard
1 tbsp. dijon mustard
3 tbsp. balsamic vinegar
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
½ cup extra-virgin olive oil

In non-stick skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add onions, cook, stirring, for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to medium-low; cook, stirring occasionally, for 30 to 40 minutes or until evenly golden. Let cool.

Vinaigrette: In small bowl or wet measure, whisk together maple syrup, grainy and dijon mustards, vinegar, salt and pepper. Gradually whisk in olive oil. (Vinaigrette can be refrigerated for up to 2 days. Whisk to recombine and bring to room temperature.)

In large serving bowl, combine greens, cranberries, sunflower seeds and caramelized onions. Pour half of vinaigrette over salad. Toss gently until evenly coated. Serve at room temperature. Makes 6 servings.

Recipe by Daphna R., 2003.

BRISKET WITH MUSHROOMS AND MARSALA SAUCE

2 oz. dried porcini mushrooms
2 tbsp. vegetable oil
4 large onions, halved and sliced
6 cloves garlic, minced
1½ tsp. dried thyme
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper
1 lb. button mushrooms, trimmed and sliced
1 lb. exotic mushrooms, trimmed and sliced
4 tsp. all-purpose flour
3 cups chicken stock
1½ cups dry Marsala
3 tbsp. balsamic vinegar
5 lb. double or single beef brisket
pinch cayenne

Preheat oven to 325. Rinse porcini mushrooms; place in bowl. Pour ¾ cup boiling water over mushrooms; let stand at room temperature for 20 minutes. Reserving water, chop mushrooms coarsely. Set mushrooms and soaking water aside.

Meanwhile, sprinkle cayenne over fatty side of brisket. Place in large roasting pan, fatty side up; set aside.

In very large skillet or Dutch oven, heat oil over medium heat. Add onions, garlic and thyme. Cook, stirring often, for about 5 minutes or until softened. Add mushrooms, salt and pepper; cook, stirring often, for about 20 minutes or until all the liquid the mushrooms have released has evaporated and the mushrooms are starting to brown. Stir in porcini mushrooms. Sprinkle flour over. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute.

Pour in reserved soaking water, stock and Marsala; bring to a boil. Pour in balsamic vinegar. Pour over brisket in roasting pan, distributing mushrooms and onions around brisket. Cover with aluminum foil. Roast in oven for about 3 hours, basting occasionally. Let cool slightly. Cover and refrigerate for 12 to 24 hours.

Spoon fat off brisket. Remove brisket from sauce. Slice thinly across the grain. Arrange slices back in roasting pan, nestling in sauce. Cover with aluminum foil and reheat in oven at 250 for about 1 hour or until heated through. Transfer to serving platter, spooning sauce over meat slices. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

ZELEBI (FRIED ROSETTES DIPPED IN HONEY SYRUP)

Honey Syrup:
1½ cups granulated sugar
¼ cup honey
2 tbsp. lemon juice
1 tsp. grated lemon rind
2 tsp. rose water (optional)

Batter:
2 tsp. active dry yeast (or 1 packet)
2 tsp. granulated sugar
1¾ cups warm water
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 tsp. grated lemon rind
¼ tsp. salt
vegetable oil

Honey Syrup:

Combine 1 cup water, sugar, honey, lemon juice and rind in heavy bottomed saucepan. Bring to boil over medium-high heat, stirring only until the sugar dissolves. Reduce heat slightly; gently boil for 10 minutes, stirring in the rose water, if using, during the last few minutes of boiling. Set aside to cool completely at room temperature. (Syrup can be covered and kept at room temperature for up to 8 hours.)

In bowl, dissolve sugar in ½ cup of the warm water. Sprinkle in yeast; let stand until frothy, about 10 minutes. Add flour, lemon rind, salt and remaining warm water. Beat with an electric mixer for about 5 minutes or until very smooth, elastic and creamy. Cover bowl loosely with plastic wrap and let rise in a warm, draft-free area for 45 minutes or until spongy and frothy. Using a wooden spoon, beat dough again for 2 minutes. Let rise for 30 minutes. Stir batter vigorously to deflate any air bubbles.

In large saucepan or wok, heat about 1½ in. of vegetable oil over medium high heat, until 375. Stir to deflate the batter. Using a pastry bag, squeeze bottle or spoon, pour zig zag strip of batter into hot oil. The zelebi should have a lacy, overlapping look. How many you are able to do at once depends on the size of your saucepan. You can make more than one at a time but make sure they are not touching one another while frying. Cook, turning once, for about 4 minutes or until puffed, golden and very crisp. If the zelebi flatten out instead of puffing, your oil is not hot enough.

Using slotted spoon or fork, remove zelebi from hot oil; drain briefly on paper towel-lined rack. Then immediately immerse in cooled syrup, turning to ensure cookies are coated on all sides. Remove from syrup, letting excess syrup drip back into bowl.

Repeat with remaining batter, stirring to deflate batter in between each batch. Sprinkle lightly with icing sugar before serving. (Zelebi will stay crisp, covered with aluminum foil, for up to 8 hours.) Makes 6 to 8 servings.

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'When terrorism strikes, Shaare Zedek is ready'

Hospital director explains how hospital responds to suicide bombs

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

How does a hospital respond to terror attacks when it can sometimes receive 30, 40 or up to 100 victims of a suicide bomber in one hour?

Emunah Hasin, director of external affairs of Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem, recently described the process used "during the last two years of unrelenting terror.

"When terrorism strikes, Shaare Zedek is ready," she said at a reception at the home of Karen and David Smith for supporters of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation.

Hasin used slides from security cameras to explain the procedures used at the hospital from just before a terrorist explosion, including the work of emergency staff and how the centre helps the families arriving to search for family members.

"Terrorists don't always do it when you are adequately staffed," she said. "So staff members must leave their positions to come to the ER room. When we are informed about large numbers of injured, we have a computerized automatic call up system."

The slides showed victims and the treatment they receive that has brought many of them back to a normal lifestyle despite major injuries.

"I try to take statistics and turn them into actual human stories," Hasin said.

"I want to raise awareness of what is really happening in Israel, not only what the media portrays. And I want to raise awareness of the role Shaare Zedek plays in the lives of the citizens of Jerusalem."

Hasin has worked as a public relations executive, nurse, policewoman, university lecturer and counsellor for cancer patients. While in Toronto, she also spoke to a meeting at the law office of Heenan Blaikie and to several groups in Ottawa, before flying to London, England.

She made aliyah from Newton, Mass., in 1977 and joined Shaare Zedek in 1979. She moved through the ranks of the nursing departments, eventually serving as director of quality assurance. She earned a master's degree in public administration of health care before joining the public relations department.

Shaare Zedek Hospital "is a key element in the emergency infrastructure of Jerusalem," Hasin said. "The hospital has cared for almost 40 per cent of those injured in major terrorist attacks."

The government has designated Shaare Zedek as the only facility on call for any suspected SARS cases in Israel, she noted.

Last year, she said, more than 56,000 patients received treatment in the ER for routine emergencies. Shaare Zedek, serving all segments of Jerusalem's population, treats almost a quarter of a million patients annually.

The hospital is a leader in cardiac care, she said, and its labour and delivery complex set a new record in October with 964 births.

"Blending state-of-the-art medical technology with deep compassion, Shaare Zedek has earned the well-deserved title of The Hospital with a Heart," despite the cutbacks, she said.

Seen at a reception for the Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem are, from left, David Smith, Canadian foundation co-president; Karen Smith; Emunah Hasin, director of external affairs of Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem; Suzanne Kaye, recently appointed executive director of the foundation; and Brad Fox, foundation co-president.
[Cynthia Gasner photo]

She noted that all 2,000 staff members voluntarily took a cut in salaries recently.

She paid tribute to Dr. David Applebaum, who was the head of the department of emergency medicine. He was killed in September in a terrorist attack on a café with his daughter Nava, who was to be married the next day.

Applebaum spearheaded the concept of emergency medicine as an independent specialty in which emergency medical specialists would be able to take care of most problems on their own, Hasin said.

His concept, combined with a new and larger emergency facility in a central location with a digital x-ray unit that can be read anywhere in the world, will make the hospital's ER facility No. 1 in the city, she said.

Hasin spoke of the emotional toll acts of terror have on the hospital staff as well as on the general population of Jerusalem.

"Sometimes, when I can's see any more suffering, I go up to the nursery and look at the beautiful newborns – I know that they are our future and our hope."

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Books add to that Chanukah feeling

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

For most of us, Chanukah is one of the best times of the year. There is terrific food to eat, like latkes and sufganiot, presents, Chanukah gelt, either money or, even better, chocolate, dreidel games and parties.

Best of all, there are the beautiful lights of the menorah that shine onto the street and make everyone feel warm and peaceful.

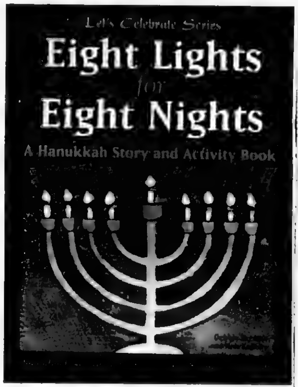
When Zev and David, two little boys from Poland, thought about Chanukah, that's how they felt too. But for them, there were no latkes, no menorah, no parties. They were in the concentration camp called Auschwitz, and they had lost their parents and their families. All they had was each other.

Their story is told in the very moving book, *Menorah in the Night Sky; a miracle of Chanukah*, by Jacques Shore, with illustrations by S. Kim Glassman. (Gefen Publishing House, 2002).

David was very sad. "He did not want to think of Chanukah and the happy time he cherished with his parents. It only made him sadder and made him cry."

Zev wanted desperately to be able to find a menorah, to give David hope that things would be better. But he couldn't. All he had was one candle.

He took David outside on the first night of Chanukah and held the candle up. "I will light this candle, our shamash, and let's pretend to light the menorah, as we did before with our families."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A Hanukkah Story and Activity Book

Suddenly, as if God had heard their prayers, a star appeared. And God must have heard their prayers, because the second day, two stars appeared, and the third day three stars. Every day of Chanukah, stars appeared, just as if there was a menorah in the sky.

The miracle of the stars in the sky gave Zev and David the courage to survive their terrible time in the camp. Finally, "God, who lit the menorah in the sky, lit their way out of Auschwitz, a few months later."

The last picture in the book shows two large families celebrating Chanukah. And the elderly David and Zev are watching the stars in the sky, with their arms around each other.

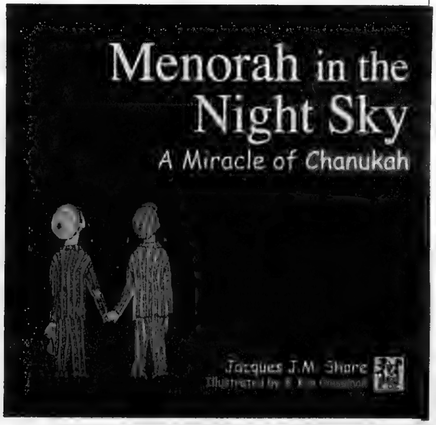
Another wonderful Chanukah book is *Eight Lights for Eight Nights; a Hanukkah story and activity book,* by Debbie Herman and Ann Koffsky. (Barron's Educational Series, Holiday Book Series, 2003).

It tells the Chanukah story; how the Syrian Greeks tried to stop the Jews from being Jews, and how Mattathias and his five sons led a successful revolt against the enemy. When they came to rededicate the temple, they only found enough oil to last for one days, but in the well known miracle of chanukah, it lasted for eight days.

This book, though, doesn't just tell the story of Chanukah, although it does tell it very well. There are all kinds of extra bits that the authors call fun facts. For instance, did you know that there is a statue of Judah Maccabee at West Point, the academy that trains American officers? Or that in 1993, when a brick was thrown through the window of a Jewish home in a small town in Montana, thousands of non-Jews lit menorahs in their homes, as a show of support? Or that American astronaut David Wolf played dreidel in space? Because of zero gravity, the dreidl spun for an hour and a half.

The second half of the book has all kinds of activities and crafts for the holiday, complete with coloured pictures and instructions. You can learn to make a Chanukah menorah, a shamash holder, dreidels, cards, new games to play. There is even a recipe for latkes.

Both of these books give a wonderful message of hope and courage that is so much a part of Jewish history.



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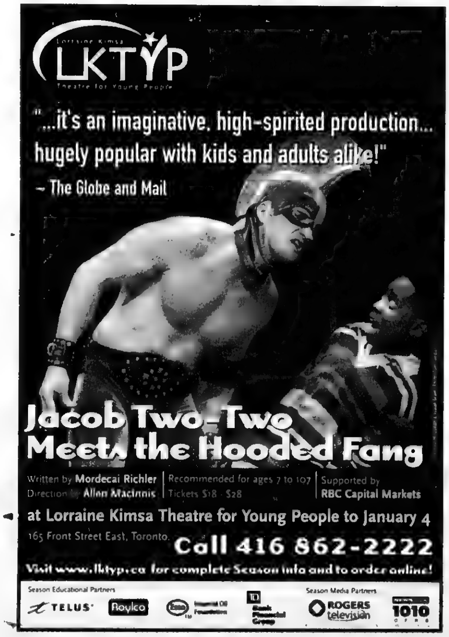
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Miracles!

"This is the Temple we've been fighting for?"

"I don't know, Jotham...I don't remember the Temple looking like this."

Jotham and I were among the 10,000 soldiers under the command of Judah Maccabee. Only a few days before, we had forced the Greek army to retreat. The enemy gone, we were free to return to our Temple. I remembered the Temple. Before the Greeks took over, my father used to bring me there at Festival times. It was an inspiring structure, a towering hall of marble and gold rising from an enormous courtyard of stone. We had squeezed into the courtyard along with Jews from all over the world, who came to worship God, and offer their best fruits, grains, and sheep to Him in thanks. I remembered the sweet smell of incense and the soaring songs of the Levites.

It was hard to equate that with what we saw now. The walls were charred and covered with ivy, and most of the gates were burned or gone altogether. And statues! The Greeks had filled it with statues of their gods and goddesses.

KIDDISH
Jewish Kids' Fun Page
by Ellene Newman and Hallel Newman

"Shhh! Shhhh!" The men fell silent. Judah Maccabee stepped forward. His clothes were torn, in the traditional sign of mourning.

"My brothers," he began. "Although it is painful to see our Temple in ruins, we must be grateful to God that he has brought us so far, and thank him for the many miracles he has performed for us." He paused. "I would like to resume the Temple service as soon as possible. We have to remove all the statues and destroy them. The altar has been used for idolatrous sacrifices and must be replaced. The Menorah is missing. Even if we can get it back, there is no pure oil to light with. In addition, there are still some Greek soldiers nearby, whom we need to fight off. We need to work together. Please speak to me or to one of my brothers and ask what you can do."

The men surged forward, eager to help, and by the time we were able to speak to one of the generals, all he could say was, "Sorry, but all the jobs are taken already. We've already got some people making a temporary Menorah out of spears and wood, the altar's being taken care of, and so many people are getting rid of statues that you would just get in the way. If you want, though, you can look for pure oil. But I don't think you'll find any. The Greeks purposely smashed all the bottles and contaminated them. But there's nothing wrong with looking."

"So what are we going to do if we can't find any?" asked Jotham.

"We'll make some more. But that's going to take eight days. It's kind of sad though that we'll have to wait that long before we can start lighting the Menorah again."

So Jotham and I started walking around looking for oil. But of course there weren't any bottles just lying around, and it looked like most of the other men were looking too.

"Forget it," I said. If there's oil around, they would have seen it. "I'm just gonna dig. Maybe I'll find some buried underground."

"You're crazy." Replied Jotham.

"Hey," I said. "Miracles happen."

"Miracles. You know, I'm kind of annoyed about all this talk about miracles. I mean, maybe it was a miracle that we were able to defeat the Greeks. Then again, we do have the best general you ever set eyes on, and the bravest fighters you ever met in your life."

"Jotham, we just defeated 60,000 soldiers! That makes sense to you?"

"OK, OK! I'm not saying it WASN'T a miracle. It's just that there's no proof it was. Miracles don't happen all that often, you know. When was the last time you saw a sea split?"

"But they do happen sometimes!" I shot back.

"I don't know. They used to happen. I don't know if they happen anymore. I don't know if God's with us the way He used to be."

I looked up from my digging, about to respond, but Jotham was staring, riveted, at my hole. "Oil!" He gasped. I looked down. A small jug of oil lay glistening in the soft dirt.

"Don't pick it up!" yelled someone behind me. "You might accidentally contaminate it!" A throng of shouting people encircled us, parting to let though a Maccabee leader, who gingerly lifted the jug out of the hole.

"It has the seal of the High Priest on it," he whispered reverently. "It's pure. It's a miracle!"

Jotham turned to me. "There they go again. I mean, it's amazing. But who says it's a miracle?"

"Jotham, you're impossible."

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Still, our little jug only contained enough oil to burn for one day. And after that, it would be seven more days until we had pure oil. But tonight we celebrated. It was only late the next night that the rumors began. That the oil hadn't burned out. That it was still burning, over a day later. The next day, we asked one of the Temple priests.

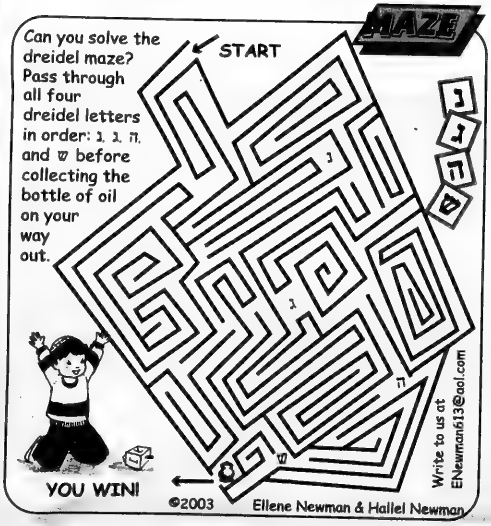
"It's true," he said. "Only a little of the oil burned up. At the rate it's going, it should last until we get our fresh supply. It's a miracle."

Jotham looked down. "I guess miracles do happen," he whispered. "Even now."

A joyous cry leapt up behind us. The men were dancing in a circle, and singing songs of thanks. Jotham looked up, stared at them for a minute, wiped his eyes, and then ran with me to join the growing circle.

MAZE

Can you solve the dreidel maze? Pass through all four dreidel letters in order: נ, ג, ה, and ש before collecting the bottle of oil on your way out.



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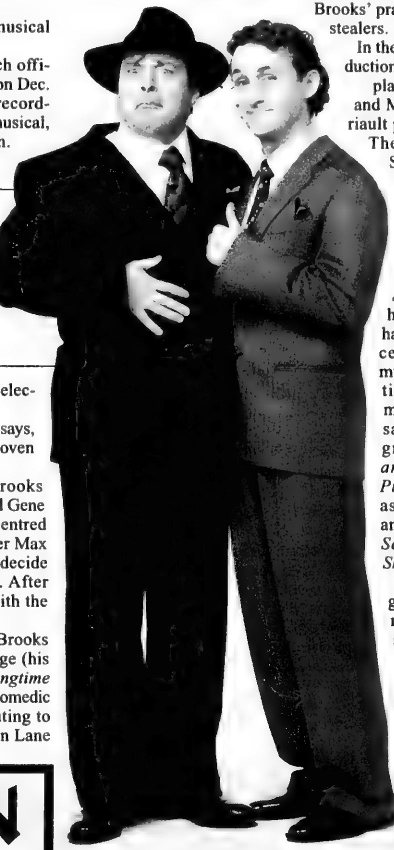
Arts & Travel

'Toronto ready for The Producers'

By DAVID SILVERBERG
Special to The CJN

The Lion King is a cub compared to the next musical coming to Canada.

The Broadway blockbuster *The Producers*, which officially opens at Mirvish Productions' Canon Theatre on Dec. 11, took New York by storm in 2001, winning a record-breaking 12 Tony Awards, including ones for best musical, best direction of a musical and best scenic design. Critics inked endless praise: *The New York Observer* hailed it as "the best show ever," *The Daily News* implored Mel Brooks to run for mayor and Ben Brantley of the *New York Times* wrote, "[*The Producers*] operates on a self-perpetuating, can-you-top-this energy, generating enough electricity to light up California for the next century."



Sean Cullen as Max Bialystock and Michael Therriault as Leo Bloom in the Toronto production of *The Producers* , the new Mel Brooks musical.
[Cylla von Tiedemann photo]

David Mirvish, producer of Mirvish Productions, says, "It won the most Tony Awards in history, so it's proven itself. I think Toronto is ready for this."

The buzz began decades earlier, when Mel Brooks released the movie in 1968. Starring Zero Mostel and Gene Wilder as two money-hungry producers, the film centred on a deliciously satirical plot: Broadway flop master Max Bialystock and mousy accountant Leopold Bloom decide to raise $2 million for a show guaranteed to fail. After fleecing investors, they plan to escape to Brazil with the cash and the last laugh.

The Broadway version kept the basic story, but Brooks jazzed it up and wrote music and lyrics for the stage (his first musical foray). The show-within-a-show, *Springtime for Hitler*, is known as the theatrical centrepiece, and comedic jabs complement the cheeky production. Contributing to the Broadway show's depth were lead actors Nathan Lane as Bialystock and Matthew Broderick as Bloom, both breaking out of Hollywood routine to perfect Brooks' prancing scene-stealers.

In the Toronto production, Sean Cullen plays Bialystock and Michael Therriault plays Bloom. Therriault is a Stratford regular who has also acted in *Billy Bishop Goes to War* and *West Side Story*. Cullen has star power, having cemented his musical reputation as a member of the satirical rock group *Corky and the Juice Pigs*, and later as a comedian and star of *The Sean Cullen Show* on CBC.

"This is a great stretch for me," Cullen says between rehearsals. "It's been a vocal marathon but I love the stage and I'm a huge fan of the movie."

But won't admirers of the New York production instinctively compare him to Lane?

"I bring something different to the role," Cullen says simply.

Mirvish views the situation with greater optimism.

"It's nice for Lane and Broderick to set the bar high, especially when your team can jump over that bar."

Mirvish shifts metaphors and refers to the Therriault-Cullen duo as a thrilling tennis match "where you need someone skilled to hit the ball back to you."

Fans of Brooks musicals can expect patches of his patented politically incorrect humour. Song lyrics poke fun at Germans, Jews, Swedes, homosexuals, Irish policemen and theatre insiders. Even heavyweights like Mirvish are set in comedic crosshairs – at one point, Bloom sings, "I wanna be a producer, and sleep until half-past two/ I wanna be a producer, and say, 'You. You. You. Not you.'"

Hitting too close to home, perhaps?

"Well, I can't say I'm like Max Bialystock," Mirvish says, laughing. "He raised the money by himself, but there are dozens of backers for *The Producers*."

The Producers runs from Dec. 11 through to April 25, 2004 at the Canon Theatre, 244 Victoria St. Ticket prices range from $31 to $121 and can be purchased by calling 1-800-461-3333.

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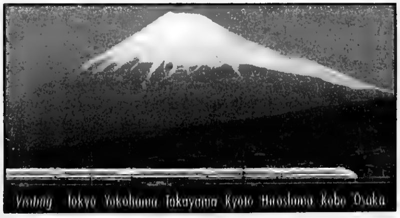

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Casting Call: The **Civic Light Opera Company** has announced auditions for many parts in the **Rodgers & Hammerstein** musical *Allegro!* to be performed next February with full orchestra. Fairview Library Theatre, Dec. 16, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Dec. 17, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. 416-469-8450. E-mail CivicLightOpera@aol.com

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Names in the News: Penny Schine Gold is the fortuitously named author of *Making the Bible Modern*, a study of children's Bibles and Jewish education in 20th-century America. The book is due this month from Cornell University Press… **Frank Abagnole**, legendary con man and subject of **Steven Spielberg**'s film *Catch Me If You Can*, calls himself "a big supporter of Israel" and has begun raising money for Israeli causes. Now an FBI consultant and lecturer, Abagnole recently told a British audience that more should be done to monitor the final disposition of funds sent to Islamic charities… Montreal author **Joel Yanofsky** was in town last week for the Toronto launch of his book *Mordecai & Me: An Appreciation of a Kind*. Editor **Norman Ravvin** appeared with him at the Nicholas Hoare Bookstore on Front Street East… Speaking of signings, photographer **Bev Abramson** autographs copies of her book *Bawdy Language* at David Mirvish Books on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2 to 4 p.m.

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Arts in Brief

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- Poets with books published this year may compete for the $80,000 Griffin Poetry Prize. Books must be submitted postmarked no later than Dec. 31. Full details at Web site www.griffinpoetryprize.com.
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Lenka takes her listeners 'to unique place'

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Czech-born singer and songwriter, Lenka Lichtenberg says her upcoming concert, "Open the Gate," is a fitting testament to Canada's cultural diversity.

Her CD of the same name will be released at the concert on Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Isabel Bader Theatre, 93 Charles St. W.

"All the main participants on this recording project and concert are longtime collaborators who stem from different cultural backgrounds."

The result, she says, "takes the listener to a unique, attractive place all its own."

Lichtenberg's second CD features new, original songs in English, with music ranging from Middle Eastern to eastern European.

Both the concert and the 12 original songs on the CD combine Lichtenberg's passionate singing with the instrumental virtuosity of eight of Toronto's leading musicians. Master string player Levon Ichkhanian, who produced the CD, will also be performing.

Lichtenberg's first CD, *Deep Inside*, is a collection of five Yiddish songs, one Ladino/Hebrew song and six of her original compositions in English.

Born and raised in Prague where she was a child star, Lichtenberg came to Canada in 1981. She currently teaches music at Ryerson University.

Lichtenberg has performed in Toronto at the Ashkenaz Festival and with Zalmen Mlotek at the Yiddish Festival in Queens, N.Y.. She has presented several solo performances in Prague. She received the Canada Council of the Arts Specialized Recording Grant in the category of world music.

During Holocaust Remembrance Week, Lichtenberg performed as a soloist with Mitch Smolkin, as well as with the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir and the JCC Choir, at a program at the Miles S. Nadal Jewish Community Centre. She also sang Yiddish songs written by Simcha Simchovitch and Gurion Hyman.

In addition, Lichtenberg performs cantorial music. She has sung *Kol Nidre* at Kolel: The Adult Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, and for several years, she has chanted selected High Holy Day prayers at Darchei Noam Reconstructionist Synagogue, where she is a member.

"Being welcomed to daven at Darchei Noam for Shabbat services is very meaningful and a very warm experience for me and my family," she says.

Tickets for the Dec. 7 concert are $15. For more information, visit www.lenkalichtenberg.com or for tickets, call Ticketmaster, 416-872 1111 or 416-932 0550.

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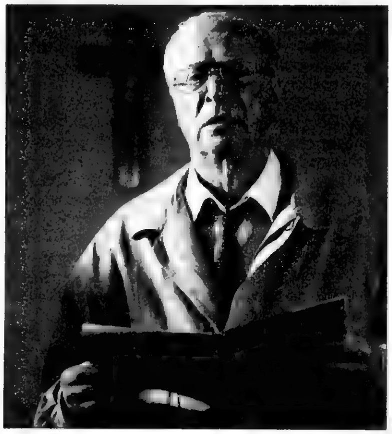
Norman Jewison movie delves into France's wartime fascist past

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter



Michael Caine in a scene from *The Statement*

Norman Jewison's competently crafted film, *The Statement*, revisits France's flirtation with fascism and its complicity in the wanton deaths of 77,000 Jews.

Scheduled to open in Toronto on Dec. 12, *The Statement*, starring Michael Caine as a war criminal on the run, is a political thriller with a tough message.

France, it is true, was occupied by Nazi Germany. But it is equally true that Vichy France – the French puppet state tolerated by the Nazis – shamelessly promulgated a whole series of anti-Semitic edicts, and that the French police, the Milice, zealously rounded up, and even killed, Jews.

Shot on location in France, *The Statement* focuses on the role of one of its members in these gruesome events. Adapted by the talented Ronald Harwood from a novel by Brian Moore, the film opens in June 1944.

The Nazis, with the help of the Milice, have rousted a group of Jews from their homes, and seven are immediately marked for death. In a stark scene, Pierre Brossard, the local Milice chief, takes part in their execution.

Fast forward to a southern French city in 1992. An assassin, carrying a Canadian passport, tries to kill the 70-year-old Brossard (Caine). He has been sheltered all these years by old Milice colleagues, certain influential politicians and reactionary elements within the Catholic church.

The Statement then shifts to Paris. Brossard has belatedly been charged with crimes against humanity. Annemarie Livi (Tilda Swinton), a half-Jewish judge, and Col. Roux (Jeremy Notham), a policeman, have been assigned to his case.

Livi, who considers Brossard nothing less than a murderer, is eager to get on with the investigation and establish who granted Brossard a pardon."Unless the whole truth is brought into the open," she says, "the dead will never rest easily."

As Livi and Roux assemble a dossier on his dubious career, Brossard takes steps to fend off his pursuers. A pious Christian, he turns for help to sympathizers in the former Milice and in the church. One of his champions in the clergy, Monsignor LeMoyne, believes that Brossard "acted in good faith."

He asserts that Brossard's role in the execution of seven Jews remains unproven. He contends that Brossard was only "following orders" when he requisitioned Jewish property during the war. He claims that the French resistance was communist in spirit and intended to "deliver" France to Joseph Stalin.

It's clear that Brossard has friends in high places. Livi learns this on a first-hand basis when a French government cabinet minister, who happens to be Livi's uncle, advises her to withdraw from the case. "You will be destroyed mercilessly," he warns.

The movie builds to a climax when a second assassin attempts to eliminate Brossard, and when a public relations-minded cardinal in the church declares Brosssard a persona non grata.

As Brossard, Caine is a wonder to behold, the reincarnation of a brutal cynic who will go to any length to elude justice. Caine, a natural actor, slips effortlessly into Brossard's skin.

Swinton, however, is too self-conscious as a crusading judge, and really too quintessentially British to be portraying a French person.

The mild-mannered Northam seems somewhat out of his depth as a supposedly hard-driving policeman. But Charlotte Rampling, who plays Brossard's estranged wife, is perfect in her cameo appearance as a woman scorned.

As director, Jewison usually has matters well in hand, but occasionally, he falls short of sustaining the tension that is so central to *The Statement*.

Harwood's screenplay, while not in the same league as his award-winning script for *The Pianist*, treats the topic with the respect and gravity it deserves.

Let it be said that *The Statement*, which deals with one of the gravest breaches of human rights in the annals of history, is admirably faithful to its subject.

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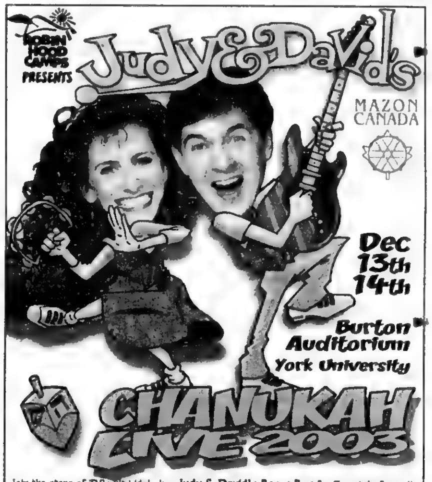

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New York-based Israeli band makes Canadian debut

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

Winter may be descending on us, but the Seeds of Sun are bringing warmth and sunshine with them to an upcoming family Chanukah celebration at Toronto's Leah Posluns Theatre.

Seeds of Sun, who are performing at Leah Posluns on Dec. 11, are a group of jazz musicians from Israel living in Brooklyn, New York.

The group – vocalist Michal Cohen, flautist Mattan Klein, pianist Yoav Polachek, bassist Itamar Ziegler and drummer Yuval Lion – met while studying at the Berklee College of Music in Boston on scholarship.

Now in their late 20s to their mid-30s, each of them had established careers in Israel before leaving for the United States, but they chose to remain in New York after completing their studies at Berklee.

"New York has this magnetic attraction," says Klein. "Everyone ends up in New York trying to make their musical dreams come true."

Seeds of Sun recorded a self-titled CD in July 2002, and the band made its concert debut late last year. Since then, the group has played its brand of contemporary Israeli music to large, enthusiastic audiences throughout the eastern United States.

The band's repertoire, which is mostly in Hebrew, springs from their love of music and of Israel, Klein says.

Contemporary Israeli music is a mixed bag, he says. For Seeds of Sun, that means playing pieces from a variety of genres, including traditional Israeli and Jewish music, klezmer, jazz and funk.

The members of Seeds of Sun play separately in other bands as well. Klein plays in a jazz band, Ziegler plays in a hip hop group, Polachek is active in the New York jazz scene and drummer Lion is one of the busiest players in the city's rock-funk scene. Cohen, who has won the Cleo Laine vocal jazz award, has sung on stages throughout the United States and is the leader of a Yemenite ensemble.

At the Dec. 11 performance, Seeds of Sun will perform an eclectic program, including such Israeli favourites as *Yedid Nefesh* (Soul Friend) and a jazzy interpretation of the prayer *Oseh Shalom* (He Who Brings Peace), along with other tunes from their CD, which is made up of the band's jazz-flavoured interpretations of traditional Jewish and Israeli music, modern Israeli tunes and original material.

The CD contains energetic playing and lovely melodies. Cohen's vocals are sparkling. Klein's flute on the seven tracks of the recording is reminiscent of the easy-to-listen-to, ethereal sound of the late Canadian flautist Moe Koffman. He also wrote *Laximum*, a song that is both a tribute to Jerusalem, where he grew up, and the story of how a friend got his nickname (from his dog, Laxi).

Klein grew up in a musical household. His mother taught music and he started out playing piano at the age of seven, then he moved on to the recorder at nine. His late father, professor Michael Klein, the former dean of Jerusalem's Hebrew Union College, gave him his first flute at age 10. Klein has played in the Jerusalem Youth Orchestra and toured Europe with the Horah Jerusalem Folklore Group.

Until recently, Klein taught Hebrew – "like a lot of Israelis in New York," he says – and one day he came across the world "seeds," which became the inspiration for the band's name.

The seeds have proved to be fertile. After a little more than a year of public appearances, the band's popularity is growing steadily, with a possible tour to the Far East and Europe in the future.

Klein says the upcoming concert at Leah Posluns will be high energy.

"This is the right time to bring Israel to communities across North America," he says. "We carry the torch of Israeli awareness and support without going into any politics."

For tickets, call the ticket hotline at 416-636-1880, ext. 228. General admission: $30; group rate, $25; seniors and children under 14, $15.

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Bessarabian clarinetist keeps Soviet klezmer alive

By ERIC STEIN
Special to The CJN

No Jewish cultural tradition survived decades of supression in the former Soviet Union more vibrantly or persistently than klezmer music.

This was made evident at a closing klezmer concert called "Klezmer Behind the Iron Curtain" at the recent Russian culture weekend event "Soviet and Kosher."

The show provided a rare opportunity for Torontonians to hear a true living treasure of Jewish music, German Goldenshteyn.

The Bessarabian-born, New York-based clarinetist led an ad hoc ensemble called the Red Army Klezmer Band, featuring Moldavian accordionist Iosef Kagansky (now based in Burlington), and New York-based klezmorim Michael Alpert (violin, accordion, poyk) and Jeff Wollock (violin).

The group performed selections drawn mostly from Goldenshteyn's unique repertoire, which was acquired over decades of playing in Soviet klezmer bands at both Jewish and non-Jewish weddings in Bessarabia.

The musicians seemed somewhat underrehearsed, and at times unsure of themselves, but what lacked in polish was made up for by the music's historical and cultural significance and by the performers' infectious energy. This was real down home klezmer music as it might have been heard at Bessarabian simchahs in past decades.

Somehow the plush Isabel Bader Theatre, filled with an appreciative yet restrained audience, seemed an inappropriate setting for the show. Goldenshteyn's music is more for dancing and merriment than for the stage and is best appreciated in less formal surroundings.

Today in the former Soviet Union, there is a growing tide of interest in aspects of Jewish culture, especially Yiddish language and music. Festivals of Jewish culture and klezmer music have sprung up in such unlikely locales as St. Petersburg and Kiev. The steady tide of Jewish emigration from the former Soviet regions to North America has brought many Jews whose stories reveal just how tenacious Jewish cultural traditions remained throughout the Soviet period.

Born in Romania in 1934 and orphaned during the Holocaust, Goldenshteyn studied music in a Soviet military academy and served as a musician in the Red Army from 1949 to 1956.

Returning to civilian life in Ukraine, he worked as an engineer in a metalworks factory, but continued playing music part-time for decades, maintaining the centuries-old tradition of eastern European klezmer music during a period when it was largely thought to have disappeared.

What makes Goldenshteyn exceptional, aside from his still-impressive chops on the clarinet, is that when he emigrated to the United States in 1994, he brought with him more than 800 tunes carefully notated on tiny scraps of paper. This vast repertoire, along with his recollections of life as a Soviet Jewish musician, reveal just how vibrant klezmer remained during the dark decades of the Soviet era.

Goldenshteyn's brand of klezmer bears the multicultural characteristics of the border region in which he lived and performed in for so many decades. While much of his repertoire can be considered purely Jewish, a great deal of it includes Russian, Ukrainian and especially Moldavian/Romanian influences. His cross-cultural fluency makes him especially valuable as a resource to today's klezmer musicians and scholars. This kind of hybridization is in many ways the essence of klezmer music.

Since his arrival on these shores, Goldenshteyn has become something of a cause célebr within the North American klezmer musi scene, a primary resource of an entire milie of Jewish music about which too little had bee known.

Goldenshteyn has published three volume of his musical transcriptions and continues t publish a new volume each year. As a faculty instructor at Yiddish culture festivals such a KlezKanada, he's had the opportunity to wor with young North American klezmer musicians passing on to them his tunes and stories, an giving his style of music new life in the ongoin klezmer revival.

There are plans for a Goldenshteyn CD, an hopefully the wait won't be long. Goldenshteyn music carries tremendous value, and the mor it is highlighted, the more the klezmer tradition many facets will be understood and apprecia ed.

Eric Stein is founder of the Toronto klezme group Beyond the Pale.

Business Profile

Accountant Leon Goren takes justwhiteshirts to new heights

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Leon Goren hopes the trend toward casual dressing in corporate North America has reached its apogee, and that a return to "business formal" attire is not too far around the corner.

He promotes the concept of men's formal wear in the workplace because, after all, it is in his interest.

Goren is president, chief executive officer and a founder of justwhiteshirts.com, a Toronto-based company whose dress shirts and other products are sold through catalogues and the Internet.

As its moniker implies, justwhiteshirts is big on dress shirts.

The company's perennial bestseller, the Supreme, an Oxford-style button-down shirt woven from the finest cotton, is available in four shades: white, pink, blue and green. Company presidents, as well as up-and-coming executives, are partial to the Supreme, Goren said.

But if the Supreme does not meet their requirements, they may opt for the British Collection, whose shirts are made of 100/2-ply Egyptian cotton.

If the British Collection is unsuitable, there is always the Italian Collection, whose shirts emphasize clear lines and striking colour definitions.

Alternatively, buyers may prefer a shirt from The Chairman's Choice. These feature single-needle stitching, dressy hand-rolled French seams, a four-piece split yoke for an excellent fit across the shoulder, extra-long button and sleeve plackets, pleats and longer shirt tails.

And if a buyer likes honeycomb fabrics, he can select a shirt from the Oxford Collection.

Goren, 38, who founded justwhiteshirts with two friends nine years ago, holds forth on the subject of shirts with the greatest of ease and expertise, much as a seasoned historian can regale a class with tales of the Punic Wars or the Six Day War.

For Goren, a shirt is not just a shirt.

"It starts with the fabric," he said the other afternoon, leaning forward on his chair to drive home the point.

Justwhiteshirts, which buys many of its fabrics from Britain, India and Japan, uses two-ply cotton, which is especially durable.

As he continued his impromptu lecture, he explained that the finish of a shirt is of crucial importance, as is the quality of its buttons and the linings in the collars.

And the stitching must be just so, said Goren, who always wears his company's shirts.

"There is a lot of detail that goes into a great quality shirt."

Lasting an average of 65 to 100 launderings or washings, his shirts are manufactured mainly in Hong Kong, Pakistan and Canada. Manufacturing costs are about one-third lower abroad.

Cotton is the fabric of choice when it comes to shirts, he noted.

"Cotton is the best breathing shirt around. Polyester can't breathe. It's one of the first indications of a cheap shirt."

And Goren takes satisfaction from the fact that the price of his shirts does not induce sticker shock. A comparison of highbrow brands bears him out. A Brioni shirt retails for $375, while a Burberry shirt sells for $235. Goren's shirts range from $65 to $75.

Is he cutting corners?

The simple answer is no. Goren reduces costs by letting customers buy directly from justwhiteshirts' catalogue or its Web site, and then he passes on the savings.

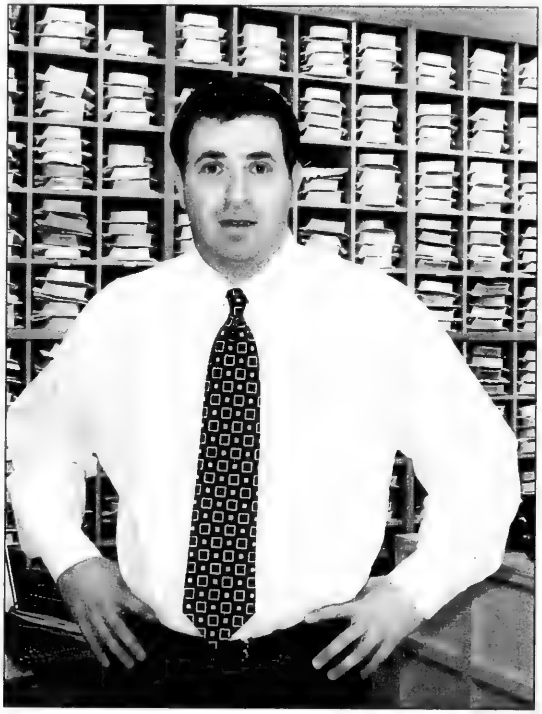
Another reason his shirts are better priced is that Goren owns his own retail outlets – one at First Canadian Place, at King and Bay streets, and another on Leslie Street, in the suburbs.

Although men's dress shirts are the mainstay of his business, justwhiteshirts sells upwards of 200 other kinds of goods, from cufflinks, socks and belts to golf shirts and chinos.

Of late, Goren has segued into women's wear, mainly polo shirts and cotton twill shirts, which comprise about 10 per cent of sales. "We're hoping to grow this part of the business," he said. "But it takes time."

Goren's expansion plans also envisage 10 more stores in the next few years.

As more shops are opened, catalogue and Internet sales will inevitably fall. Currently, they generate just over 40 per cent of total sales.



Leon Goren

But, as he acknowledged, some Canadian consumers prefer to buy in a store because they can touch and feel the fabrics.

"It's a very tough business to be in. Canadians, typically, don't like to buy from catalogues and the Internet."

Yet catalogue sales are what make justwhiteshirts virtually unique in Canada, Goren claimed. "We're one of the only cataloguers in the country."

And justwhiteshirts is one of the relatively few dot.com companies that weathered the recent recession.

"Sales were flat after Sept. 11," Goren said. "Men put their disposable incomes on hold."

But lately, the economy has recovered from its slump.

Goren, who was born and raised in Montreal and settled in Toronto in 1976, began his career as an accountant.

He studied economics at the University of Western Ontario and took a chartered accountancy course at the University of Toronto.

Before going into business for himself, he worked in Toronto, Boston and Vancouver.

He founded justwhiteshirts in 1994 with two partners, Doug Childerhose and Keith Beckley. Today, Childerhose is in charge of sales and development, while Goren is responsible for overseas operations. Beckley, though no longer active, sits on the board.

Originally called Just White Shirts & Black Socks, Inc., the company changed its name three years ago as a marketing ploy to accentuate its best-selling product, men's shirts.

The threesome started the company with $25,000 of their own funds, and then investors came on board with extra financing.

For the first four years, Goren kept his day job, not entirely certain whether the company would survive. But once sales took off and he was reasonably sure the company could provide him with a comfortable income, Goren – the father of three young children – began working on a full-time basis for justwhiteshirts.

Goren, whose wife Michele is a portfolio manager, likes fine clothes. "It's critical to dress well. That's very important to me."

But he is hardly a clothes horse, and at home, he favours the "relaxed look" of shorts and T-shirts.

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Memorial service honours pioneers of Israeli winter sports

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

Canadian visitors joined residents of northern Israel to pay tribute to two proponents of winter sports who died within months of each other.

Former Metulla mayor Yossi Goldberg and NHL coach Roger Neilson were remembered last week in a ceremony that celebrated their contributions to Canada Centre, the recreational complex built in Metulla with the help of Canadian Jews.

Goldberg was remembered as the visionary leader who worked to make Metulla a must-see destination for Israelis and tourists alike. The Canada Centre was constructed during his administration and provided residents of Israel's far north with a multi-use sports and recreational facility.

It's also home to the country's only Olympic-sized ice surface, which has become the home rink for Israel's hockey, figure skating and short-track speed skating programs.

In his later years, Goldberg devoted himself to the country's figure skating program, as head of the Association for Winter Sports in Israel.

Neilson, who served as head coach for the Toronto Maple Leafs and as an assistant in Vancouver, Philadelphia and Ottawa among many NHL stops, ran his summer hockey camp in Metulla for four seasons. Dozens of Israeli skaters laced up with visiting Canadians and Americans at the camp. A handful of Israeli players also travelled to Lindsay, Ont., to participate in Neilson's hockey school.

"Yossi Goldberg was an absolute dynamo," recalled Gerry Halbert, former head of UIA Canada and a personal friend of the late mayor.

"He never took 'no' for an answer. He wanted to make winter sport succeed and develop world class athletes," Halbert said.

Shmuel Ben-Shachar, general manager of Canada Centre, said Goldberg was like a prophet who was not completely appreciated in his own time. But thanks to his initiative, more than 150 athletes train regularly at Canada Centre and between 115,000 and 120,000 visitors make use of the centre's facilities each year. The Canada Centre is only one of four facilities in Israel to have received a national centre designation.

Jeff Budd, who volunteered at Canada Centre's hockey program, said Neilson was unfazed by the dangers of holding a hockey camp within metres of the Lebanese border.

On one occasion, Neilson arrived to find incoming katyusha rockets had forced the hockey players into a bomb shelter. Neilson immediately improvised a ping pong tournament. "The kids loved him," Budd said.

Jeff Budd and Yossi Goldberg's widow, Galia, stand in front of a monument to the late mayor.

Many alumni of Neilson's hockey school were among the 150 participants at the memorial ceremony, which included inauguration of the Yossi Goldberg School of Excellence, a program for developing top skating athletes.

Budd said a plaque at the entrance to Canada Centre in Neilson's honour recalls the coach as "a leader, innovator, inspired teacher" and as "a true friend to Israel, forever in our minds and in our hearts."

Although the centre is popular in the region, it has suffered financially in the last three years, Ben-Shachar said.

"The economy has been bad, tourism is lousy and the border is noisy. All the facts are bad."

An Israeli government subsidy has been slashed from 1.2 million shekels three years ago to 500,000 shekels (around $147,000) today.

The number of domestic visitors has dropped, as many Israelis take advantage of cheap vacation packages in Turkey and Greece.

When it comes to its finances, "Canada Centre always walks on the edge," and scraping together enough money to pay bills is always problematic, Ben-Shachar said. But, he added, "we always find a way not to close."

If the political situation settles down and the visitor number increases to 150,000 per year, the centre can get by without outside assistance. he added.

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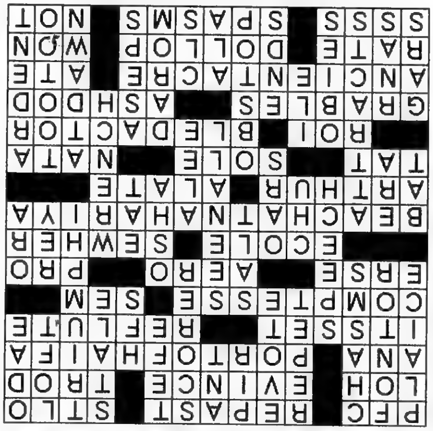


Pan Am Maccabi Games

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

Eighty-five Canadian athletes and coaches will join 2,500 Jewish sportsmen and women from around the world at the Pan Am Maccabi Games in Santiago, Chile, from Dec. 28 to Jan. 4.

Canada will field four basketball teams, as well as teams in men's softball, mini-football (soccer), 10-pin bowling, golf and beach volleyball. Individual athletes in tennis (masters division), squash and the half-marathon will also be going.

Basketball proved the most popular of the sports in Canada, as coaches had to cut a number of players before settling on 10 to 11 players for each of the squads. Canada will send a junior boys team (kids born from 1987-89), a youth squad (boys born from 1984-86), an open men's team (no age limitation), as well as an open women's team.

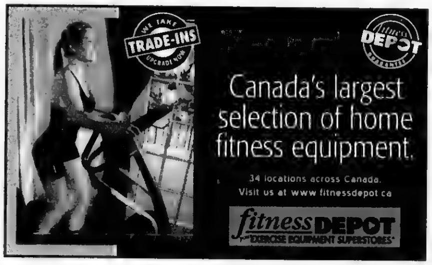
Although most athletes hail from in and around Toronto, about 10 are from Montreal and a smaller number come from Winnipeg, Vancouver, Calgary and Halifax, said Allen Gerskup, head of the Canadian delegation.

Originally, the Confederation of Latin American Maccabis had hoped to hold the Games in Venezuela, but the volatile political situation in that Latin American country forced a change of plans, and Santiago was chosen as the organizers' fallback position.

Although Santiago is home to only about 15,000 Jews, Gerskup believes the community is well organized and affluent enough to pull off a first class event. The Maccabi movement has a very high profile in the Chilean Jewish community and the community has put together a program that includes social and cultural events, Shabbat celebrations and plenty of parties, he said.

While sports is the centrepiece of the Pan Am get together, the event also affords the opportunity "for a show of solidarity with Jewish people in South America," Gerskup said.

The Games will include Western Hemisphere nations like the United States, Mexico, Chile, Brazil and Argentina, as well as athletes from Australia, Israel, Switzerland and South Africa.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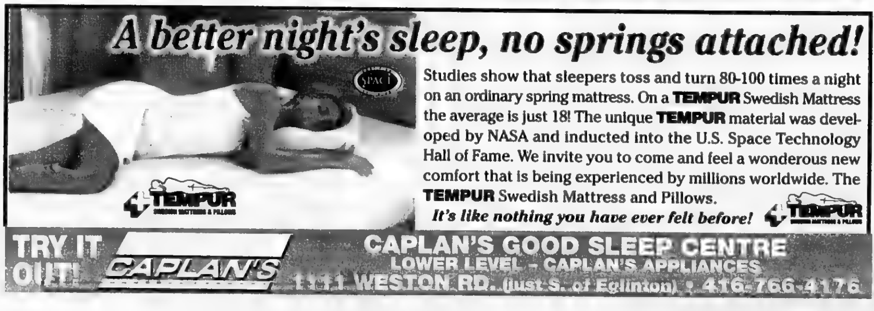
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(Bids adieu to readers)

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By JODI KOVITZ

After completing my undergraduate studies, I started exploring who I was as an adult. Naturally, being Jewish, part of that inquiry involved examining how religion and spirituality fit into my life. I asked myself such questions as, "Who am I as a Jew? Why do or why do I not engage in Jewish ritual? Do I want more spirituality or guidance in my life? If so, how do I get it?"

I will never forget the first time that I became aware of how important my Judaism is to me. As I pointed out in my first column, this realization came to me while I was living in Milan, surrounded by Roman Catholics, far from my cozy Jewish community. It was very difficult to find a seder there for Passover. After scouring the Web, I ended up in a seniors' home, singing the four questions in Italian. What's funny is that the awakening of my Jewish identity happened when I was so far away from everything I thought defined me as a Jew: family, friends, community and familiar rituals.

When I returned from Italy, I continued to explore how Judaism could fit into my life. I took a course at Kolel: The Adult Centre for Liberal Jewish Education by Rabbi Elyse Goldstein called "Judaism and the Quest for Spirituality." We discussed traditional and modern rituals, sex, money, relationships and community.

I realized, in that class, that I was not alone in my quest. My peers and I shared a desire to make sense of Jewish law, tradition and culture from adult perspectives and make our own Jewish choices accordingly. Our shared questions and stimulating dialogue inspired me to write about my experiences.

From Starbucks to synagogue, we search. What do we face, being Jewish and 20-something? How do we deal with the expectations that have been placed on us by our parents, our peers and our communities? What does the word God mean to us? How does Israel fit into our lives?

I have learned a tremendous amount through asking these questions and through exploring the perspectives that you have shared with me. I now realize that Judaism can play an extremely fulfilling role in our lives if we choose to act Jewishly and appreciate what our rituals, tradition and teachings have to offer. I know that when I make time in my daily grind for the important things – friends, family, community, spirituality and ritual – I feel whole. I have come to see my Judaism not as a chore, but a privilege. I am beginning to carve out my own Jewish identity and decide on a level of affiliation that is comfortable to me but through which I can begin to commit myself to the principles of Jewish law and to Jewish values. Thank you for your interest in reading my reflections and for your participation in my journey. I encourage you to continue on your own and wish you the best of luck.

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roasted red peppers and salsa for garnish

In food processor grate potatoes. Set a sieve over a bowl. Let mixture drain for 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, pour off liquid from the bowl but leave the white potato starch that setttles in the bottom of the bowl.

To that starch add eggs, flour, herbs, salt and pepper. Return drained potatoes to this mixture and toss to combine.

Line baking pan with paper towels. In a large skillet heat 1/4" oil over medium high heat until hot. Drop heaping tablespoonfuls of potato mixture and cook for 3-4 minutes each side; latkes should be golden and crisp on both sides. Eat right away or keep warm in oven.

Serve topped with slivers of roasted red peppers, and salsa.

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Epi on Education

Seymour Epstein

I recently returned from the General Assembly of the United Jewish Communities and North American Jewish Federations (GA) in Jerusalem, where Canadians made a wonderful showing.

I had two tasks at the event: to expose Toronto lay leaders to recent innovations in Israeli education and to conduct interviews with Israeli educators who are candidates for *shlichut* in Toronto.

Both of my missions revealed a side of Israel that gives one hope in these difficult times. Over the past few decades, Israelis have noticed that the study of Jewish sources in the non-religious sectors of society has deteriorated severely. There was a time when all Israelis knew a great deal of the Hebrew Bible, even if rabbinic literature was less studied.

The new reality was described a few years ago by an aging representative of the secular, socialist Zionists: "We wanted to raise a generation of *epikorsim* [heretics], but instead raised a generation of *am haratzim* [ignorant Jews]!"

There are also many voices within the religious community who tell of widespread indifference to Jewish study.

While the response is still limited, several established organizations are working hard to change this sad trend. They are mixed voices that transcend politics, denominations, Ashkenazi-Sephardi differences and religious-secular divides. All of them are attempting to revive a love affair between the people of Israel and its literary heritage. These special souls believe that the Bible, its commentaries, the Talmud, our liturgy, our flowing poetry and our dry legal prose are all a treasure-house of values-laden gems that belong to every Jew. Those of us who have not studied these texts have been grossly cheated.

It was my pleasure to introduce some Toronto Jews who share these concerns to Israelis who are making history by creating new modes of study and comfort zones for Israelis who have indeed been cheated out of their heritage. It was also my great joy to meet impressive Israelis of different generations who wish to translate their passion for Jewish study in Israel to our needs in Canada. Once again, I was confronted with living proof that *ki mitzion teitzei Torah*.

Epi (Seymour Epstein) is the vice-president of Jewish Education at UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

(Answers to the crossword are on page 58.)

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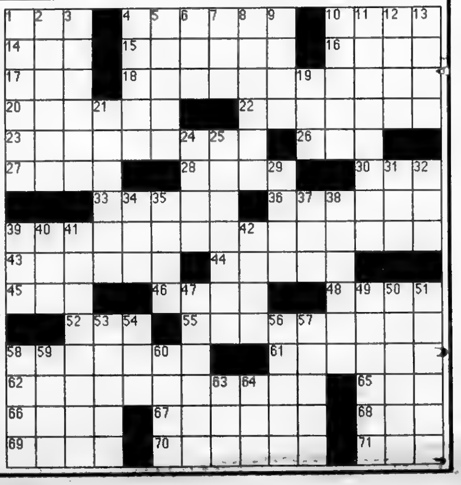
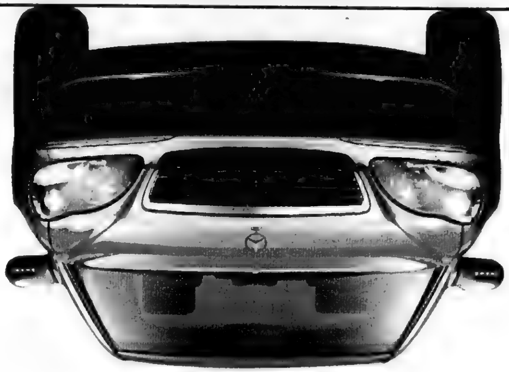
2003, Bernard Mann

cross
. Soldier Jessica Lynch
. Meal
0. French coastal city
4. Sandra Tsing ___, laywright and NPR arketplace commentator
5. State an argument clearly
6. Strode
7. Collection of writings, for short
8. Carmel's harbor
0. Short phrase meaning the eeting or arrangement is cheduled
2. Tool the grooves in a column gain
3. French count's wife
6. Jewish Theol. ___
7. Irish tongue
. Dynamic starter
. Paid athlete
. French school
36. "I must ____ gown", said the bride's seamstress
39. Sands at a northern town
43. Guinevere's husband
44. Having wings
45. Tit-for-___
46. Solitary
48. Assn. of Reform temple admins.
52. Louis or Charles
55. Applied leeches to a thespian?
58. Pin-up actress Betty and family
61. Southern harbor city
62. Old northern port city
65. Dined
66. Evaluate
67. Portion of whip cream
68. Emerged victorious
69. Nothing but reverse curves
70. Involuntary muscle movements
71. To Have and To Have ___

Down
1. Food fish
2. Word processing toolbar choices: ____ __ size
3. Vast depths, or gulfs of separation
4. Say again, in Lyons
5. New mode of casting a ballot
6. Persian for a Sufi teacher
7. Fire or carpenter
8. One who makes points
9. Upper Amazon tourist town
10. Trite or overused
11. First victory?
12. Artist's pad
13. Korean scenic 5-peaked mountain
19. Two parts of a footb. game
21. What Safire would write for Nixon
24. ____ Sea, correct English name for the Dead Sea
25. "Been there, took in everything"
29. Fed. agency overseeing safety in workplace
31. Ferdinand or Carlos
32. Hebrew girl's name
34. 1997 Nobel Laureate in physics
35. Rowboat devices
37. Corrode
38. Turning tool
39. Mexican Free-tailed
40. Period
41. Draws toward
42. Away from the wind
47. Room visit by delivery doctor?
49. We rise ____, said the farmer
50. "That is _____ much," she said emphatically
51. Fervid
53. Broadway musical awards
54. ___ de la Citè
56. South, in Hebrew
57. State of freeness from pathog's.
58. American game fishes
59. Nuclear molecules, abbrev.
60. What means lead to
63. _ __ mode
64. Metric liquid amts.





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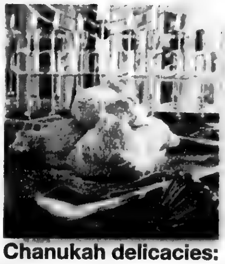

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Reflections on an outgoing PM

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

Analysis

Exit the Little Guy from Shawinigan after 10 sometimes tumultuous, sometimes infuriating, but hardly ever dull years from the prime minister's chair.

And as we are wont to say during times of transition: was he good for the Jews?

Jean Chrétien was often a lightning rod for the Jewish community's anger over a number of issues – Canada's voting pattern on anti-Israel resolutions at the United Nations chief among them – but the real story is too complicated and nuanced to assign the retiring prime minister an overall grade.

History's long view may show that while Chrétien undoubtedly aroused many passions among Canadian Jews at particularly volatile times, his relations and accomplishments with the community and Israel were not as bad as many have made them out to be, nor as good as they could have been.

Chrétien may have come across as sometimes insensitive and inarticulate, but even his detractors concede he was a consummate politician, a shrewd cultivator of relations and an empathetic ear. As a one-time unilingual francophone, he used to point out, he'd known his own share of bigotry.

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Jean Chrétien

Rabbi Plaut retires his *CJN* pen

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

For more than 20 years, Rabbi Gunther Plaut, 91, received inspiration for his weekly column in *The Canadian Jewish News* from the people he met and the places he visited.

"Writing always came easy to me. Someone would speak to me about a certain issue, and before I knew it, it became the stuff of a column," says Rabbi Plaut, senior scholar at Holy Blossom Temple, author of 23 books, including a two-volume autobiography, and a companion of the Order of Canada.

"I wrote a lot of good articles, and perhaps even a lot of nonsense, but I always felt I was reaching the readers," Rabbi Plaut said in an interview.

Gunther Plaut

"Now that I am in my 90s, however, it is not always possible to come up with a topic. My world is shrinking somewhat. The inspiration is not always there. Before, the subject would come to me; now I have to look for subjects. Before, I was a participant; now I am a bystander."

But he said he plans to continue writing "when the urge strikes me and I have something to say. To me, writing is like talking to people and that is very important.

"People used to come to see me at the temple just to talk. Sometimes talking is part of the healing."

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Chazak v'ematz

By RABBI GUNTHER PLAUT

One of the fundamental experiences of being human is being subject to physical and mental problems. Rabbis are no exception.

I don't hesitate to tell you that last month, I celebrated my 91st birthday, which means I still have a long way to go if I am to equal my mother's journey.

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FIRST SNOWFALL, FIRST SNOWBALLS: **These two Israeli soldiers could not resist the temptation to play in the snow after the first snowfall last week at their military post on Mount Hermon in the Golan Heights.** *[Israel Sun photos]*

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CANADA

Applicants Sought

TORONTO — The Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute for Science is seeking six Canadian students to join 70 others in the Dr. Bessie F. Lawrence 36th International Summer Science Institute in Rehovot, Israel, July 5 to 30. The first three weeks are spent in campus labs, while the final week is spent at a field school in the desert near the Dead Sea. Applicants must be in their final year of high school and proficient in English. Six scholarships cover the program's $4,000 cost plus return air fare. Deadline to apply is March 1. Call 416-733-9430.

ISRAEL

Flood Rescue

JERUSALEM — A bus with 50 schoolgirls from Jerusalem was swept away last Tuesday near the Tze'elim river, close to Ein Gedi, after heavy rains spread to the south of the country. Rescue workers, aided by Israel Defence Forces helicopters, safely evacuated all the passengers of the bus, which was swept away after the driver lost control of the vehicle.

Dead Sea Marketing

EILAT — Israel and Jordan unveiled a plan last month to lure back international tourists after three years of Palestinian violence by jointly marketing their respective Red Sea port resorts of Eilat and Aqaba. Israeli Tourism Minister and Aqaba governor Akel Biltaji said tourism can help promote peace between the two countries, and Biltaji sought Elon's assistance to promote an international airport in Aqaba.

Screening *Jenin, Jenin*

JERUSALEM — The controversial film *Jenin, Jenin,* about Israel's April 2002 invasion of the Jenin refugee camp, is set to be screened in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. The screenings come after Israel's Supreme Court recently agreed with director Mohammed Bakri's appeal that a ban on the documentary-style film violated free-speech legislation. New appeals against the film are being made. A UN probe determined no massacre took place in Jenin and found no evidence to support charges in Bakri's film.

WORLD

Chabad in 70 Nations

NEW YORK — Chabad-Lubavitch announced last month it has emissaries in more than 70 countries, a record for the movement. New countries that added full-time emissaries this year include Cyprus, Croatia, Finland and India. The announcement was made at Chabad's 20th annual Shluchim convention, which drew about 2,000 Jewish outreach emissaries, or shluchim, to a five-day conference in Brooklyn.

Editor Arrested

NEW YORK — The press freedom group Reporters Without Borders is protesting the arrest of a Bangladeshi editor on charges of spying for Israel. The group said it's dismayed at the arrest of Salah Uddin Shoaib Choudury as he was set to leave the South Asian Muslim country for Israel on Nov. 29. Choudury was to give a speech in Tel Aviv to a writers group on the role of the media in Muslim-Jewish dialogue. Bangladesh and Israel do not have diplomatic relations.

Centre Presses Pope

ROME — The Simon Wiesenthal Center wants Pope John Paul II to declare suicide bombing a crime against humanity. A senior delegation from the centre, which is launching an international campaign against bombings, made its appeal in a private Vatican audience with the Pope last week. He did not respond publicly. The delegation also bestowed the centre's 2003 humanitarian award on the Pope in recognition of his friendship with the Jewish people.

Film to Open in NYC

NEW YORK — A comedy about a Jewish super-hero who tries to save Chanukah will be released Dec. 19 in New York. Modelled after the "blaxploitation" films of the 1970s, *The Hebrew Hammer* stars Adam Goldberg, who played Pvt. Mellish in *Saving Private Ryan.*

Jewish Student Beaten

PARIS — Muslim students allegedly beat up a Jewish student at a prestigious school in Paris. According to media reports, Muslims yelled, "We'll finish Hitler's job!" as they repeatedly beat the boy, aged 11. The headmaster of the Lycée Montaigne has vowed to address the matter. The boy has been transferred to another class.

Deadlines for Survivor Claims Approaching

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish Congress is advising Holocaust survivors and victims' heirs to note two deadlines.

Holocaust survivors or heirs of victims may have legitimate unpaid Holocaust era insurance claims that can be filed through a free process set up by the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims (ICHEIC). Anyone who believes they have a valid life, education or dowry policy is encouraged to make a claim to the ICHEIC before Dec. 31. For details, visit www.icheic.org.

The Austrian Reconciliation Fund, established to compensate former slave and forced labourers under the Nazis within the territory of the present-day Republic of Austria, has extended its deadline to submit claims to Dec. 31, 2003.

To be eligible, claimants must have been deported to what is now Austria and been forced to work by the Nazis. Children deported along with their parents or born while their mother was engaged in slave or forced work, are also eligible. Some heirs may be able to claim on behalf of the deceased.

Individuals may receive a payment from either the Austrian Reconciliation Fund and the German Foundation, but not both. For applications, visit www.reconciliationfund.at or www.claimscon.org/index.asp?url=austria/forced_labor.

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El Al adds flight as tourism to Israel increases

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

El Al is adding a fourth weekly flight from Toronto to Israel – and is planning to add a fifth in the spring – reflecting a surge in tourist traffic to the Jewish state.

A fourth Boeing 767 will be added to the El Al schedule on Dec. 15, while a fifth flight is expected to be added starting March 29, said Stanley Morais, general manager of El Al's Canadian operations. The flight originates in Tel Aviv and terminates in Los Angeles, with a stopover in Toronto.

The Israeli carrier will operate winter flights on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, he said.

"We are pleased we can offer an additional day in our schedule responding to the demand of our growing list of satisfied passengers," Morais said.

So far this autumn, El Al's aircraft have been full to capacity both to and from Israel. A large number of missions as well as an increase in individual passenger traffic have boosted El Al's Israel-bound numbers while the Toronto–Los Angeles leg of the journey has seen an average of 60 passengers join the flight in Canada, Morais said.

The increased El Al traffic is part of a broader trend that has seen the Israeli tourism industry begin to bounce back after a slump of more than two years. The decline is attributable largely to security concerns related to the Palestinian intifadah.

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Judge rejects attempt to stop repeal of tax credit

An Ontario court has ruled that the new Liberal provincial government can proceed with a bill introduced last month that would repeal the tax credit for private-school tuition brought in by the Tories in 2001.

Last week's ruling came in response to a challenge by the Ontario Alliance of Christian School Societies, which sought an injunction to temporarily freeze a section of Bill 2.

Canadian Jewish Congress was not party to the challenge, but said it was closely following the case.

The OACS, which represents 13,500 students in 74 schools, argued that the Liberals did not follow due process under the 1999 Taxpayer Protection Act, which is supposed to prevent tax increases unless they're approved in a province-wide referendum.

In his eight-page decision, Judge Ian Nordheimer of the Ontario Superior Court said an injunction would restrain "the right of the duly elected representatives of the citizens of Ontario to debate and vote on legislation," which "would be a most extraordinary intrusion into the legislative function" that is without precedent.

Nordheimer also said the OACS raised serious issues about interpretation of the Taxpayer Protection Act, and he called into question its validity and ability to bind governments.

The OACS said in a statement that it is disappointed with the decision, but it has not announced whether it will appeal.

The repeal of the Equity in Education Tax Credit will be retroactive to Jan. 1, 2003, cancelling its benefits for the current school year and part of the previous one.

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Concluding thoughts on the GA

From the editor's desk

This week, I conclude my observations from the four-day General Assembly (GA) of the United Jewish Communities of North America that convened in Jerusalem last month.

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Tuesday, Nov. 18

The GA organizers decided to remove the delegates from the many large and small classrooms of the conference centre and, in their place, convert the entire countryside of Israel, as it were, into 55 on-site "classrooms."

That meant bus tours.

Like all bus tourists in Israel, we had to rise early in the morning, virtually ahead of the sun, to assemble on time. We met at Teddy Stadium, a relatively new football field in the south western part of Jerusalem.

At the stadium, we chose from 55 different outings, mounted our buses and headed off in disparate directions.

I chose the performing arts tour. Stops were planned at the Globus Group film studios, the New Israel Opera in Tel Aviv and at a drama theatre. I was excited at the thought of getting a close-up view of these three different aspects of Israeli cultural life.

Once we were settled on the bus and comfortably on our way, our guide told us the itinerary had been changed.

No matter. I was determined to see new sites, learn new things and enjoy the day. I did all three.

Our first destination was the Globus Group Communication Centre in the pine-covered hills of Neve Ilan, a handful of kilometres west of Jerusalem.

We were met by Yoram Globus himself, the chair of the board. We appreciated the fact that this was akin to a busload of tourists at Disneyland in Anaheim, California, meeting with Disney CEO Michael Eisner. Globus remained with our group throughout the visit.

The Globus studio stretches across 60 acres. It is a state-of-the-art complex that houses television studios, movie production lots and corporate offices.

But as impressive as the high-tech centre was, the most compelling feature of our visit there was Globus himself. His is a true-rags to-riches, patriot's story.

Born in Israel, Globus completed his army service in 1963 and headed to the United States to find his way in the film industry, where he became a highly touted, successful film executive in Hollywood. But, as he told us, he did "not want to become a famous person in the United States." He wanted to help build Israel's film industry instead.

From Neve Ilan, we travelled further west to the Israeli army base at Tzrifin. In British Mandate days, the base was called *Sarafand*. Our purpose was not to see the soldiers stationed there, but to see the ORT School for Technical Administration and Culinary Arts.

ORT is a worldwide school system with a history and a philosphy of teaching good citizenry as well as information, of instilling in their students a sense of self as well as knowledge. Its international headquarters are in London.

ORT schools have served Jewish communities in more than 100 countries for almost 125 years. Some 300,000 students worldwide are currently attending these schools, and 93,000 Jews, Arabs and Druze attend 156 ORT schools and institutions in Israel.

Most of ORT's students come from troubled backgrounds. They are hard-luck kids, sometimes even trouble-makers, but they all come from difficult home environments. And all the children have special learning or behavioural needs.

As Nurit Cohen, one of the Tzrifin counsellors told us, "Most of the students do not want to be here when they arrive. But they know it might be their last, best chance to find that elusive direction."

The school at Tzrifin has been in existence for 25 years. It has 260 students between the ages of 14 and 18, almost half of whom are newly arrived immigrants from the former Soviet Union, Ethiopia and Turkey.

One of this particular school's aims is to develop future army chefs. A program called "Cooking for Peace" attempts to bridge differences by bringing together students and chefs from varied backgrounds, Jewish and Arab. That is why the school is situated in the army base.

We arrived at the school just after noon. The timing was no coincidence. The student chefs and their teachers had prepared lunch for us.

The menu was far beyond a typical bus tour's lunch. It was a fine and robust meal. There was a choice of eight kinds of salad – baby tomatoes with garlic, eggplants with fine herbs, tabbouleh, potato salad with dill, antipasto, avocado in vinaigrette, three-colour pepper salad and *fatoush* salad – three main dishes – cornish hen with rice and liver, roast shoulder of lamb with mint, fried St. Peter fish with techinah – and two side dishes – rice with lentils or couscous with vegetables. We enjoyed three kinds of desserts – baklavah, *mamyl* and baked apple in French pastry. Everything on the menu was prepared by the students. They had also baked seven different kinds of breads.

We ate very, very well that afternoon. Afterward, we commended the young chefs and their teachers for their obvious skill. We were as proud of them as we urged them to be of themselves.

After Tzrifin, we travelled to the Eretz Yisrael Museum in north Tel Aviv where we met Ruth Dayan, the founder of the now-defunct line Israeli chain of stores called *Maskit* that featured crafts by new immigrants to Israel.

Unfortunately, there is no room left in this column to describe the many more beautiful sights that held us in thrall the rest of the day.

The GA was more than an assembly of delegates. It was a wonderful trip to Israel.

—MBD

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THE ORT CHEFS: The young students and their teachers at the ORT high school in Tzrifin, Israel, display some of the culinary delights they prepared for a festive lunch last month, much to the gustatory delight of the busload of visiting delegates from the General Assembly. (*See column above.*) [Photo courtesy of ORT]

BJCC upgrades with $837,000 in capital

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

The Bathurst Jewish Community Centre (BJCC) spent slightly more than $837,000 on capital improvements during the last fiscal year, a jump of more than $600,000 over the year before, according to the centre's annual report.

More than half – about $450,000 – went to upgrade the outdoor pool area. The renovation included such upgrades as new pipes, a filtration system and a new deck. The pool was in dire need of repair after many years of neglect, but is now virtually new, said Brian Yellin, the centre's director of finances.

Money was also spent on renovating the health club and whirlpool, for new exercise equipment and to set up an automated card-access control system for parents with children in the BJCC's day-care centre. The card scanners have made visiting the facility a much smoother and hassle-free experience, Yellin said.

With $100,000 in new athletic equipment, including treadmills, life cycles and elliptical trainers, to be added in next year's budget, the BJCC is making a strong bid to retain and attract new members, he said.

According to its statement of revenue and expenses, the centre recorded a net income surplus of $124 in the year that ended June 30, 2003, down from $84,434 the year before.

WALK FOR EILAT: **Bialik Hebrew Day School, along with other Jewish day schools in Toronto, undertook to raise money to provide television sets for the hospital in Eilat. Under the leadership of the grade 6 classes, the studens solicited pledges and culminated the project with a school-wide "Walk for Eilat." The students in the Bialik family raised $15,000.**

On the expense side of the financial statement, salaries and employee benefits are the single greatest cost ($3,440,931). Otherwise, "utility costs are killing us," Yellin said. He estimated that the unfreezing of hydro rates from 4.3 cents a kilowatt hour to as much as 5.5 cents will drive up expenses by $50,000 a year.

"That's a significant impact," he said, adding the centre will be forced to trim expenses or find new sources of revenue.

Income from the centre's $2 million in endowments, which go towards operating expenses, might make up the potential shortfall. Last year's returns were poor due to the stock market slowdown, but that promises to turn around in the current fiscal year, Yellin said.

The centre's latest statement also shows that membership fees jumped to $1,759,069 in the last fiscal year, up from $1,545,552 the year before.

Athletic membership is up 15 per cent, driving the new revenue figures, Yellin said. Membership totals, which he declined to divulge, are now at 1997 levels and in the last few years, the centre has turned the corner in stemming a loss of members that followed the near-bankruptcy of the facility 10 years ago.

Not only has "it turned around and we have double-digit growth in the last two years in a row, but our retention rates are at a healthy 90 per cent. People are very loyal," he said.

Yellin said that while tiny, the surplus marks the seventh year in a row the BJCC has broken even or made money. "That's a hell of a change from where we were 10 years ago."

At the time, the BJCC faced bankruptcy as promised donations failed to materialize to pay for the centre's costly expansion. The BJCC was saved from closing by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and since then, the centre's management team has been working to restore membership totals while offering a variety of community services.

The first three years after the federation bailout were marked by losses, but "a lot of money was spent on improving the facility," Yellin said.

Program revenue, at $2,931,301 remains the centre's largest single source of income, raised through camp fees, day-care charges, nursery school and junior kindergarten, as well as cultural programming, fees for the visual arts, photography, painting and pottery. Yellin said that revenue stream "is growing tremendously," with the day-care's 156 spots almost all taken.

Other important sources of revenue included government grants ($317,972), rental income ($596,348), a grant from the United Way of Greater Toronto ($433,128) and $308,009 from donations.

The United Way contribution marked the first time in 10 years that the charitable funding agency has boosted its allocation to the BJCC. The money went toward the facility's family centre and to pre-natal, post-natal and parenting courses.

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Consul handles Toronto's Israeli population increase

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

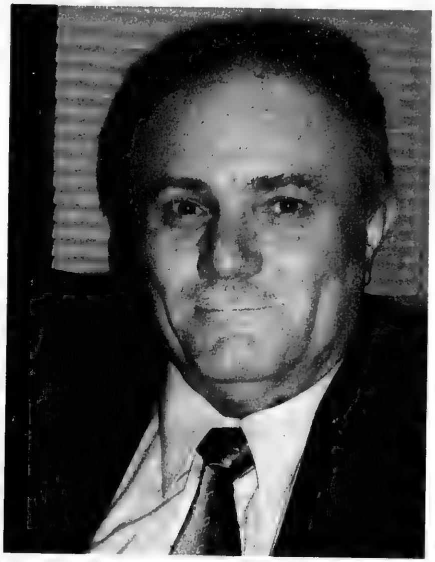
Avraham Lev-Louis is probably the only Israeli diplomat who has served as a Canadian Grenadier Guard in the ceremonial changing of the guard on Parliament Hill, which he did as part of a summer job when he was a student.

He's likely also the only Israeli who spent a summer working for the literacy organization Frontier College, teaching reading and writing skills in northern Ontario communities such as Moosonee and James Bay.

A sabra who moved to Montreal with his family at age 13, Lev-Louis remained in Canada until he was 27, earning a bachelor's degree in psychology from Loyola College. On his return to Israel, he earned his bachelor's degree in social work from Bar-Ilan University and served for two years beyond his required tour of duty of 18 months as a mental health officerin the Israel Defence Forces. He also has an MA in public policy from Tel Aviv University, and has spent a decade as a vocational counsellor for the Ministry of Labour.

In late September, Lev-Louis joined Israel's consulate in Toronto as consul to Ontario and Western Canada, replacing Zehavit Ben Hillel, who returned to Israel. Lev-Louis, who spent the past three years at Israel's embassy in Ottawa, deals with consular affairs, including Israeli passports, and serves as second-in-command to Consul General Ya'acov Brosh.

Lev-Louis, 53, was already over 40 and married with two children when he decided to "take a chance" and change careers, he said in an interview last week.



Lev-Louis

In his first posting, at Israel's embassy in Prague from 1994 to 1997, Lev-Louis did consular and administrative work, and enjoyed the well-preserved historic synagogues and other buildings in what he said was "like an enchanted city." He also served briefly in both Cameroon and Buenos Aires, but has yet to visit the Israeli embassy in his parents' native Bulgaria, where they lived until 1949.

His return to Canada three years ago was less exotic, but it had the welcome perk of bringing him closer to his parents and brother, who still live in Montreal.

His family name, Lev-Louis, reflects the geographic transition and his dual background. Levy, the original name, was changed to Louis when the family moved to Canada, but the future consul needed an Israeli surname when he served in the IDF, and changed his name to Lev.

Toronto's Israeli population has grown dramatically in recent years, resulting in an increased consular load. Including Russians who came from Israel and children of Israelis who may not have ever been in Israel, there are as many as 40,000 to 50,000, Lev-Louis said.

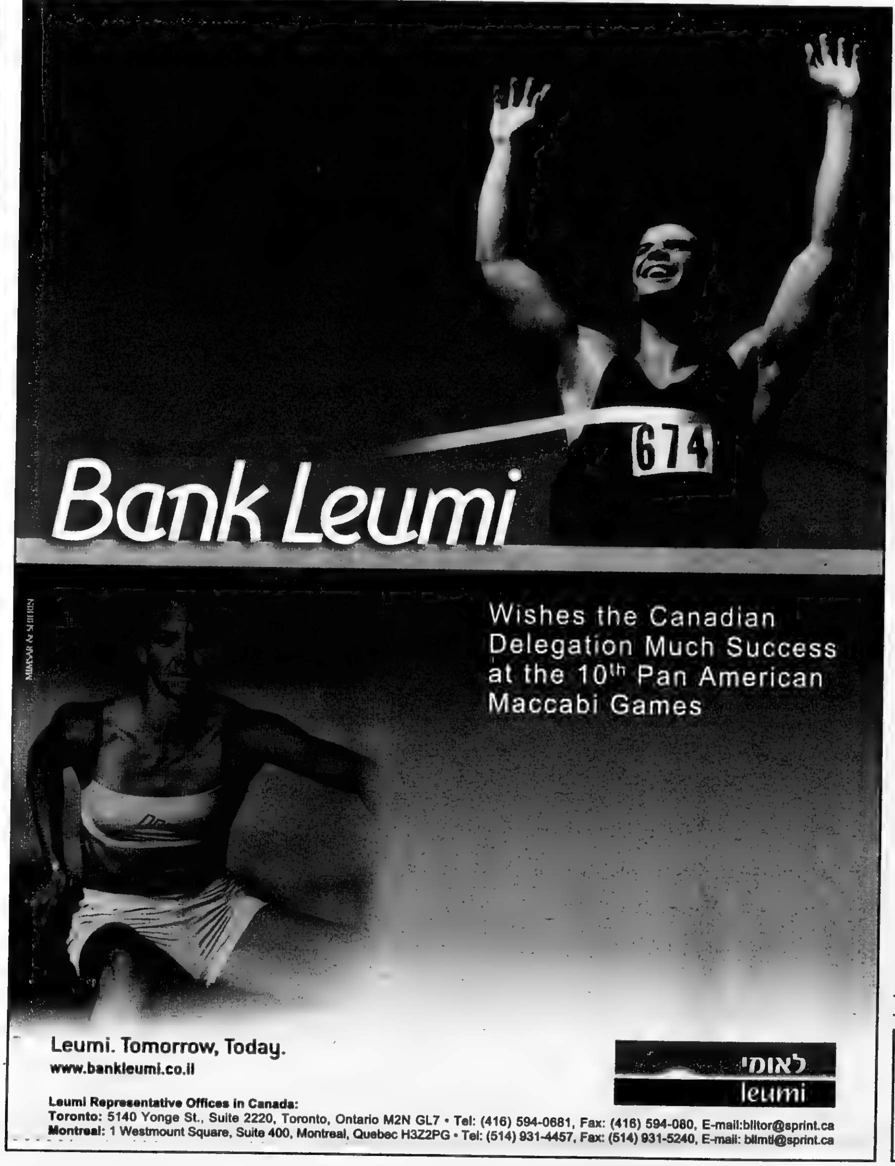
"We get 50 to 60 visitors a day," he said. "In the past six years, there has been an increase of 7,000 to 8,000 Israelis who have immigrated to Toronto and vicinity. Toronto has become the third largest Israeli community in North America, after New York and Los Angeles."

A rising unemployment rate in Israel – now close to 10 per cent – and the three-year-old intifadah have contributed to the increase, he said.

Lev-Louis also deals with "cases that need intervention." Recently, he helped the mother of a young Israeli tourist who'd been hospitalized in Toronto to travel here from Israel and take her home.

"Usually what we do is alleviate hardship if [Israelis] need help with the local authorities."

Because of the increased workload, Lev-Louis is less involved than his predecessor with Israeli culture, but the jazz afficianado – he likes to work to the mellow strains of local jazz radio station CJRT – said he would love to bring Israeli jazz musicians to Toronto.



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Mission to Israel promotes investment

May serve as model for future trips, says CIC

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

A high profile mission of business leaders and journalists led by former premiers Mike Harris of Ontario and Brian Tobin of Newfoundland, could form the model for future business-oriented trips to Israel, said Shimon Fogel, chief executive officer of the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC).

Nathan Jacobson

The 20-person mission, that returned recently from Israel, could also prompt similar visits by Israeli entrepreneurs interested in investing in Canada, he added.

"We are delighted with the success of the trip," said Fogel. Both "the quality of the people who participated and the extent to which they are intent on new missions to explore new enterprises in Israel" reflect "an important new dimension" to the type of work now being pursued by the CIC.

The CIC is planning to roll out one such trip each month, raising Israel's profile among political and business leaders while also incubating possible business ventures. It's all part of an enhanced mission program the CIC has begun implementing in recent months as community advocacy agencies slip into high gear to promote the State of Israel. With increased allocations and support from the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA), a committee of UIA Federations Canada, CIC now has the wherewithal to sponsor these kinds of missions, Fogel said.

In addition to Harris and Tobin, the mission included Walter Arbib (Skylink), Leonard Asper (CanWest Global), John Beck (AECON), Matthew Fisher (CanWest News Service), Norman Godfrey (Yorkwood Building Group), Cary Green (Greenwin Properties), Sidney Greenberg (Astral Communications), David Hartnoll, (TaxSave Wyndon CompSave), Martin Himel (Global News), Nathan Jacobson (The West Group of Companies), Jonathan Kay (*National Post*), Chaim Katzman (First Capital Realty), Kenneth Mariash (Focus Equities), Ucal Powell (Carpenters Union Pension Fund), Moshe Ronen (lawyer; policy consultant), Michael Serruya (Cool Brands), James Smith (Carpenters Union Pension Fund) and Moses Znaimer (CHUM-CityTV).

Mission participants met with Israeli business people, as well as Finance Minster Benjamin Netanyahu; Industry, Trade, Employment and Communications Minister Ehud Olmert; and Premier Ariel Sharon. They were briefed by Canadian diplomats, they encountered representatives of the Palestinian Authority and they toured Israel.

One of the highlights was a helicopter tour and a briefing by military personnel on the security issues facing the country. "People were really amazed at how small it was" and by the difference in prosperity between Israeli and Palestinian Arabs, as shown by their dwellings and crops, said Jacobson.

Jacobson, who has invested in Israeli tech companies and has purchased a home in Tel Aviv, said the helicopter tour illustrated the proximity of Palestinian towns to Israeli population centres. It also showed how Israel's security fence is mostly chain link topped by barbed wire, with more solid barriers along highways which were being targeted by terrorists.

Mike Harris

Jacobson said the participants were impressed with Israel's high tech industry. He said the West Group is interested in bidding on Israeli infrastructure projects and possibly for industries that will be privatized by the Likud government.

Green, a principal at Greenwin and Verdiroc Development Corporation, said he has recently invested in the Israeli high tech industry and is considering further investments in infrastructure projects.

As for the security issue, "there was no gilding of the lily. People are aware of it," he said. However, he found a widespread sense of optimism, quite different than the impression he formed during visits six months or a year ago.

What's more, Green found an upbeat attitude towards the economy, which he suggested "is poised for a turnaround.

"My take is there's a sense of optimism for change in the right direction."

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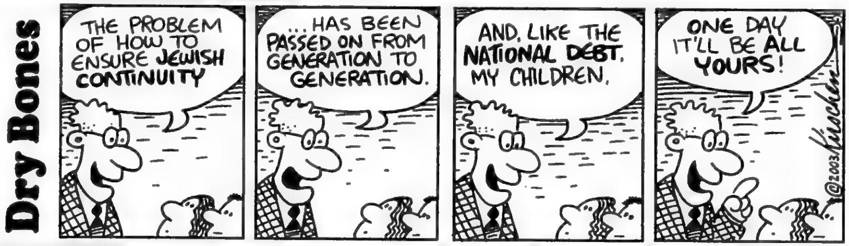
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With whom God has shared His wisdom

It is a rare occasion when an editorial is written about a columnist who retires. This week is such an occasion because the retiree himself is a rare individual. This newspaper, along with the entire community, owes him an irredeemably impossible debt. In keeping, therefore, with our people's long tradition of *hakarat hatov*, acknowledging the good that others have done for us, we pay homage to and thank Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut.

After an association with this paper that has spanned more than three decades and almost a quarter-century as a regular contributor, Rabbi Plaut is putting away his *CJN* pen.

In truth, however, the retirement is not entirely voluntary.

It has, alas, been forced upon him, upon us, by the cruel, incremental wearing away at his skills and abilities by Alzheimer's disease. In his typically elegant and eloquent way, Rabbi Plaut has now made that fact known to the world. (*Please see his column today.*) He will contend with the disease as he has contended all his life with other malevolent deniers of humanity – frontally, with courage and with all his strength.

We, his community and his friends, have been the great beneficiaries of that courage and strength – and of a great deal more. One anecdote will illustrate. It involved the widely respected Torah sage, Halachist, *posek* and scholar, Rabbi Gedalia Felder.

Some years ago, after Rabbi Felder had suffered a debilitating stroke, a tribute honouring the stricken rabbi and showcasing his many publications was held at the Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto synagogue in Thornhill. Though confined to a wheelchair, Rabbi Felder politely and courteously greeted the hundreds of attendees at the doorway. Rabbi Plaut was also there. When he arrived, Rabbi Plaut walked immediately over to Rabbi Felder. The two men embraced like two brothers recalling lost parents, holding each other close lest the moment and the shared recollection slip away.

For some people, the effusive embrace was surprising. After all, the two men were very different, ideological opposites in terms of the practice of their faith. And yet, the respect and affection they felt for each other were palpable and demonstrable for all to see. And perhaps that was part of the point of their embrace. Despite their differences, these two great men embraced – for all to see.

When we wish to express our gratitude for having benefited from the countless bounties of God's wondrous and wonderful world, we usually recite a blessing. It is appropriate therefore that we thank God for giving us the gift of the example, the sagacity, the heart and the weekly columns of Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut.

"Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe who has shared of His wisdom with those who revere Him and who has given of His wisdom to [his creations of] flesh and blood."

LET OUR PEOPLE GO...

MIAs: Ron Arad, Zachary Baumel, Tzvi Feldman and Yehuda Katz. **KIDNAPPED:** Elchanan Tannenbaum.

Israel's humanitarianism

I want to add to Ellen Tannenbaum's letter about Israel's humanitarian record ("Israel's humanitarianism going unnoticed," Letters to the Editor, *CJN*, Nov. 13).

This past summer, I volunteered at Save a Child's Heart (SACH) in Israel and saw 22 children ranging in age from four months to 17 years, from Nigeria, Romania, Ghana, Russia, Congo and the Palestinian Authority (PA), being treated for heart problems in the Wolfson Medical Center in Cholon, where SACH provides its services.

Since 1996, 850 children, including 300 from the PA, have been treated by SACH in Israel, as well as 100 children in China and Ethiopia. These children are alive today because of a group of Israeli medical professionals who volunteered their time and expertise to perform life-saving surgeries.

In addition to all this, SACH trains doctors and nurses from its partner countries in all facets of pediatric cardiology. In January 2004, a cardiologist from the West Bank will start training with SACH.

Within the SACH program, Jews, Muslims and Christians work together to give every child – regardless of race, colour, sex, religion or financial consideration – a new lease on life. The compassion and generosity of Israel, as reflected in their dedication, deserves recognition, too.

Faigie Siegelman
Toronto

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Tata correction

In the article by Sheldon Kirshner on the Jews of India ("The Jews of India go back a long way," *CJN*, Nov. 13), a reference is made to the Tatas, a "fabulously wealthy Hindu clan."

In fact, the Tata family belong to the Zoroastrian (Parsi) faith and are not Hindus. They have been one of the leading industrialists and philanthropist families in India for the past few centuries.

Ezra Moses
Toronto

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Re: Rabbi Kahane memorial

I don't know much about Rabbi Meir Kahane, who founded the far-right Kach political party and the militant Jewish Defense League in New York, and I would probably not agree with all his policies ("Rabbi compares Kach founder to Moshe Rabeinu," *CJN*, Nov. 27). But I am quite sure he never called for the extermination of all Arabs in the world. He believed there is a war going on for the Land of Israel and he wanted the Jews to win.

The Arabs want the same thing for their side, but they call for the expulsion of all Jews from Israel as well as for their extermination everywhere else. The Arab world engages in vicious anti-Semitic action and praises Hitler's ideas. His *Mein Kampf* is a perennial bestseller in the Arab world.

Rabbi Kahane never engaged in this type of hate. He just wanted the Arabs out of Israel because he believed it would be impossible to live with them considering their hatred of Jews. We can see this quite clearly now. But he was not against anyone who wanted to live in peace with the Jews.

The Palestinians make no secret of their desire to murder us all. Even the current intifadah and the slaughter of hundreds of Jews will not provide a lesson to the closed minds of the people who would call Kahane a racist.

Sam Wolf
Toronto

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Response to *Gargoyle* was wrong

As a Jewish student at the University of Toronto, I can say that Hillel blew the entire *Gargoyle* incident out of proportion, and *The CJN* made it worse.

First of all, if anyone actually bothered to read the editorial in question, they would know it was clearly a joke. Secondly, the tone of the editorial was meant to show how stupid racism is, with sarcastic, racist remarks about other cultures as well. Without context, "…shut the f*** up, you stupid greedy Jew," seems like a pretty terrible thing to say, and even as a joke, it's unfunny, but I don't think it warranted anything more than a simple apology.

I find Hillel's alarmism to be far more troubling than the silly joke. If they are worried about a sarcastic joke leading to racism, what do they think the consequences will be of their overreaction? Isn't it going to lead to more antagonism directed toward Jews? The way the problem was approached was wrong from the beginning.

Gil Hagi
Toronto

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Hungarians delivered Jews to Nazis

As a Holocaust survivor, I would like to point out some inaccuracies I came across in a passage about a transport from Hungary to Bergen-Belsen in the book *The Politics of Genocide: The Holocaust in Hungary, Volume 2* by Randolph L. Braham. I was on such a transport.

Braham writes, "The transport left late in the night of June 30. It was held up for three days at Mosonmagyarovar, near the Austrian border, where it received new route directions… In the end, the passengers were taken along the original route, and given warm food in Vienna and a hot bath in Linz. On July 8, they arrived in Bergen-Belsen, where they were placed in a Bevorzugtenlager, not far from the notorious camp that contained a large number of Hungarian Jewish deportees. There, for a while at least, they were quite well off. They were never subjected to any physical labour and received cigarettes and daily rations of bread, margarine, marmalade and occasionally sausages. Children and the ill also received milk and adequate medical care. They also had ample opportunities for cultural activities and even entertainment."

During the Holocaust, I was on a transport that took the route described above. We were never given "warm food" or a "hot bath." I remember people dying around me from the cramped quarters and lack of food and water on the train. I also remember many of them going mad because of the conditions. In the concentration camps, we were never "quite well off," nor treated or fed as well as Braham describes.

I would like to hear back from anyone who might have been on the same transport as me, who was in Szolnok, Hungary, Strasshof and/or Auspitz, or who can verify the treatment as described in the quote above from Braham's book.

Olga Verrall
Toronto

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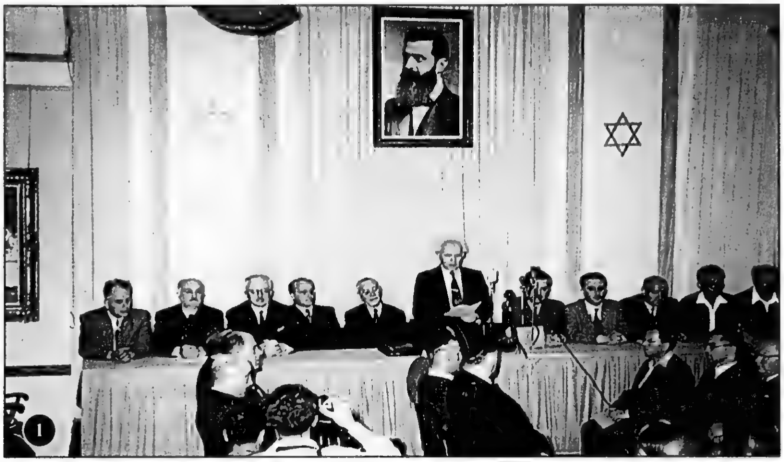
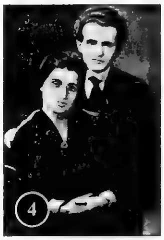
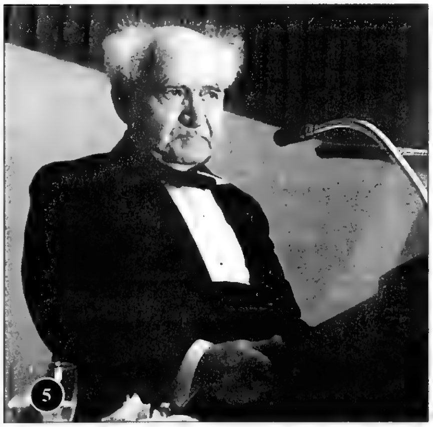
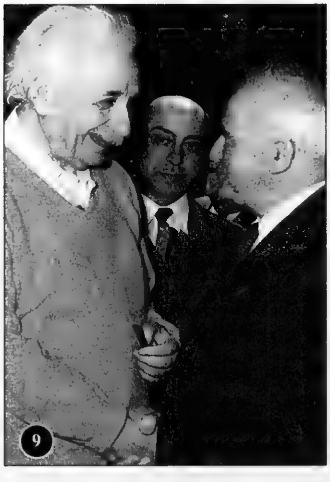
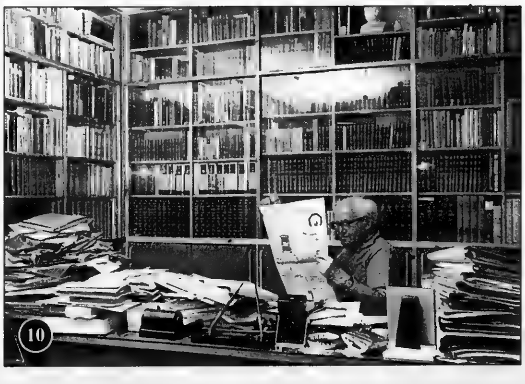




David Ben-Gurion, one of the founding fathers of the state of Israel, died 30 years ago on Dec. 1. *The CJN* offers a handful of moments that filled his life. 1. Reading Israel’s Declaration of Independence on May 14, 1948. 2. Three generations of mourners march past Ben-Gurion’s grave at Sde Boker on the first anniversary of his death. 3. Overlooking the Negev Desert from an observation point near his home in Sde Boker. 4. Ben-Gurion and his wife Paula in 1917. 5. Looking uncomfortable in a tuxedo (he almost never wore formal garb). 6. Meeting with Arab and Druze members of the Knesset in 1959. 7. At the installation of Shlomo Goren as the Ashkenazi chief rabbi of Tel Aviv in 1971. 8. With the Palmach in the Negev in 1947. Yitzhak Rabin stands to his left. Yigal Allon is at Rabin’s left. 9. With Albert Einstein. 10. In his study at Sde Boker.







Chazak v'ematz

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From her I learned that getting old does not necessarily mean wilting away like a dying flower, but now that I am old, I realize that I once took for granted that the youthful alertness of my own mind would last forever, and hopefully be paralleled by my physical capacity.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

I had passed my 90th birthday, and at first everything seemed to remain the same. But then, one problem after another began to assail me.

But that was minor, of course, compared to what happened to my beloved Elizabeth, my mate of 65 wonderful and productive years. As you know, she became ill several years ago and was finally claimed by the Angel of Death only a few months ago. Her illness, and now her death, have left me in a state of desolation that I have never before experienced.

In addition, I have come to feel in this last while that I was strangely debilitated. Not only did I have physical problems – I had expected them – but my mind too was not functioning with its usual alacrity. I did not seem to be able to make decisions, and when I finally made them, I often did not carry them out. I did not know why this was happening, and therefore sought medical help.

The diagnosis was that I now suffer, like many people my age – and some younger – from Alzheimer's disease. And I want you, my friends and readers, to know this straight from me.

I will continue to do my best, but my best is no longer what it once was

So, like everyone else, regardless of age or health, I now face a basic question: how exactly, can I do my best in waging a battle against Alzheimer's disease and, of course, for life?

The answer, simple though it may seem, is best expressed by the brief Hebrew expression *chazak v'ematz*. I will attempt to be as strong as possible and muster up as much courage as possible, knowing that much has been given to me in life, and knowing, as well, that much is in the hands of the Almighty.

And, my friends, I would say the same to you, in whatever battle you must wage for life and for health: *chazak v'ematz*, be strong and be of good courage, and may you and I be granted the privilege of living for as long as our strength and God afford us.

This is Rabbi Plaut's last regular column for The CJN. He has been *associated with the paper for more than 30 years and has been a columnist since July 1980.*

Startling life stories from Israelis

When three representatives of Israel at Heart came to speak at my university last month, more than 300 people packed the room.

This was no small feat, considering the event coincided with reading week, a time when the University of Calgary campus is usually empty.

Barbara Balfour in Calgary

I had never heard of this organization before. It was established 1½ years ago out of the belief that Israel is being portrayed unfavourably in the media. The group sends out delegations of young Israelis across North America to describe their country and experiences.

It took only a few moments to become fully absorbed in the three young Israelis' unique stories about how they live normal lives in abnormal times.

It really put the petty problems of my own life – which is comparatively quite dull – into perspective.

Amir Frayman, Ron Teicher and Ayelet Gordon specifically addressed the media's portrayal of the Israeli army's incursion into Jenin following a devastating suicide bombing at a Passover seder in Netanya's Park Hotel in March 2002 that killed 29 people and injured 150.

They talked about how one of the only battles in history where more troops lost their lives than civilians was twisted by the media into a cold-blooded massacre.

"We're here to tell you our side of the story," said Amir, 26.

"The media only gives you one side. For instance, in Israel, we hear that everyone in Canada has SARS. Someone was coughing a lot on the plane and we thought to ourselves, Oh my God – I wish I was back home in Israel where it is safe!"

Amir was one of the soldiers called up at the beginning to launch Operation Defensive Shield.

"That day, I went from being a university student wearing a t-shirt, jeans and sneakers to an officer with army boots and a rifle who was responsible for the lives of 30 other soldiers," he recalled.

After 37 days of fighting, he went back to being Amir the student.

Ron's account of monitoring checkpoints to stop suicide bombers from penetrating Jerusalem was also startling. At one point, he had to stop an ambulance, which proved to be an eye-opening experience.

"How bad does stopping an ambulance look on television?" Ron asked. "It had a 50-year-old doctor and a mother with two children aged two and five in it, and it was full of explosives.

"It's hard to understand how these things are possible."

As the grandson of Holocaust survivors, Ron could not describe the feelings he and his soldiers experienced after risking their lives in Jenin only to return home and see "Massacre in Jenin" splashed all over the news.

"We didn't use artillery or the air force – we didn't use any military superiority at all – and these were decisions made by our government so that we could better distinguish between those who were innocent and those who were not.

"I cannot describe what it felt like to go through this and to emerge amidst accusations of being mass killers."

Last to speak was Ayelet, 21, who spoke of her determination to retain her way of life after she heard that an old friend from school was killed in a suicide bombing.

"I refused to change my life and to leave my friends and family. We do things that normal people do in these crazy and abnormal conditions, and try our best to lead a regular life, so that the message is not that terrorism has won."

Though their stories were compelling, there was something about the Israelis' insistence that they do in fact lead normal lives that suggested this wasn't really the case, since people who really are normal don't spend so much time trying to persuade others of it.

Nevertheless, it was a powerful talk. The Israelis never singled anyone out or made judgments, despite a well-received comment from an audience member, who called the Palestinians "filthy Arabs" with "nooses around our necks." It seemed the audience had some catching up to do to reach the Israelis' maturity.

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Judaism is more than a nationality

What first struck me on my last trip to Israel was the overwhelming sense of comfort I felt. It was not as if I was going some place new but rather like returning to a familiar second home. Whether it was making sure I got to "my" shwarma guy in the German Colony or returning to the minyan that had been such a part of my life over the summer, I never once felt like I was on a trip.

Joanna Grossman in Halifax

I had the amazing opportunity to be one of 52 student leaders from across North America who participated in Hillel International's mission to the United Jewish Communities' General Assembly last month. In the middle of the semester, I put down the books for what was to be an unbelievable week of learning.

One session I attended discussed the deepening spiritual crises facing the Jews of Israel. Just as we in the Diaspora are looking to find ways of connecting to tradition, a huge sector of the Israeli population is searching for the same thing. Traditional practice does not appeal to everyone and it seems that many Jews both in Israel and in the Diaspora need to acknowledge that there is more to our "Jewishness" than religion.

As part of the trip, we spent a day at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Given our political involvement on our campuses, we had well-formulated ideas about programming and the lengths to which we had to go to engage Jewish students. However, none of us could have conceived of the movement now taking place on Israeli campuses to help students engage in a meaningful "Jewish" campus life.

It is nearly impossible to imagine such a need when almost the entire student population on every Israeli campus is Jewish. But just as we in the Diaspora go to university to develop our sense of selves, so too do our Israeli counterparts. Because of the nature of Israeli society where so many see their home in Israel as defining their Judaism, there is a generation of students looking to connect to their Jewish identity in a way that complements their citizenship, language and nationality.

It is easy to forget that Israel is a 55-year-old democracy that, in addition to fighting a war against terrorism and a war of survival, is also engaged in a constant battle to define itself, to find a means of reconciling religion and democracy, security and plurality. It is a country of depth and diversity trying to achieve a liberal and modern ideology while remaining true to an ancient history and culture.

The General Assembly itself opened in the wake of the tragic synagogue bombings in Istanbul, and, as I write my column, the latest news is about a Jewish cemetery being desecrated in the south of France. When we see terror and violence hit our brothers and sisters in Israel, we often find it easier to deal with, attributing the problem to the scores of political and social issues in Israel. But when we see Jews victimized elsewhere, it becomes a little more difficult to turn our heads and explain the tragedies away.

Anti-Semitism is an issue we tend to sweep under the rug. But looking at the state of the world, it is time to stop being complacent. There remains much to accomplish, much to learn and explore. We have a homeland engaged in the most modern of debates while grounded in the most ancient of histories.

American philanthropist Michael Steinhardt, who presented at the GA a project that would see every Jewish newborn receive a voucher toward early childhood Jewish education and a free trip to Israel, was right when he articulated the gravity of the challenge facing our future generations. We cherish the security of our assimilated lives, and in so doing, are becoming more and more divorced from our Jewish ones. At the very least, we have to take a step outside of ourselves and recognize the significance of the people we are a part of. Judaism has survived throughout the ages. We take for granted that it will continue to, but unless we know why it is here and what role it is to play in our lives, we have no guarantees for the future.

The Kirshner File

Shanghai - a haven for Jewish refugees

From the observation deck of the Oriental Pearl TV Tower, the tallest in Asia at 468 metres, the panoramic view of Shanghai – resurgent China's showcase business centre – is spectacular, even on a misty day.

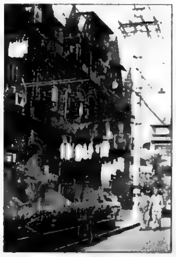
Sheldon Kirshner in Shanghai

Look straight ahead and the Bund, the famous promenade along the Huangpu River, comes into focus. Look closer and the faint outlines of Nanjing Road, the city's premiere shopping mecca, can be seen. A rightward glance reveals the massive Jin Mao Tower, which is emblematic of China's headlong rush into urban modernity. To the left is the low-lying, brownish-coloured Hongkou district, a ragged remnant of old China where European Jewish refugees from Nazi oppression found a safe haven in the 1930s and 1940s.

Nothing more than a reeking slum back then, and now a rancid reminder of a bygone era, Hongkou was, and still is, one of Shanghai's poorest neighbourhoods.

When Jews, mainly from Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia, first disembarked in Shanghai, they were free to live anywhere. Most crowded into Hongkou, with its cheap, gloomy Victorian terrace flats and its pungent outdoor markets.

But the situation changed by 180 degrees in 1943 when Japan – a rising Asian power that had occupied Manchuria in 1931 and had invaded the rest of eastern China in 1937 – forced Shanghai's stateless Jewish residents into Hongkou. The area had been a Japanese enclave, or extra-territorial concession, before violence, chaos and anarchy enveloped China.



Typical buildings in Hongkou

Stymied by the high walls many countries, including Canada, had erected to keep them out, European Jews flocked into Shanghai by the thousands because it was an open city that did not require visas, passports or other documentation. In this respect, Shanghai was one of the precious few places where Jews fleeing Nazi aggression could find shelter.

When the vanguard of some 20,000 Jewish refugees first arrived, they encountered an already established Jewish community. It consisted of Iraqi and British Jews who had settled in Shanghai – a vibrant mercantile port – around the mid-19th century, and of Russian Jews who had fled pogroms in the 1880s and Communism after the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution.

For the latest newcomers, who had been accustomed to bourgeois comforts and never expected to stay long, Shanghai, a whole different world in itself, came as something of a shock. Hongkou, in particular, offended their sensibilities. A maze of *hutongs* (narrow, interconnected, dimly-lit alleyways with traditional Chinese cinderblock dwellings), Hongkou was congested, dirty and smelly, with open sewers and a lack of flush toilets. In summer, the humidity was unbearable, and in winter, the cold was bone-numbing.

In a compromise measure, Japan, an ally of Germany, herded the refugees into Hongkou. The Germans wanted to load them onto ships and starve them to death, according to one account. But Japan, not being obsessed by anti-Semitism or racial fantasies, refused. The Japanese mollified the Germans by forcing the Jews into Hongkou, a ghetto officially referred to as "The Designated Area for Stateless Refugees."

Bounded by Gongping Road on the west, Tongbei Road on the east, Huiming Road on the south and Zhoujianzi Road on the north, Hongkou covered about five square kilometres. The refugees primarily congregated around Huoshan Road, Chang Yang Road, Dong Chang Zhi Road, An Guo Road, Ping Liang Road and Jing Zhou Road.

Having arrived virtually penniless, they depended on soup kitchens, shelters and clinics financed by Baghdadi Jews and the American Joint Distribution Committee.

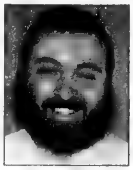
The refugees eventually created a vital, self-contained universe in Hongkou, sometimes known as Little Vienna. Cafes, restaurants, bakeries and butcher shops sprouted. Newspapers, magazines, theatres, orchestras, cabarets, sports clubs, soccer leagues and mutual self-help groups emerged.

To what extent Jews mingled with the local Chinese inhabitants is uncertain. But what is beyond doubt is that Chinese people were tolerant of the newcomers and did not show signs of disgust or anti-Semitism. Anti-Jewish animus is simply not part of Chinese culture and civilization.

Although Jews endured food scarcities, cramped housing conditions and disease, they were often better off than the majority of their Chinese neighbours. And compared to Nazi-occupied Europe, Shanghai was a paradise.

U.S. bombing raids late in World War II, however, killed about 30 refugees.

With the end of hostilities, the refugees began leaving Shanghai, many for the United States, Canada, Britain, Israel and Australia. The process was hastened by the proclamation of the People's Republic of China on Oct. 1, 1949.



Rabbi Shalom Greenberg

Today, in a small park off Huoshan Road, where Chinese men and women dutifully perform Tai Chi calisthenics to the sound of music, there is a black plaque commemorating the Hongkou ghetto era.

Foreign visitors, mostly Jews, often visit the plaque, which is inscribed in English, Chinese and Hebrew.

They also visit Ohel Moishe Synagogue, which was built by Russian Jews on Chang Yang Road at the turn of the last century and is now a museum called the Jewish Refugee Memorial Hall.

Wang Fa Liang, a mild-mannered Chinese man who was born in 1919 and vividly remembers the refugees, takes visitors around and delivers lectures about Shanghai's Jewish past.

On the second floor is a picture exhibition tracing the trajectory of Shanghai's association with Jews. Photographs of Israeli and foreign dignitaries who have been here – the late Israeli president Chaim Herzog, former Israeli prime ministers Yitzhak Rabin and Benjamin Netanyahu, German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer, and Austrian President Thomas Klestil – adorn the walls. As I left one morning, a group of voluble Israeli tourists poured in.

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A street sign in Shanghai where Jewish refugees lived in the 1930s and 1940s

[Sheldon Kirshner photos]

The ground-floor sanctuary of the former shul contains six long dark brown wooden benches. The bimah is bare. Lilting Chinese music is heard from a neighbouring building.

Adjacent to the sanctuary is a mixed media art exhibit of paintings, drawings and sculptures produced by such Canadian artists as Charles Pachter and Tootsie Halbert.

Outside, on roads humming with traffic and streets teeming with pedestrians, sit the dilapidated, fading red-brick row houses that formerly accommodated the refugees. Laundry lines – trailing white sheets, shirts, blouses, pants and undergarments – are attached to grey electricity poles planted on sidewalks.

Shanghai once had seven functioning synagogues. Five shuls, one of which housed the Mir Yeshiva, were torn down in the name of urban development.

Ohel Rachel, constructed by the legendary Sassoon family in 1920 and extensively renovated by the municipality in 1998, is far from Hongkou, in the northwestern part of Shanghai. Weathered looking, with vines and leaves streaming down its palatial columns, Ohel Rachel is generally closed to the public, and advance arrangements must be made to see it. When former U.S. president Bill Clinton visited Shanghai five years ago, he and his wife, Hillary, were given a tour of the venerable Sephardi synagogue.

The Shanghai Jewish Center – which is run by Rabbi Shalom Greenberg and his wife, Dina, under the auspices of the Chabad movement – conducts high holiday services at Ohel Rachel.

Rabbi Greenberg, a 32-year-old Israeli from B'nai Brak, opened the centre, in western Shanghai, a year-and-a-half ago. Catering to expatriates ranging from businessmen and students to diplomats and tourists, the centre – the only one of its kind in the city – is fitted with a synagogue, a pre-school and a kosher café. Shabbat dinners attract scores of diners from Shanghai's Jewish population of roughly 400. A mikvah will be installed in 2004.

"We're very grateful that the Chinese government lets us operate here, which is something they don't have to do," said the rabbi's 29-year-old wife, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and the mother of three children ranging in age from one to four.

"They're happy to have us here," observed her husband. "We are the social life of Jewish people in China. China is growing and developing, and our goal is to establish a complete Jewish life here."

All Jews, be they secular or observant, are welcome, his wife added. "We don't believe in labels. We celebrate Judaism together."

As did the Jewish refugees of Shanghai several generations ago.

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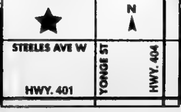

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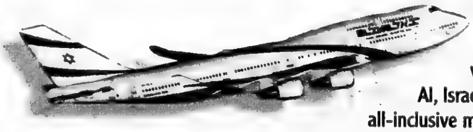
OUR HISTORY HAPPENED HERE – The roots of Jewish life are alive in Israel. The Hasmonean family, popularly known to us as the Maccabees, began their revolt against religious repression in Modi'in, now a thriving, contemporary community, about half an hour from Jerusalem. The Hasmonean soldiers marched along a narrow road from Modi'in to Jerusalem to sanctify and re-dedicate the Temple. Archaeological experts have discovered many remnants of those days along the way.

ISRAEL IS FOR CHILDREN – Chanukah illustrates how much kids can do in Israel. There's the Festigal festival - a spectacular Chanukah production, just for children, with performances scheduled for nine Israeli cities. Children can bring their parents to join a modern-day Maccabi at the Bible Lands Museum in Jerusalem as he searches the museum's galleries for contents of the ancient Temple. There's the Israel Children's Museum in Holon to delight little people. And how about walnut, sesame, fish, castor and radish seed oil as Chanukah lighting alternatives? It's all at the Neot Kedumim Biblical Landscape Reserve between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.



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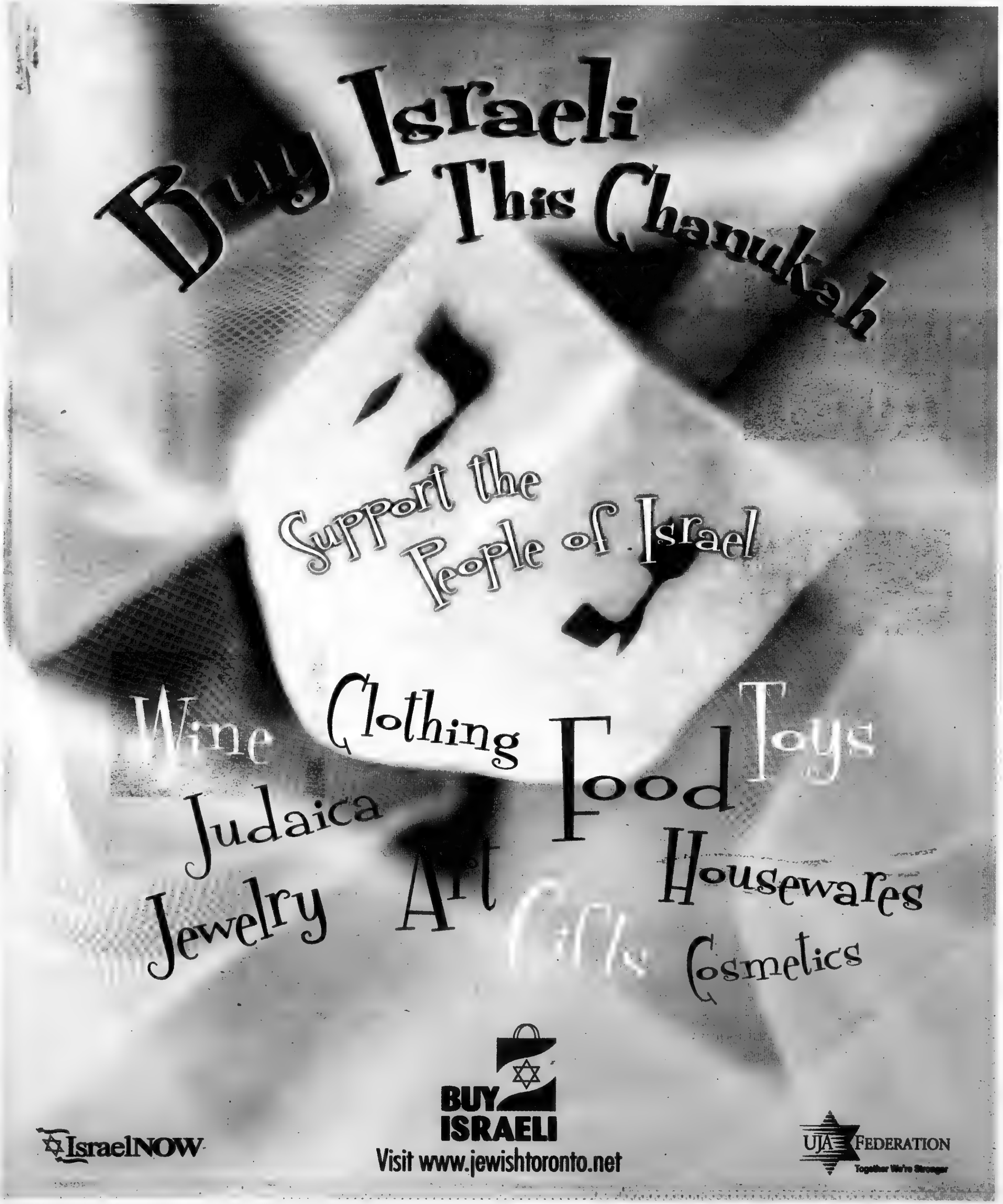
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'I have grown older and hopefully wiser'

Rabbi Plaut retires from *The CJN*

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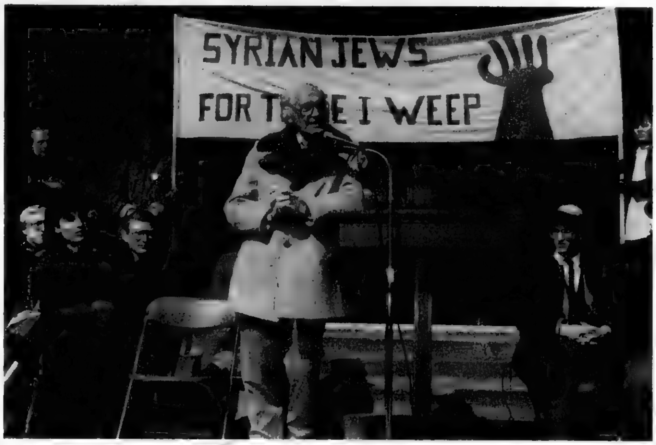
Rabbi Plaut said he places such importance on communicating with people that he attends Holy Blossom's weekly Out of the Cold Program in order to talk to the guests.

"So many people have no one to talk to. I go to the temple every Thursday and I talk to these people about [how they manage] with no job and no money.

"Many of them live fractured lives. They never learned how to converse with people. They can talk, but they can't converse. They are not used to people sitting down and wanting to know all about them."

Seniors, especially, need human contact, Rabbi Plaut said. "Older people have a lot to teach. I am an example. I use to be young, bright and arrogant, but in the last many years, I have left my arrogance behind and the brightness has darkened. I have grown older and hopefully wiser."

Older people are forgotten by society, he said. "The fact that I have 'x' number of degrees doesn't matter. It is unfortunate but true that old people are discounted. The word 'old' was once an accolade, but today that is the opposite. The only time 'old' is an accolade is when someone is talking about antiques.



Rabbi Plaut at a rally on behalf of Syrian Jews in 1984. [CJN file photo]

"Being old is no fun. Most people scrape along and have a difficult time. Loneliness is a great problem because family and friends begin to diminish, and there are fewer and fewer people around."

'It is my privilege to be here'

Since his wife Elizabeth died this fall – they were married 65 years – he is lonely, he said, because even though she was hospitalized for some time, he would visit her every day.

"Having religion though, helps me, as it can help any person of any age. It is especially a support when a person gets old or ill.

"I see a lot of older people in synagogue, and I think that is because they realize there is something more in life.

"It helps me to realize that there is a presiding authority – that there is a higher power at play that is more important than any individual. I can't prove it, but a lot of people are certainly on my side in that line of thinking."

He also keeps busy with activities.

"I play tennis indoors all year, and I play golf in the summer. In Europe before the war, I was an amateur soccer player. I played in Germany, France and Italy. I've always known how important it is to get up and get moving."

"Looking back – I seem to do more and more of that lately – I have had a wonderful life. I had a perfect marriage, Holy Blossom has been wonderful to me, my readers were my friends, and I have met some of the greatest people, including Eleanor Roosevelt, Golda Meir and Martin Luther King.

"Living in Canada has also been a wonderful opportunity. It is my privilege to be here."

Rabbi Plaut receives an honourary degree in 1978. [CJN file photo]

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Cantors take to the stage for pre-Chanukah concert

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

When nine cantors took to the stage at the recent Toronto Cantorial Trust Fund gala pre-Chanukah concert at Beth Sholom Synagogue, the crowd knew they were in for something special.

The group had the audience clapping from the opening song of *Shehecheyanu* to the finale, when moderator and Adath Israel Congregation cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum led his peers in rousing renditions of *Oseh Shalom* and *Am Israel Chai*.

The cantors included Eric Moses, Beth Sholom; Yaakov Motzen, Shaarei Shomayim Congregation; Gershon Silins, Temple Sinai; Ben Silverberg, Shaar Shalom; Marshall Loomer, Beth David Bnai Israel Beth Am; Aaron Bensoussan, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue; Tibor Kovari Beth Tikvah; and guest cantor Ben Zion Miller, Beth El-Boro Park.

Cantor Eric Moses

Performers at the recent Toronto Cantorial Trust Fund gala pre-Chanukah concert included, from left, cantors Tibor Kovari, Ben Silverberg, Gershon Silins, Eric Moses and Marshall Loomer. [Carolyn Blackman photos]

They are all members of the Toronto Council of Hazzanim, a group of Reform, Conservative and Orthodox cantors in the city.

Through its concerts, the council has raised thousands of dollars under the auspices of the Toronto Cantorial Trust Fund, which is chaired by Kirshblum. The funds are channelled to various local and Israeli organizations and charities.

As well, cantorial and Jewish music scholarships have been awarded to Canadian students.

All proceeds from this concert are earmarked for Mazon Canada, an organization that raises funds from within the Jewish community for non-denominational allocation to front-line hunger organizations in Canada, and Zareinu, a school and treatment centre for children with disabilities.

Kirshblum first met Miller, who sang *Ivdu et HaShem* and *Ribon HaOlamim*, when he was at a cantorial convention in the Catskill Mountains in New York. The cantors would sing in the lobby of the hotel, he said, "and I was stirred by his voice.

"He was at a shul in Montreal at the time, and I asked him if he would consider coming to Toronto. [Before becoming cantor in Boro Park] he was chazzan at Shaarei Tefilah."

Kovari, who came to Toronto from Bucharest via Halifax – his mother came to the concert from Romania to see him – sang *Szol A Kakas Mar* in Hungarian, a classical piece about the coming of Mashiach.

Silverberg, in concert for the first time, sang *Shomer Yisrael*, a lively tune in which he beseeched God not to desert the people of Israel.

The cantors ended the first half of the program with a chassidic medley arranged by Charles Heller, composer and arranger at Beth Emeth.

Instrumentalists were Brahm Goldhamer and Nathan Rosen on piano, Shelley Miller on bass guitar, Adam David on drums, Koriann Forrester on flute and Jordan Klapman on keyboard.

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Jewish Life

Jewish coats of arms

By ZE'EV GLICENSTEIN

Roots & Remembrance

The Rothschilds had one. The Disraelis had one. The Montefiore, Mocatta and Sassoon families each had one. And so, according to some interpretations, did each of the 12 tribes of Israel.

Popular with the Jewish aristocracy in Europe since medieval times, Jewish coats of arms once seemed a sort of harmless conceit for the rich. Today, for a small sum, almost anyone can purchase a coat of arms from Internet and mail-order merchandisers that pretend to know all about our Cohen, Levinsky or Silverstein family forebears. Regrettably, such ill-gotten honours are almost always bogus.

According to some scholars, Jewish coats of arms were legitimized the moment the Lord told Moses and Aaron (Numbers 2:2) that "the Israelites shall camp each with his standard under the banners of their ancestral house."

According to an authority quoted in the *Encyclopedia Judaica*, the tribal standards "served the same purpose as heraldic devices."

Each tribe, accordingly, was associated with its own emblem; for Judah, it was the lion. Because the entire Jewish people is said to be descended from Judah, the lion has become our predominant heraldic symbol.

Thus, a crowned and winged lion is prominent in the coat of arms granted in 1622 to Jacob Batsheba Schmieles, the first European Jew to receive that honour and become a knight of the Holy Roman Empire. Similarly, the Montefiore family crest boasts a fierce-looking lion and antlered elk, as well as two banners with the word "Jerusalem" in Hebrew. Likewise, a lion and unicorn flank the Rothschild crest.

Essentially a token of assimilation into the surrounding Christian mercantile culture, Jewish coats of arms often utilize Stars of David, menorahs, Hebrew lettering and other Judaic elements. Crowns, too, despite their traditional use to glorify the Torah, are also common.

Jewish aristocrats in Old Europe adopted heraldic insignia as a means of demonstrating their social equality while, not incidentally, trumpeting their wealth and success. After 1656, the English happily granted coats of arms to worthy Jewish applicants provided their families had been naturalized.

The largest Jewish subgroup to receive coats of arms were former Sephardi families who, as secret (Marrano) Jews, often took on the names of the Christian families that supported them. Da Costa, Solis, Suasso, Mendes, Pinto, Pereira and Teixeira are some of many Jewish families that received the prestigious emblems.

Heraldic icons often symbolize centuries of family history. Moses Montefiore based his coat of arms on a family badge embroidered on an ark curtain presented centuries earlier by Judah Leone Montefiore to the Ancona synagogue.

To cite two Canadian examples, Toronto businessman-philanthropist Sigmund Samuel (1867-1962) was proud of the coat of arms granted to his family by Oliver Cromwell in 1670. A replica adorns a stained-glass window in the Sigmund Samuel Library on the University of Toronto campus. And Israel Asper was granted a coat of arms just months before he died in October. It features three maple leafs inlaid with Stars of David and a lion holding a lightning bolt and scales of justice, symbolizing Asper's communications empire and his standing as a lawyer.

For most of us, our recent family histories aren't illustrious enough to merit coats of arms. A JewishGen jester probably got it right when he joked not long ago that his own hypothetical Horowitz family crest would have had "a picture of a push-cart in the centre, some needlework in the upper left (tailor), and an illustration of my grandfather (alleged horse-thief) being run out of town."

Rather than a coat of arms above the lintel, look to the doorpost of a Jewish home for a better and more universal symbol of the family's glorious and accomplished past.

A ruthless tyrant, a psalm of comfort

***Yasir Arafat: A Political Biography*, by Barry Rubin and Judith Colp Rubin, Oxford University Press, $34.95.**

It is easy to hate Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat. He is ugly, malignant, deceitful and murderous. A ruthless terrorist, he is also a thief who has amassed a vast personal fortune. A 2002 study ranked Arafat the world's sixth-richest political leader, with an estimated $300 million (US) in wealth that is not being used to build up the Palestinian economy or to benefit those under his rule.

Books
Bernard Baskin

At 74, Arafat is the wily survivor of several wars, periods of exile and many diplomatic battles. But the authors of this engrossing and well-researched biography point out that over four decades he has been "unable to bring his people victory, peace or an independent state. His is a record of political failure almost unequalled in history."

Why has he remained militant and uncompromising? Because, assert the authors, he thus maintains his popularity among his own people and in the Arab world. When he initiates violence, it stifles Palestinian criticism of the incompetence and corruption around him, his unfulfilled promises and failed prophecies. His intransigence is repeatedly rewarded with western concessions, too. The authors say he concluded that the revolution could go on forever and he is not likely to make peace, no matter how attractive Israeli proposals are.

An inveterate liar, he has alleged that there have been massacres of Palestinians where none have occurred. He has talked of PLO victories when the group has suffered heavy losses. Some of his falsehoods in recent years have been utterly fantastic – that there was never a Jewish temple in Jerusalem, that Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is planning to settle 500,000 Afghan Jews on the West Bank.

Barry Rubin is director of the Global Research in International Affairs Center and his wife Judith is a veteran journalist and author. Their book is a comprehensive, readable and balanced account of the life and fortunes of a treacherous personality against the background of a turbulent Middle East.

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***The Lord is My Shepherd*, by Harold S. Kushner, Random House, $29.95.**

The 23rd Psalm is a source of comfort and courage in the face of grief and fear. It is the only biblical passage that many people can recite in its entirety.

Rabbi Kushner, renowned for his book *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, has pondered the meaning of this succinct poem for more than 40 years. He regards it as a unique literary creation that conveys the distilled wisdom of generations, a microcosmic statement in just 57 Hebrew words that presents an entire theology about life and loss.

Each of the 15 chapters in this slender volume discusses one line of the psalm, taking into account the culture in which it was written as well as its meaning for the present day.

Although the book is presented in a conversational and accessible manner, it doesn't eschew serious and difficult questions. What does it mean to lack for nothing? How are we to understand the phrase, "He restores my soul"? Is there special significance to the action, "You anoint my head with oil"? Is "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies" a form of revenge, or is it a way of indicating God's unfailing care and nurture?

The author draws meaningfully from rabbinic Judaism, but also from such diverse sources as Sigmund Freud, Woody Allen films, A. E. Housman, Martin Buber and Herman Wouk.

In interpreting "He restores my soul," Kushner writes, "God is the magnetic force that guides people through the dark night and brings them into a brighter world."

The book's overarching message is that evil and suffering are inevitable, but that God provides the necessary resources of spirit to overcome our fears and return us to health and wholeness.

Sufganiyot

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

When you think of Chanukah, the first food that comes to mind is probably the latke. While the potato pancake certainly has its virtues, its oily cousin the sufganiyah has its own unique pleasures. Today, we troll the Internet to see what it has to say about the jelly-filled, powdered sugar-topped, doughy concoction.

The Jewish Highway

According to cookbook author Joan Nathan, the Hebrew word "sufganiyah" comes from the Greek *sufgan*, meaning "puffed and fried." Traditionally, she says **[http://starchefs.com/Holidays/99/recipe_03.html]**, they "consist[ed] of two rounds of dough sandwiching some jam, and the jam always ran out during the frying. Today, with new injectors on the market, balls of dough can be deep-fried first and then injected with jam before being rolled in sugar. This is a much easier, quicker way of doing them. And no jam escapes."

If you'd like to try making some, the Jewish-Food Recipes Archives has 21 variations, including chocolate, no-yeast and raised potato. And lest we forget that we are living in Canada in wintertime, there's even a variation that uses apple cider and a maple glaze **[http://www.jewish-food.org/recipes/sufindex.htm]**.

A sufganiyah wouldn't be a sufganiyah without hot oil. But that doesn't mean kids can't join in the fun making them. The Epicurious Web site has a family-friendly recipe that's divided into tasks for kids, such as sifting the flour; tasks for kids and adults, such as kneading the dough; and tasks only adults should tackle – dropping the doughnuts into the hot oil **[http://food. epicurious.com/run/recipe/viewid=40003]**.

Can latkes and sufganiyot live in harmony? They do in Naomi Silbermintz's kitchen, thanks to a recipe for Yerushalmi-style sufganiyot, in which a yeast mixture is dropped by the spoonful into an inch of oil. Check out the recipe while learning about her family history.

"My grandmother was a Yerushalmit. She was born in 1910 in Jerusalem to a family whose roots go back only to Jerusalem. (They never were in the Diaspora.) Every Chanukah, when we visited my grandmother, she made these. My mother always said that they are the precursors to jelly-donut type sufganiyot." **[http://www.jewishfood-list.com/recipes/desserts/sufganiyotyerushalmi01.html]**.

Sufganiyot may be popular in your home, but even if you double or triple your recipe, you won't be able to compete with Angel's Bakery in the Kiryat Moshe neighbourhood of Jerusalem. Angel's begins its preparations a month before the holiday to fry up more than a quarter-million doughnuts every 24 hours during the eight-day festival. Each batch uses 100 kilos of dough and makes 1,600 doughnuts. To follow the sufganiyot on their path down the assembly line and into customers' mouths, check out the article "A Hole in One" from the *Jerusalem Post* **[http://info.jpost.com/2000/Supplements/Hanukka/dassi.html]**.

I'm not sure whether Angel's Bakery was involved, but back in Chanukah of 1997, some Israelis with time on their hands tried to set a record. They erected a 12-foot structure consisting of 6,400 sufganiyot near the town of Afula. As the History Channel Web site delicately puts it, "The blob was dismantled later, and the sufganiyot were distributed to Israeli soldiers serving along the border with Lebanon." No word whether the oily pyramid ever drew the attention of the folks from Guinness **[http://www.historychannel.com/exhibits/holidays/hanukkah/feats.html]**.

Digging into a typical sufganiyah can leave you with 18 grams of fat and 250 calories. There are alternatives, some healthier than others. You can try yours made of whole wheat **[http://www.jewish-food.org/recipes/sufgan12.htm]** oven-fried **[http://makeashorterlink.com/?Q12121CA6]** or no fry at all **[http://www.jewish-food.org/recipes/nofrydou.htm]**. But these alternatives are rare: when I searched the Internet for "sufganiyot" and its various spellings, I came up with more than 2,000 references. When I added the term "low calorie" I was down to about nine hits.

If the calories don't get you, something else may. Somebody at the Kolel Web site is a walking survivor **[http://www.kolel.org/pages/holidays/Chanukah_customs.html]**. "I have a small scar on my lip from boiling hot custard shooting out of a fresh sufganiyah bought from a street vendor in Jerusalem. For years now that little ridge on my inner lip has been a year-round reminder of the sweetness [and heat] of Chanukah."

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I'm a Scrooge on Chanukah

By RABBI YEHIEL BEN AYON

At about this time every year, I find myself in an unfortunate predicament and feeling like a Scrooge of sorts. This happens whenever my sons invariably bring home their Chanukah project, the chanukiyot (menorahs) they each make at school, and I inform them that they cannot be lit in our home. I don't want to be mean or to dismiss their accomplishment, it is just that we follow the Halachah as set out for Sephardim in the Shulchan Aruch.

Through A Sephardi Window

Rav Yosef Karo of Tzfat, author of the Shulchan Aruch, rules that each home must have a single chanukiyah lit by the head of the household. On the other hand, Rabbi Moshe Isserles of Krakow (the Ramah) writes in his glossary for the benefit of Ashkenazim that each male member does his independent lighting, each with his own menorah.

In our Sephardi household, I try to explain to my very disappointed boys that we follow Sephardi custom.

To be sure, this custom stems from a very strange situation: Rav Karo bases his opinion on the position of the Tosafists, 12th-century Franco-German biblical commentators, while the Ramah bases his ruling on the view of Maimonides.

Go figure, a total reversal. Sephardi Halachah based on an Ashkenazi ruling, Ashkenazi Halachah based on a Sephardi ruling.

A reason for this reversal has been proposed by Rabbi Ezekiel Katzenellenbogen of Hamburg (1714-1749). Each community, he claimed, came up with its custom and later altered it for the same reason: religious persecution or the lack of it. In times when communities enjoyed relative freedom, each household celebrated the holiday by proudly placing the chanukiyah in front of their home. Beside every door, the light of a single chanukiyah glowed with its message of religious freedom. Passersby would see the number of candles and would know what day of the eight-day festival it was – something that would be too confusing if there was a chanukiyah for each male member of the household.

But in times of difficulty, this public expression was out of the question. The lighting of the chanukiyot continued, but in the privacy and confines of people's homes. Indoors, all male members could now light a chanukiyah as only the family would see it. Here there would not exist any confusion as to the day of the holiday.

And so, as political realities shifted and shifted again, the rabbis' rulings on this custom shifted to meet these realities.

From talmudic times, the chanukiyah was lit outdoors. Apparently, Maimonidies lived in times of persecution and hence ruled that it should be lit indoors and by all men of the household. On the other hand, Rav Karo wrote the Shulchan Aruch at a time of calm, and hence the lighting was outdoors, one menorah per household. This was not the case for his contemporary, the Ramah, who ruled that the custom should be to light indoors and everyone should light it. Evidently, the Tosafists, who ruled that one chanukiyah should be lit, must have lived in a time of religious freedom.

All this may explain the quirky reversal. But will my little boys understand why their father won't let them light their own crafted chanukiyah?

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El Al adds flight as tourism to Israel increases

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Canadian visitors in October up 29% from last year

Canadian visitors to Israel increased by 29 per cent in October over the same period the year before, from 2,281 to 2,945, said Samara Bordan, a spokesperson for the Israel Government Tourism Office in Toronto.

"It turned out to be a very strong month. Missions were busy, people were busy. We've experienced it each month beginning in the spring," she said.

In the period from January to the end of October, Canadian tourism to Israel increased by 19 per cent over the same period in 2002. In all, 23,539 Canadians visited Israel in the first 10 months of 2003 compared to 19,790 in the first 10 months of 2002, she said.

American numbers showed even greater strength. In all, 28,526 travelled to Israel in October compared to 16,069 the year before – a jump of 78 per cent. Altogether, 210,266 Americans visited Israel in the first 10 months of the year, compared to 163,153 from January to October 2002, Bordan said.

"We began to see the change when the war in Iraq ended. We've seen an increase since then," she added.

Bordan and Morais attributed the rise in numbers to pent-up demand and to word-of-mouth reports from earlier visitors that life in Israel has returned more or less to normal, with shops, restaurants and other facilities operating as usual.

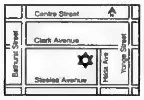
Stanley Morais

"I think people have adapted to the situation," said Morais. "They realize that it might not be a perfect situation in Israel, but it's Israel and we have to visit."

Morais said that beginning in January, prices will likely change to reflect a 28 per cent increase in landing fees being charged at Toronto's Pearson International Airport. The fare to Israel should rise by about six or seven per cent, he said.

In other developments, El Al recently announced it was adding an extra flight through New York. Earlier, the airline added flights from Brussels, Madrid, Milan, Rome and Zurich.

El Al recorded a profit of $61 million (US) in the third quarter, its best result in 10 years.



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Temple Mount ban was 'serious mistake,' archeologist says

By ADI NEUBERGER
Special to The CJN

Judaism's holiest site could have been under Jewish control today if the Chief Rabbis of Jerusalem had known in 1967 what archeologists know today, says a leading expert.

"The Chief Rabbis of Jerusalem made a serious mistake when they forbade Jews from going on to the Temple Mount immediately after Israel re-claimed Jerusalem following the 1967 war," Dan Bahat told a recent gathering co-sponsored by Kolel: the Adult Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning and the Israel Government Tourism Office.

Banning Jews from the Temple Mount after the 1967 war "made it easy for the Israeli government to hand the keys over to Muslims," said Bahat, the director of excavations at the Western Wall tunnels since 1985 and one of Israel's leading archeologosts.

Muslims know the Temple Mount as Haram al-Sharif (Noble Sanctuary), the third holiest Muslim site in the world. The Waqf, an Islamic trust, manages and controls access to the controversial site.

Bahat regrets rabbinic decision

Bahat said the rabbis sought to prevent Jews from walking anywhere on the Temple Mount, because they believed the location of the Holy of Holies from the First and Second temples is unknown.

But Bahat said there is archeological and historical evidence that the Dome of the Rock is built on top of the Holy of Holies, which contradicts the rabbis' beliefs.

The Holy of Holies was the most sacred part of both the First and Second temples. Only the High Priest was allowed to enter it and only on Yom Kippur. According to the Bible, it's said to be located toward the rear of the Tabernacle and surrounded by a thick curtain. The famous Ark of the Covenant was kept there.

"Information we have today, as a result of various historical accounts and evidence uncovered through archeological digs around the site, can help us pinpoint exactly where the Holy of Holies is located on the Temple Mount," he said.

"Therefore, we know where we can and can't walk on the Temple Mount in order not to desecrate the holy places."

While acknowledging that there at least two other competing theories about the location of the Temples, Bahat said he bases his ideas about the location of the Holy of Holies on various sources: the writings of the ancient Jewish scholar Josephus Flavius, who witnessed the destruction of the Second Temple; on the Mishnah, which describes the First Temple; on parts of the Hebrew and Christian bibles; and on recent archeological findings.

Bahat's theory also relies heavily on the natural topography of Jerusalem and what is known about how King Herod, who enlarged and refurbished the Second Temple, constructed other buildings throughout the country.

The Muslims rebuilt the Temple Mount after they conquered Jerusalem in 638. They built the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, the latter being erected around the rock where Muslims believe the prophet Muhammad was carried off to heaven by the angel Gabriel.

For Jews, the Temple Mount is the site where two Temples stood over a period of some 1,000 years. The first, known as King Solomon's Temple, was built in the 9th century BCE. The Babylonians destroyed it in 586 BCE. The rock inside the Dome of the Rock is also believed by Jews to be the site where God instructed Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac.

The Second Temple was built around 536 BCE and destroyed in 70 AD.

According to the Bible, the Temple Mount is also the site of a future Third Temple.

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Real-life events the backdrop for study of anti-Semitism

By CYNTHIA GASNER
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Review

The Second Catastrophe, the first full-length novel by Howard Rotberg, is actually two books in one – the first is narrative fiction, while the second is a well-researched historical account of issues facing Israel and the Jewish people.

Rotberg was born and raised in Brantford, Ont., and has degrees in both history and law from the University of Toronto. He practised corporate law for 20 years in Kitchener, but sold his law practice in 1997 to focus on writing and land development. He has written for a number of newspapers and magazines.

Rotberg's main character, widower Norman Rosenfeld, is a cultural historian at a small Canadian university. He is also an Orthodox Jew.

The professor is in the midst of writing a controversial book about Israel and the Jewish people when he learns that his daughter, who is in a one-year program at Hebrew University, has been injured by a Palestinian terrorist attack at a restaurant in Jerusalem at the height of the second intifadah.

He rushes to Israel with his father, a Holocaust survivor named Lucky, who, despite the horrors he experienced during the war, is a perpetual optimist.

In Israel, Rosenfeld meets and falls in love with a secular Israeli doctor.

The Second Catastrophe
Howard Rotberg

Using the fictional story as a backdrop, Rotberg intersperses passages from the professor's non-fiction work, titled *The Second Holocaust: Radical Islamism, Western Complicity, and the Israeli Political/Cultural Response*, throughout the novel.

The excerpts, based on actual historic information, examine such subjects as the history of the Holocaust, anti-Semitism, the nature of Islam, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, convicted spy Jonathan Pollard, Jewish anti-Zionism and Sept. 11.

Rotberg's book contains a number of interwoven themes.

In addition to confronting contemporary issues in his own book and in his life, Rosenfeld, as the son of a Holocaust survivor, also tries to deal with his feelings of despair about what happened to Jews in the Shoah.

We learn that as a teenager, Rosenfeld studied the Torah and other religious writings to try to come to terms with God's role in human history and how a just and merciful deity could allow the suffering of innocent Jews.

Rotberg also uses Rosenfeld to examine the ideological assault on Israel by extremist Arab leaders, European countries, the United Nations and the media, and he draws a parallel between the events of the 1930s and the current situation.

The reader is left to decide if these parallels and Rosenfeld's perceptions are valid. But whether one agrees with his thesis or not, the fictional professor sounds a profound and striking note of alarm.

He draws a direct line from the Wannsee Conference, as the beginning of the Holocaust, to the United Nations' 2001 World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa, and finally to what he calls "the second Holocaust."

Militant Islam, the professor writes, is a complete revolt against western enlightenment, just as Nazism was a revolt against the Ten Commandments as bequeathed by the Jews to the western world. The Jews, Rosenfeld contends, were to be punished as the proponents of these values.

The reader can see from the professor's fictional background why he would take such a pessimistic view of world events.

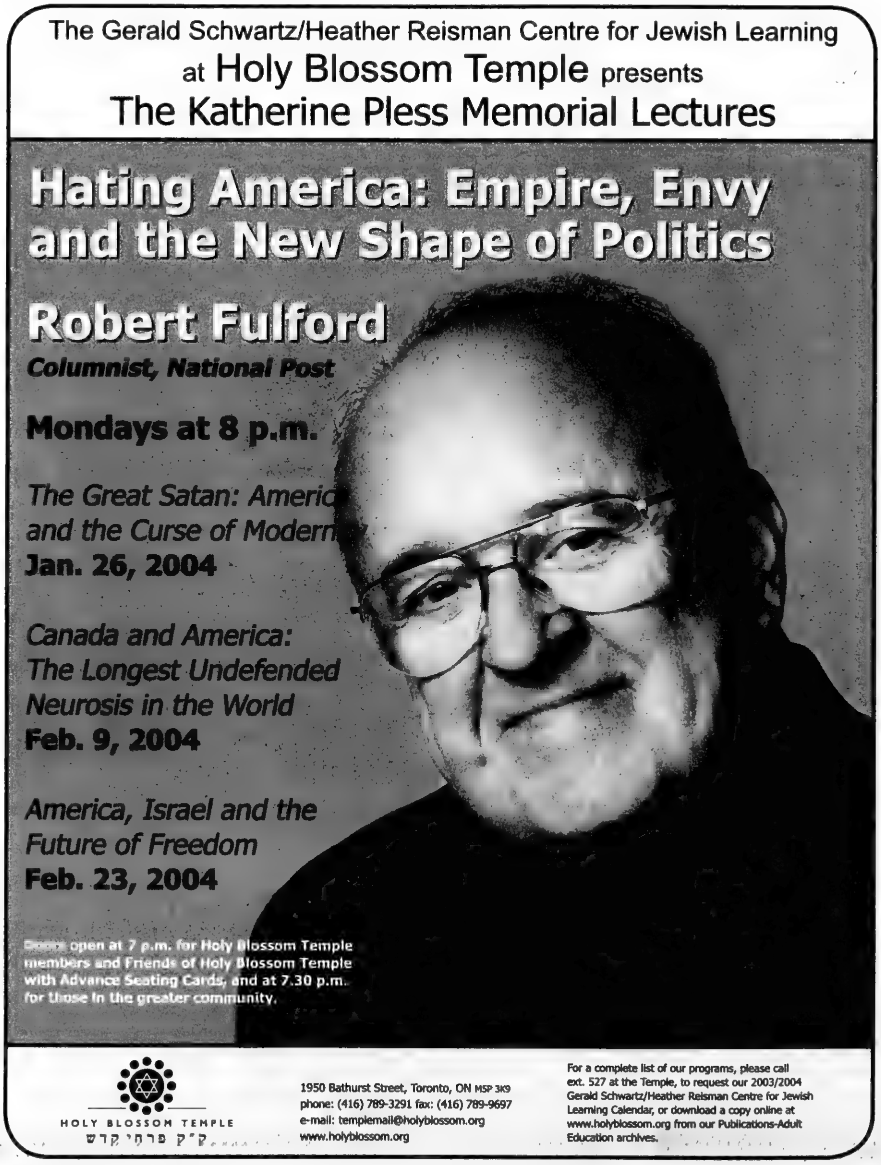
In quoting research done by the professor, Rotberg quotes philosophers, politicians, historians, journalists and others who warn that to minimize the threat to the Jews is not an option, as it could lead to the destruction of the Jewish people.

Through his protagonist, Rotberg argues that the Arabs' genocidal goal is the removal of the Jewish presence from what they perceive to be Muslim territory – despite their rhetoric for western consumption.

Along with the author's compelling arguments, the relationships in the novel force the readers to assess for themselves the challenges faced by Jews in Israel and in the Diaspora.

Rotberg has done his research and added human emotions and frailties so that readers are both moved by the drama and informed by his global perspective.

The Second Catastrophe (Mantua Books) was launched recently at Israel's The Judaica Centre and is available at bookstores across the country.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Maimonides' legacy lives on 800 years later

By ADAM SEGAL
Special to The CJN

It has been nearly 800 years since the death of Rabbi Moses Ben Maimon, the revered philosopher, physician and religious leader, but his legacy lives on.

At a recent lecture at Beth Tikvah Synagogue called "Maimonides: The Man, His Philosophy and His Impact On Judaism," Prof. Menachem Ben Sasson of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem shed light on the towering figure.

Born in Cordoba, Spain in 1135, Maimonides was the scion of a scholarly family.

In his early years, Cordoba's Jewish population underwent upheaval as the Almohades, a fanatical Muslim group, conquered the city.

"They didn't tolerate any other alternative in religion," Ben Sasson said. "Most of the community converted [although] it was a fake conversion."

Rather than renounce their faith, Maimonides and his family fled the area, eventually settling in Fez, Morocco, where he began his studies.

But Almohades' tyrannical reign eventually reached Morocco and the family once again fled, first to the Holy Land and then to Egypt.

These experiences likely moulded Maimonides' relatively progressive views on the Crypto-Jews who practised in private, Ben Sasson said.

At the time, a letter circulated in the Jewish community warning Crypto-Jews that they risked expulsion from their own community for their apparent change of faith. But Maimonides, a rational thinker influenced deeply by Aristotle, felt differently.

"Maimonides wanted the Crypto- Jews to continue whatever they could," Ben Sasson said.

"If Jews happen to reside in a place where there are decrees against them to give their lives, they must flee to another place," Maimonides wrote in his *Igeret Hashemad* (Letter on Forced Conversion), arguing that Crypto-Jews were still considered Jews and should not despair despite their plight.

Maimonides lived in Egypt from 1166 until his death, writing many famed works, including a 14-volume Mishnah Torah or Code of Jewish Law, as well as commentary on the Mishnah and the *Guide to the Perplexed*.

While devoutly observant, Maimonides did not believe in blind faith and was well-read in secular philosophy.

As a result, he deeply opposed the influence in Cairo of the Karaites, a radical Jewish sect who believed Scripture should be taken literally.

He helped to steer the community away from the Karaites and soon became a prominent political figure.

"He became head of the Jews in less than six years," Ben Sasson said, noting that Maimonides' influence as leader of the Jewish community stretched to Syria, Lebanon, Israel and Yemen.

In fact, he intervened with government officials in Yemen in 1172 when the Jewish community was under threat of forced conversion.

Maimonides was able to devote his days to Torah partly as a result of the financial support he received from his brother David, a successful merchant.

But when David died, Maimonides had to find a means to support himself and his wife and son. He decided to study medicine, excelling in it as he did with his intellectual pursuits. He wrote 15 treatises on the theory and practice of medicine and became a physician in the Sultan's court.

Maimonides died in 1204 and was buried in Tiberias.

"It's quite [amazing] that Maimonides is still at the heart of not only Jewish, but modern consciousness," Ben Sasson said.

Several additional lectures on Maimonides are scheduled over the next three months at Beth Tikvah, including one by Rabbi Wayne Allen called "Why Do Bad Things Happen To Good People," on Jan. 19 at 8 p.m.

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Financial needs of disabled persons explored

By ADAM SEGAL
Special to The CJN

Planning for the financial needs of a person with developmental disabilities can be a challenging responsibility for families.

At a recent information session hosted by the Reena Foundation, parents had some of their questions answered by a panel of experts.

Natalie Hennessey of the Ministry of Community and Social Services, spoke about the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), which provides financial assistance to developmentally disabled persons 18 years of age or over.

ODSP applicants receive assistance based primarily on their financial status.

For instance, if a single person has more than $5,000 in cash, RRSPs or insurance policies, he or she will not qualify for the program.

The amounts of assistance vary. Hennessey said single persons who rent their dwelling could receive up to $930 per month from ODSP, which is not considered taxable income.

Parents and advocates have long complained about the financial limitations of the program.

Rachel Blumenfeld, a tax and trusts lawyer with Miller Thomson, discussed an increasingly popular method to avoid the asset limit roadblock known as discretionary trusts.

These trusts, also commonly referred to as Henson Trusts, are not considered an asset, regardless of the amount they hold.

"Hensons are designed specifically for disabled people who are receiving benefits," Blumenfeld said.

They involve "transferring assets from yourself to a trustee who holds the assets on behalf of the beneficiaries and uses them for the benefit of the beneficiaries."

The most common way a Henson Trust is established is in the parents' or caregiver's will.

Funds in the trust can be from savings, a parent's estate, money from other family members or life insurance, and large lump sums can be left in the trust.

While the trustee is entitled to compensation – 2.5 per cent of the money that goes into the estate and 2.5 per cent of what goes out – Blumenfeld said trustees usually do not opt for the compensation because it is taxable.

There are certain stipulations regarding how the money from the Henson Trust is spent.

For example, as long as the money is used for "disability-related items, services, education or training expenses that are not reimbursable," they are exempt as income.

Up to $4,000 in a 12-month period can be used for any purpose and still be exempt as income. And in the first month that money is placed in the trust as a provision of a will, the money is also exempt.

Another possibility for helping the person with the disability is through charitable gifts, which can also have a connection to a Henson Trust.

Through a Charitable Remainder Trust, a sum of money can be deposited into the Henson Trust for the disabled person, the donor is provided with tax relief and money is given to a charitable organization after the death of the person the trust was used for.

Reena Foundation chair Frank Simkevitz said parents may want to provide donations to the organization(s) that helped their children and the Henson Trust could be established to do that.

"The reason why it's important [to donate] is to ensure the work an organization like Reena does will continue… to serve the children of other parents," Simkevitz said.

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Canadian Magen David Adom would also like to thank its many sponsors for their generous gifts, which were used to show our appreciation to the Volunteers who worked diligently for this worthwhile cause.

Pictured below, wearing their MDA T-Shirts are the Telethon Grand-Prize Recipients Lorne Kalmar and Kyle Taylor of C.H.A.T, with Arnold Rosner-National Exec. Director on the right and Iris Ehrent – Toronto Office Administrator on the left. The lucky volunteers received two Toronto Raptors tickets for having canvassed the greatest number of pledged donations. TODA RABA!

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Joe's devotion to his dear family, and their love for him, was, and will always be an inspiration.

We extend heartfelt condolences to the entire family. May G-d comfort and console them among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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Bikathon participant travels off-beaten path to Israel

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Eric Kaminsky in Israel on the Alyn Hospital's Wheels of Love bike ride.

Torontonian Eric Kaminsky is one of 160 bicycle riders from around the world who recently completed a five-day, 350-kilometre ride throughout Israel to raise money for Israel's only pediatric and adolescent rehabilitation centre.

Wheels of Love is an annual charity bike ride for Alyn Hospital, a non-profit hospital located in the Kiryat Hayovel neighbourhood of Jerusalem. The event, which took place early last month, included male and female participants ages 15 to 75, and raised $1.3 million for the hospital, which cares for physically disabled children and adolescents regardless of religious or ethnic background.

Kaminsky, 45, speaks enthusiastically of the bike ride, which began in northern Israel, just south of the Lebanese border at Ma'alot, and continued through Shlomi, Safed, Ramat Hashofet, Nashsolim and Yad Benyamin to Jerusalem.

"Although the ride is challenging, even the more novice riders were able to garner the strength to complete every part of the ride," Kaminsky said. "At every corner and every hill, there was a new, fantastic view. We travelled mostly off the main roads to the corners of the country that most tourists never see."

Kaminsky, who has been riding since he was a child and now rides about 200 kilometres a week, said in Jerusalem, the riders assembled at the top of the mountain and rode the last five kilometres to Alyn Hospital, where they celebrated with their family members and patients and their families.

Kaminsky, co-owner/operator of Canadian Iron and Metal with his brothers Arthur and Steven, went to Israel when he graduated from William Lyon Mackenzie Secondary School and spent almost a year working on a kibbutz. He returned to Toronto, completed his studies at York University and spent several years travelling and working throughout the world.

The father of two, Kaminsky said he had "strong feelings to support Israel at this difficult time. I spoke to my wife Sheera and we decided to take all our family summer vacations with the children in Israel instead of somewhere else."

This summer, the family toured Alyn Hospital.

"I was so impressed with the individual attention they give each child and the amount of love combined with expert care," he said. "They [have] so many innovative [ideas] in treating children who are victims of terrorist attacks and those with deficiencies resulting from congenital or inherited diseases as well as other injuries."

Riders on Wheels of Love pay their own way and expenses, Kaminsky said. He set his fundraising goal at $4,000.

"I anticipated that the response to my fundraising would not be strong since there are so many demands… but there was a tremendous response and I was able to raise more than $9,000," he said.

Kaminsky said he felt safe throughout the five-day trip.

"Throughout the entire ride, there was no feeling that you were in a country at war. We were more concerned of the danger posed by cars than terrorists," he said.

"The media is trying to make people feel that visiting Israel is like walking through a mine field but the reality is completely different. I actually felt safer there than I do in many areas of Toronto," he said.

"I hope to do the Alyn ride again next year."

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Book blows the whistle on Mordechai Vanunu

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

On Oct. 5, 1986, the *Sunday Times* of London published a story on its front page about Israel's secret nuclear program. The source of the newspaper's scoop was Mordechai Vanunu, a disaffected former technician at Israel's nuclear research centre in Dimona.

By going public with this explosive data, Vanunu confirmed the widespread suspicion that Israel, its heated denials notwithstanding, was in fact a nuclear power, the sixth after the United States, the Soviet Union, China, France and Britain. (Since then, India and Pakistan have joined this exclusive club.)

Mordechai Vanunu

None too pleased by his astonishing revelation, Israel, through a blonde, shapely Mossad spy, lured Vanunu from his new home in London to Rome. There he was drugged, whisked back to Israel, charged with espionage and treason, tried behind closed doors and sentenced to 18 years imprisonment. He is due to be released in April 2004.

Yoel Cohen's book, *The Whistleblower of Dimona: Israel, Vanunu and the Bomb* (Holmes &Meier), is a comprehensive account of Vanunu's caper, his trial and Israel's nuclear arsenal.

Israel went nuclear thanks in large part to France. In 1956, France agreed to supply Israel with a plutonium-producing reactor. Israel reportedly obtained the primary raw materials for an atomic bomb – uranium and heavy water – from Argentina, Central African Republic, Gabon, Niger, Norway and the United States.

Although Israel has never admitted to possessing nuclear weapons, it has dropped tantalizing hints that it is quite capable of building them. Israel's posture of ambiguity was formalized in 1969 when the prime minister, Golda Meir, promised Richard Nixon, the U.S. president, that Israel would neither publicly acknowledge its nuclear program nor conduct nuclear tests.

Vanunu, who was born in Morocco in 1954, immigrated to Israel with his family in 1963. He began working at the nuclear research centre in 1977, when he was a follower of Menachem Begin, the first Likud prime minister. Politically, Vanunu turned leftwards after Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

It would not be his sole conversion. Later, he converted to Christianity.

While working at the centre, he studied philosophy at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. As a result of his studies, Cohen claims, Vanunu became increasingly troubled by the "ethical dilemmas" of nuclear weaponry.

But, as Cohen also suggests, Vanunu was a disgruntled worker, convinced that his lack of advancement was a function of his Sephardi background.

In 1986, he left Israel, bound for southeast Asia and Australia. In Sydney, he fell in with a group of Protestant church clerics critical of nuclear weapons. Before long, he was baptized, and adopted the name John Crossman.

Vanunu, having already taken photographs of the Israeli nuclear research centre where he had been employed, sold them to the *Sunday Times*, which specialized in splashy exposes.

The *Sunday Times* estimated that Israel had up to 200 nuclear warheads. Israel, while denying the validity of the story, took steps to capture Vanunu.

Cohen, a British-born Israeli writer, describes the cloak-and-dagger operation Israel mounted to bring Vanunu to justice, as well as his trial.

For the first 12 years of his incarceration, Vanunu was held in solitary confinement in an isolated cell of Ashkelon Prison. He spent much of his day reading classic literary works.

The only people he was allowed to see were his family and a priest. In 1998, he was permitted to mix with the rest of the prisoners.

Vanunu has no regrets, according to Cohen. In a 1999 letter, he wrote, "My inner conviction is strong that what I did was right."

Cohen claims that Vanunu's disclosure had a beneficial effect, in that it raised Israel's nuclear deterrence posture against Iraq during the 1991 Gulf War.

Knowing full well that Israel was a nuclear state, Iraq refrained from deploying non-conventional warheads on the 39 Scud missiles it fired into Israel.

"Baghdad correctly calculated that Israel would not respond with a nuclear attack as long as Iraq did not cross the threshold from conventional weapons to non-conventional arms," he writes.

This is conjecture, but interesting nevertheless.

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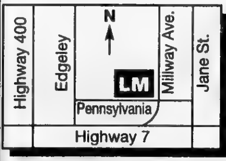

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The Jewish Education Report

by Suzanne Wintrob

When Teachers Go to School

This year's Professional Development days, organized by UJA Federation's Board of Jewish Education covered a lot of ground – both theoretically and physically, for over 1,200 teachers. For one thing, it offered them the opportunity to secure Professional Learning Program credit with the Ontario College of Teachers.

For the first time, the day school sessions were held at four Thornhill locations - Associated Hebrew Schools, Eitz Chaim Schools, Leo Baeck Day School and Netivot Hatorah Day School. Holy Blossom Temple hosted the supplementary school sessions.

Among the PD day highlights were:

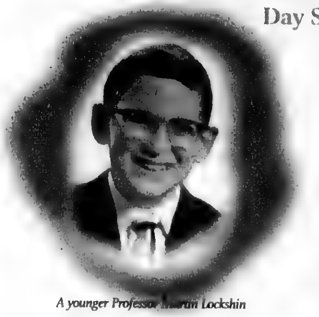
- The Zionist Seminars, featuring Israeli young people who have a fresh approach to making Israel come alive in the classroom. Their sessions were full of hands-on ideas about the holidays, Israeli culture and how to deal with the dilemmas facing Israel.
- Strategies for teachers to deal with issues such as classroom management, bullying and brain learning.

Of special note at the day school PD day was *Judaism 101* – a basic course for general studies teachers, taught by Dr. Seymour Epstein (Epi), BJE's Executive Director and UJA Federation's Vice President of Education. The session, which attempted to provide answers to "everything you always wanted to know about Judaism but were afraid to ask," included another first – a video-conferencing setup with Neil Lazarus in Israel.

This year's PD days also benefited from the fact that Hebrew University was holding its conference in Toronto at the same time. Two Hebrew U. professors – Howard Deitcher and Sidra DeKoven Ezrahi – presented sessions on Bible and literature. Rabbi Aharon Fried, Associate Professor of Psychology and Education at Stern College of Yeshiva University, delivered a well-attended session on special education.

Where are They Now?

Day School Determined his Calling: Professor Martin Lockshin



A younger Professor Martin Lockshin

The day Martin Lockshin took an entrance exam at Yeshivat Merkaz HaRav Kook in Israel, he realized just how valuable his day school education had been.

It was the early 1970s and young Martin had just finished up a year of study at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He was hoping to spend the next four years attending the Jerusalem-based *yeshiva* and knew both the exam and personal interview could make or break his plans.

"I remember how scared I was when I went for that test," he recalls. "But then I saw the big smile on the rabbi's face when I was able to answer all of his questions. He figured, 'This guy is coming from Canada, what could he know?'"

So began Lockshin's long career in Jewish studies. Following four years of Torah study in Israel, where he received his rabbinical ordination, he headed off to New York for his B.A. from Touro College. Then it was Brandeis University in Massachusetts, where he earned Masters and PhD degrees. Today Lockshin is director of York University's Centre for Jewish Studies.

"The two greatest things I got from day school were Hebrew language and Bible training," says Lockshin, 52. "I walked into Israel right after finishing Grade 13 and was able to read the newspaper, listen to the radio, qualify to take university courses with Israelis, and study at one of the best *yeshivot* in Israel. And when I was 18 years old in the Bible department at Hebrew U, I knew the Bible at least as well as the Israeli students did."

Lockshin started his formal Jewish education as part of the first-ever United Synagogue Day School class, known back then as the Foundation School. But the class was disbanded at the end of Grade 2 because there weren't enough kids to keep it going, he says, and so his parents moved him to Associated Hebrew School. He graduated from the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) in 1969 and is still in touch with many of his 17 classmates.

Perhaps it's because he's an educator himself that some of Lockshin's fondest memories are of the day school teachers who helped shape his life. He was particularly impressed by his high school principal, the late Jack Burke, who managed to do the impossible – give students a love of Hebrew grammar.

"*Dikduk* is something people love to hate," says Lockshin. "Mr. Burke made it fun. He made it intellectually exciting. He had brilliance, and the greatest gift he gave me was that I left Associated and CHAT and knew Hebrew so well. It's the same with my own kids now – the teachers who have an effect on them are characters who do something unusual."

Lockshin's four children have all gone through the day school system, and for good reason.

"I want them to have the skills of knowing the great classics of Jewish tradition," he explains. "I'd be very disappointed if I sent them to a school where they didn't learn Hamlet and Macbeth, but we Jews have other great books like Genesis and Judges and our kids won't be exposed to those if they don't go to an intensive Jewish school. These texts are best understood if they're read in the original, not in translation, and that's hard to do without a day school education."

The Little School That Grew

Beit Sefer Solel, a Mississauga supplementary school, began back in 1973, when a handful of families decided they'd had enough of bustling Toronto and headed for the suburbs. They chose sprawling Mississauga as their new home and soon, longing for Jewish communal life, they started a Reform synagogue called Solel Congregation and then brought their children together to learn as a group.

Move ahead 30 years and Beit Sefer Solel's halls now resonate with the laughter of 230 children, who flock to class on weekends or after public school to learn about their heritage. Many come with their parents in tow because of Beit Sefer Solel's unique approach to learning: parents and school graduates make up the school's entire faculty.

"We took as our motto *'V'shinantam Le'vanecha* – And you shall teach your children diligently' and so our students have always been taught by parents," explains Arliene Botnick, the school's Director of Education for the past 17 years. "We now run our own teacher training program to encourage and to train other congregants in the tradition of teaching our own children, and today our entire staff, except for one person, is made up of members of the congregation. And Rabbi Lawrence Englander is an integral part of the school, teaching every Sunday."

Every Sunday, children in nursery through Grade 10 come to school for three hours of Jewish learning, with Grades 4 through 8 attending on Tuesday evenings as well. Curriculum guidelines follow those set out by the Reform movement, with the early years immersed in Jewish identity, the Jewish world, and Biblical and modern heroes, and then progressing to in-depth looks at Israel, Torah and Mishna, world religions, the Holocaust, and much more. Sometimes the students take trips into the big city to study the wider Jewish and secular community. They learn conversational Hebrew, put on plays, volunteer at food banks, raise money for various causes, and organize synagogue events. Adult classes in Torah, Hebrew or other subjects take place on Sundays, too, so entire families can be learning in the same setting.

Togetherness is also a feature of Shabbat, with every grade given an opportunity to lead part or all of the synagogue services. The junior grades often get together on Shabbat afternoons for themed programs complete with stories, activities and crafts. Graduation takes place after Grade 10, with this year's confirmation class set to go on a weekend retreat to Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati "to get a real sense of the depth of our faith," says Botnick.

Given such a positive learning experience, it's no wonder many students return to the school after confirmation to become teachers themselves. Even though the 40 adults and 25 teenagers on staff are compensated by honourarium rather than by salary, it's a strong sense of family, she says, that keeps them coming back year after year.

"We've created a miracle out here," says Botnick, who is grateful to family education grants from UJA Federation's Board of Jewish Education for making much of Beit Sefer Solel's programming possible.

Beit Sefer Solel will be holding a *Chanukah Bash* on Sunday, December 21 from 2 to 4 p.m., complete with wandering minstrels, clowns, magicians, arts and crafts, singing and great food. The entire community is invited. The school, situated in the synagogue, is located at 2399 Folkway Drive in Mississauga. For details or directions call 905-820-5915.

Jewish Education On the Move

Fighting for Education Justice

Now that Ontario's new Liberal government is repealing education tax credits retroactive to the beginning of this year for those who send their children to Jewish day schools, the Ontario Association of Jewish Day Schools (OAJDS), affiliated with the UJA Federation Board of Jewish Education and Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region, is working feverishly to win a change of heart.

"Faith-based schools are entitled to the same rights as Catholic schools," says OAJDS co-president Aaron Blumenfeld. "Our parents came into the school year with the understanding that their tax credit was coming through, and since the change in government we've received dozens of letters, some of which are really heart wrenching, from parents."

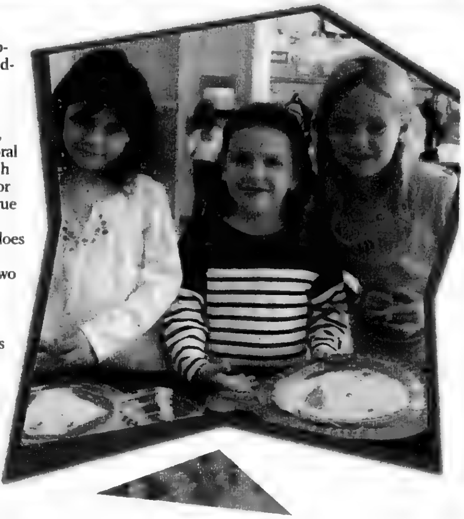
In mid-November, OAJDS representatives met face-to-face with government officials to spell out what it feels is a fair compromise. The group offered two concrete suggestions. First, if the tax credits must be repealed, then the government should wait until the end of the current school year to do so, since many parents have committed their tuition dollars based on receiving a refund of up to $1,400 per child. And if repealing it is the government's final decision, OAJDS added, an alternative should be put in place first. The government adopted neither recommendation.

According to OAJDS, approximately 40% of parents in the Jewish day school system cannot afford full tuition and rely on subsidies from UJA Federation and the schools themselves. Since parents made the decision to send their children to an independent school well before the provincial election, argues OAJDS, they budgeted accordingly and, in many cases, paid for tuition before school started or provided post-dated cheques to the school that would be withdrawn over the school year. Consequently, canceling the Equity in Education Tax Credit retroactively could force some parents to remove their children from independent schools and place them in the public school system. Losing students in the middle of the year, says OAJDS, would put enormous strain on day school budgets and added pressure on the public school system due to sudden increased enrollment.

Dr. Seymour Epstein, Executive Director of the Board of Jewish Education, calls the whole issue "a moral stain on our province which can neither be tolerated nor justified." If Ontario is a true mosaic of every culture imaginable, he asks, "why does the public school system still represent just two dominant cultures?"

OAJDS is encouraging parents to contact their government representatives to share their personal stories.

For more information contact OAJDS at 416-636-1647 or oajds@canada.com.



Council Unites Young Jews

If you're a Jewish child, teenager or university student living in Toronto and you're looking to meet people who think like you do, chances are there's a youth group that will fit the bill.

Each and every day, hundreds of Toronto kids head to their nearest synagogue or local meeting place to take part in a multitude of activities that unite Jewish youth for fun and learning. Many groups organize conferences and retreats on weekends or school holidays and some also run summer camps when school is out.

But while many of the groups may differ in religious practice or political leaning, what makes them similar is their commitment to Israel, the Jewish people and the community at large.

"Ask any parent what was the most meaningful Jewish experience they had in their childhood and they would probably say it was what they learned outside of the classroom," says Channa Pinchasi, the Jewish Agency's representative in Toronto responsible for Israel Affairs and coordinator of the UJA Board of Jewish Education Youth Council. "There's so much to be gained from informal education, and that's why youth movements play such a pivotal role in the community."

Eight youth movements belong to the BJE's Youth Council, with representatives coming together once a month to discuss common issues, share successful programming ideas and plan joint activities.

They're certainly diverse in those to whom they cater and what they stand for. **Bnei Akiva,** for example, an Orthodox movement that's devoted to *Torah* and *Aliyah*, runs Shabbat afternoon programs, Shabbatonim, and a host of other activities throughout the year for Grades 3 through high school. **BBYO** isn't affiliated with any synagogue or political party but gears its year-round programs for Grades 7 and up. **Habonim Dror,** allied with Israel's Labour Party, runs programs for Grades 2 through 12 with a strong socialist *kibbutz* feel. Everyone from kids to counselors votes on potential activities. **Hashomer Hatzair,** an extension of Israel's left-wing Meretz party, which runs activities every two weeks at its uptown and downtown meeting places, promotes themes of sharing and togetherness.

United Synagogue Youth (USY), geared to high school kids, runs 11 chapters out of local Conservative synagogues in Ontario and Quebec. Later this month, some 1,500 USYers will converge on a downtown Toronto hotel for the organization's international convention, the first time it's ever been held here. There's also the **North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY),** whose North East Lakes region runs social, social action and study programs for high school students at five Reform synagogues in Toronto. **Canadian Young Judea,** designed for 8- to 18-year-olds, calls itself pluralistic and apolitical and boasts 1,000 Toronto members who come out to Shabbat programs in addition to other social and social action activities.

And then there's **Betar-Tagar,** with a more right-wing orientation, directed solely at university students of all backgrounds who want to be active and vocal in supporting Israel on campus. Students recently picketed the CBC building to protest biased reporting, paraded at an Israel solidarity march in New York City, and met with Israeli Deputy Prime Minister Ehud Olmert on his recent visit to Toronto.

York University student Aliza Jesin, Regional Director of Bnei Akiva, finds great merit in belonging to a youth group.

"It's important to meet people from all sorts of backgrounds and all sorts of ideologies, but it's just as important to build a social group, a network, a support group of people your age who believe in the same things you do, who can support you and help you through hard times."

Tamara Kochberg, Regional Youth Director of USY's Eastern Canadian Region, says uniting kids of different backgrounds for joint programming helps them realize there are others just like them who are equally committed to being Jewish.

"As part of the Youth Council, they can learn that there are so many different ways to express their Judaism," she says. "For some people it involves religion and for some it doesn't. For some it involves a strong display of Zionism and for some it doesn't. But the bottom line is they're all Jewish teens living in the Greater Toronto Area, and when they come together as a body there's something quite significant about their passion for who they are."

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SINGLES ONEG SHABBAT

Shaar Shalom and Intersynagogue Singles (35+) is holding an Oneg Shabbat, including an abridged Shabbat service featuring **Cantor Ben Steinberg**, followed by a mix and mingle. 8 p.m. For more information, call **David** 416-224-9494.

Saturday, Dec. 13

A TRIP TO GERMANY

Rabbi Irwin Schild will speak during Shabbat morning services on "Past and Future: A report on My Trip to Germany." All welcome.

SHABBAT AFTERNOON FUN

Join Shir Libeynu for Shabbat afternoon fun for singles or families. Chanukah stories and activities for kids and adult discussion on how to ensure Chanukah doesn't get lost in the Christmas bustle. Bring snack to share. The program concludes with havdalah. 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Miles Nadal JCC, 750 Spadina Ave. 416-465-5488.

CHANUKAH DANCE PARTY

Join Beit Rayim and dance the night away to the sounds of a DJ. Enjoy doughnuts, snowcones, latkes and prizes. 7:30-11 p.m. Children 10 and up do not need to be accompanied by an adult. $5 in advance, $8 at the door. 9711 Bayview. 905-770-7639, ext. 31.

CHANUKAH BLOW-OUT

Friends of Yiddish celebrates Chanukah with singer **Michael Mandel** and guitarist **Brian Katz**. 8 p.m. 788 Marlee Ave. Members $7, non-members $15. RSVP **Sandy** 416-736-8073.

SKATING WITH MOSAIC

Join Mosaic Outdoor Club of Ontario for "An Evening At The Roller Rink." 8:30 p.m. at The Rinx, 65 Orfus Rd. Visit www.mosaictoronto.org.

Sunday, Dec. 14

FREEDOM & CENSORSHIP

A day-long conference, "Is the Truth for Everyone? Freedom of Expression, Book Banning and Censorship in Judaism," features **Shnayer Leiman, Marc Shapiro** and **Rabbi Menachem Mendlowitz**. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Beth Jacob Synagogue, 147 Overbrook Pl. $20 in advance, $25 at the door. Visit www.torahinmotion.org or call 416-633-5770.

SINGLES BREAKFAST

Shalom Singles ages 39+ is hosting a breakfast at 11:30 a.m. Call 416-631-3664.

CHANUKAH FAMILY PARTY

Beth Tzedec Congregation presents a Chanukah Family Celebration featuring chazzan **Meir Finkelstein, Beth Tzedec Children's Chorus, The Little Minyanaires** and **Haim "Magic through the Mind" Goldendberg**. 3 p.m. Followed by games and latkes. $10 per family at the door.

TRIBUTE TO BRUNO SCHULZ

Beth Tzedec Library presents a tribute to **Bruno Schulz**, writer and artist murdered during the Holocaust. The program will include the world premiere screening of *Finding Pictures* by **Benjamin Geissler**, a literary roundtable and readings, as well as **Adam Fuerstenberg**, director, Holocaust Centre of Toronto; **Carol Zemel**, chair, department of Visual Arts York University; and performer **Gloria Valentine**. 6:30 p.m. Free. 416-781-3511.

HALACHAH & MODERNITY

Marc Shapiro will speak on 'Rabbi J. J. Weinberg: The Challenge of Halachah and Modernity' at Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave. 8 p.m. Suggested donation $10. 416-229-2600.

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Monday, Dec. 15

B'NAI BRITH CHANUKAH

Members and friends are invited to B'nai Brith Dr. W. Filderman Lodge for a Chanukah party with dinner, music and dancing. $12. Call **Felicia Löwy** at 416-631-0634.

KOLLEL: JUDAISM 101

"Judaism 101: A One-Night Intro Course" covers the basics of Jewish belief in a fast-paced presentation with **Rabbi Jordan Cohen**. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Bathurst JCC, 4588 Bathurst St. $10 at the door, no pre-registration required. 416-485-7007.

Wednesday, Dec. 17

JEWISH JOKERS GROUP

Jewish Jokers and Humour Group's monthly meeting at Antibes Community Centre at 140 Antibes Dr. at 7:10 p.m. 416-661-2541.

CHANUKAH CONCERT

Lodzer Centre Congregation presents "The Lights of Chazzanut Cantorial Concert," with cantors **Shneur Bielak, Sidney Dworkin, David Edwards** and **Ben Silverberg**. 7:30 p.m. Tickets $18 in advance, $25 at the door. Call 416-636-6665, ext. 222 for tickets.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Peter Jassem discusses "Discovering Jewish Roots in Poland: Poles Raised as Gentiles Return to their Jewish Identity" at the Jewish Genealogical Society monthly meeting at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. 8 p.m. Non-members $3.

Other news

NCJW HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE

Help developmentally disabled and physically challenged adults enjoy the holidays by donating a gift to National Council of Jewish Women for distribution to particpating clients. Suggested gifts include storybooks, videos, tapes, costume jewelry, toiletries, perfume, fancy pens and pencils or stuffed animals. Bring donations to Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. before Wednesday, Dec. 17, between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. 416-633-5100.

BREAKFAST WITH SERVICES

Join Pride of Israel Synagogue for weekday services now followed by a complimentary breakfast, Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.; Rosh Chodesh, 7 a.m. 416-226-0111, ext. 10.

JWI EVENTS

Unionville Chapter meets Wednesday, Dec. 17. New members welcome. Call 905-294-9706.

Are you in your late 20s to early 40s and want to help light a menorah, join in a gift exchange and have a great time? **Tikvah Chapter** presents their annual Chanukah Party Wednesday, Dec. 17. Call **Lori Zosky** at 416-636-3675 or **Lorynne Schreiber** at 416-630-5348.

LAYERS OF ISRAEL SERIES

Chana Pinchasi, the Jewish Agency's emissary to the Board of Jewish Education, discusses "Fears, Hopes and Daring to Think Realistically: Conflicts and Struggles Within Contemporary Israel," as the Beth David Synagogue lecture series concludes Thursday, Dec.18, 8 p.m. 416-633-5500, ext. 21.

SHABBAT CHANUKAH

Join Beth Tzedec Sisterhood on Shabbat Chanukah, Saturday, Dec. 20, for services 8:45 a.m. followed by a luncheon and a walk-about through the exhibit, "A Common Thread: The History of Toronto's Garment Industry" at the Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum. Adults $20, children 4-12, $15. Prepaid reservations by Wednesday, Dec. 17. Call 416-781-3511.

PLANNING FOR VISITORS

Are you expecting out-of-town guests? The Jewish Information Service of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto has completed a new tourist directory for the GTA. It includes information on bed and breakfasts, dormitory space and a section for shomer Shabbat tourists. Click on the community directory section on www.jewishtoronto.net or call 416-635-5600.

SHARING THE CARING

Sharing the Caring, a support group for people looking after aging parents, meets Tuesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. A social worker leads the discussion. A new session begins Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004. No charge. 416-785-2500, ext. 2253.

FOR SENIORS

Cranbrooke Friendship Club presents "Chanukah Chai-Jinks" with **David Abramowitz**. Monday, Dec. 15. 12:30 p.m. 585 Cranbrooke Ave. $10 includes lunch. 416-789-5502.

Chai Shalom of Beth Emeth hosts a Gala New Years' Eve Dinner & Dance Wednesday, Dec. 31. 7:30 p.m. Music by **Boris Neiman**, midnight dessert, coffee and champagne. Members $60, non-members $70. For tickets, call Molly Dykopf 416-633-1560 or Marlene White 905 731-2515 (evenings).

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the boardroom at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Call 416-630-9444 for more information.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Casino Niagara, Dec 18; Saturday dance, Dec. 20; Sunday dances, Dec. 14, 28. Bridge every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 1 p.m. Intermediate and advanced players wanted. Call 416-395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. Lecture with **Frank Dimant**, Dec. 11; bingo, Dec. 18; Chanukah party, Dec. 21. **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 416-630-5771.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

1003 Steeles Ave. W. 416-225-2112.

Lifelong Learning Institute, discussion with **Isadore Lacow**, Tuesday, Dec. 16, 10-11:30 a.m.

Chanukah Luncheon with **Effi Zohar**, Wednesday, Dec. 17, 12-3 p.m. Members $12, non-members $15. Purchase tickets in advance.

Israeli Club Etrog for Hebrew speakers meets Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. **Donna Kaplan** in concert, Dec. 16; Chanukah party, Dec. 23, purchase tickets in advance. Call **Anna**, ext. 110.

WAGMAN CENTRE

55 Ameer Ave. 416-785-2500.

Lunch and Learn with **Dr. Laura McNeilly**, a naturopathic doctor. Tuesday, Dec. 16, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Members $5, non-members $9. Reserve in advance.

New Year's Celebration, dinner and music with **Micky Lewin**, Tuesday, Dec. 30, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Members $18, non-members $25. reserve in advance.

BATHURST JCC

Bathurst Jewish Community Centre and Koffler Centre of the Arts, 4588 Bathurst St. 416-636-1880 or www.bjcc.ca.

A Family Chanukah Concert featuring Israeli jazz with **Mattan Klein & Seeds of Sun**. Thursday, Dec. 11, 8 p.m. at Leah Posluns Theatre. Tickets: $30. Groups $25, children under 14 and seniors $15. Call ext. 228.

Kayla's Chanukah Party with **Kayla Goren**, Sunday, Dec. 14, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets $22. Call 905-709-0234 or visit www.jacobsladder.ca.

Families Makin' Music with **Helen Bauer**. Birth–5 years with parents and/or grandparents. Sing, dance, play, listen, laugh and learn together. Sundays 2-2:45 p.m at BJCC or Tuesdays 4:30-5:15 p.m at the Promenade Family Resource Centre for ages 4-5 years. For registration, call ext. 228.

National Lifeguard Training, Jan. 11-April 4, 2004, 6-10 p.m. Call Graham at 416-636-1880 ext. 252 or e-mail gungar@bjcc.ca.

Pre-natal class meets for two intensive Sunday sessions, Jan. 18 and 25, 2004 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a break for lunch. Cost is $136+GST per couple, and includes two complimentary BJCC health club passes. $25 deposit required to reserve a spot. To register, call ext. 390.

School and daycare registration for Sept. 2004 is now open. Call ext. 248.

MILES S. NADAL JCC

Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211 or www.milesnadaljcc.ca.

The Al Green Theatre presents the *Decadent Berlin Revue*, Saturday Dec. 13 at 8:30 p.m. Tickets $18 for adults, $15 for students and seniors. Call to reserve.

Chanukah Party, Sunday, Dec. 14, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Music, latkes, candles, arts and crafts, sing-a-long with **Ken Rabow**, two shows, noon and 1 p.m. Adults and children $4. Families $10.

Registration now underway for winter session programs including Hebrew and Yiddish classes, improv workshop, Inner Torah with **Rabbi Aubrey Glazer**, Klezmer players workshop, women's chorus, art history and all children's and fitness programs.

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York student president-elect denies wrongdoing

By **FRANCES KRAFT**
Staff Reporter

Cooper's campaign plagued by number of incidents

A nine-hour elections committee hearing was held last Thursday at York University after complaints about campaign spending by the Hillel-endorsed student government slate that swept the York Federation of Students (YFS) elections.

The decision was expected to be released Monday afternoon, just after *The CJN*'s press time.

Paul Cooper headed the 31-member Progress Not Politics (PNP) slate, which won 27 seats, including all four executive positions. Results were announced two weeks ago, but are not official until they are ratified by the YFS council. Ratification is expected to take place Dec. 15, providing there are no outstanding complaints, according to Michael Novak, the current YFS president who Cooper would be replacing.

Cooper's campaign was plagued by incidents, including the disqualification of a council candidate who slandered the PNP slate – the first-ever student government to be endorsed by the university's Hillel – at a Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights event.

Three candidates filed complaints before the election was over, alleging that prices for Cooper's campaign flyers and posters did not represent fair market value, based on their own costs and inquiries as well as on a candidates' meeting that addressed the issue of fair market value.

"We worked hard to get the price we got," said Cooper at the hearing. "What we did was not based on some special privilege. It was based on negotiating."

Candidates for executive positions were restricted to a maximum of $400 for their campaigns, while students running for councillors' positions had a limit of $100. Cooper's expenditures totalled $351.38, including $56 plus tax ($64.40) for 4,000 brochures.

Cooper produced a letter from Jack Oziel, CEO of Continental Press, outlining seven cost-cutting measures that were used for the printing job. Among them, the paper used was "end-of-line stock of the lowest-quality house brand." Also, some fees were eliminated by using equipment that didn't require film, by running the order with another job and by not "bundling" the order into smaller quantities.

Cooper also presented three quotes from other printing companies that were "still within the ballpark of what we paid." The highest was $82.80 (including tax). He also said the salesperson at Continental, Judy Roth, was no relation to Ya'akov Roth, his campaign manager and main negotiator with the printing company.

"The price given for the order as above would have been available to anyone attempting to make the same order at the same time," wrote Oziel.

Complainants Erica-Joy Henry, who also ran for president (she came in third) and Pablo Vivanco, who ran for vice-president academic, cited quotes as high as $520 just for flyers, but Edward Prutschi, legal counsel to Cooper's slate, said they were comparing "apples and broccoli" because their specifications were not the same.

He said Cooper's slate "did everything a smart election campaign should do to save costs and stay within the rules."

Prutschi also expressed serious reservations about the appropriateness of a YFS committee to determine the matter. The committee, four of whose five members were present, was chaired by Novak.

It's "inherently improper," Prutschi told *The CJN*.

The YFS' chief returning officer, Ryan Jarvis, to whom the complaints were made, said he didn't believe the evidence was strong enough to remove the PNP candidates from the election, but he believed the investigation was necessary.

He also said during the hearing he didn't believe there was malicious intent on the part of Cooper or his slate.

"They've done a pretty stand-up job."

Toward the end of the day, after most of the evidence had been presented, Jarvis referred to the candidates' meeting at which fair market value had been discussed. "We did mention that five cents was the norm for most photocopies… We didn't think [a price as low as one cent] was viable, but maybe it is all of a sudden." Cooper's costs worked out to 1.6 cents per page.

Cooper, who won the election by 139 votes, asked in his closing statement whether it would make sense – even if the committee rejects his evidence – to disqualify 19 candidates elected by clear majorities.

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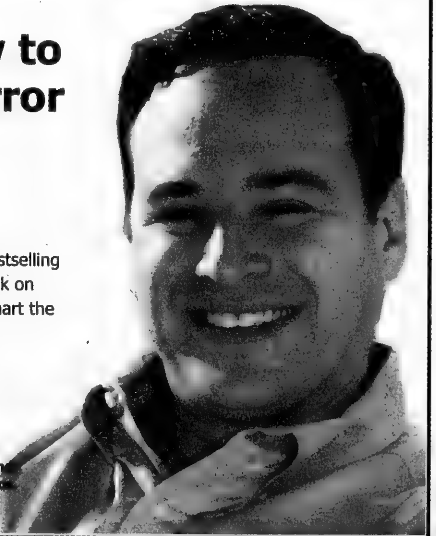

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An Auschwitz survivor, only one of four, returns to his Norwegian town to rebuild a Jewish community. A group of Spanish Jews, fleeing the Inquisition, cross the savage seas to Curacao and establish the oldest synagogue in continuous use in the New World. The tiny, but active, Jewish community of Salonika rebuilds itself on the ashen remains of what once was a 2,000-year-old thriving metropolis of Jewish culture.

Clarissa Hyman's beautifully photographed new cookbook, *The Jewish Kitchen*, is alive with miracles – stories of remnants of Jewish life, war-torn Jewish communities, displaced and rebuilding, bringing with them their glorious history, rich culture and a cuisine passed through the generations, itself a story of miraculous survival.

This award-winning author criss-crossed the globe, visiting eight families in nine months, recording their stories, their recipes, even taking some of the location photographs herself. The rest she filled in through the miracle of e-mail, which is how I interviewed her from her home in Manchester, England.

"The stories were as important to me as the recipes, because I believe in context and background, and I wanted to give snapshots of the Jewish world today to show that there are so many different aspects to the Jewish experience. Sadly, time and budget put limits on my voyage around the Jewish world, which is why e-mail is so wonderful. It's been an unexpected bonus, making friends around the world."

Hyman's nine months of work on the book – "research, travelling, writing, testing, a miracle in itself!" – started at the beginning of the year and ended just after Simchat Torah. Rosh Hashanah she spent in Trondheim.

"Here was this tiny community that by all rights should not exist at all and that has been almost completely brought back to life after the Holocaust by one Auschwitz survivor, Julius Paltiel, who invited me to share the holiday with his family."

In Antwerp, Leila Rubens organized a lunch for 16 Jewish women from different countries. "Each arrived with a special family dish that none of her friends had ever sampled before. By the end of lunch, everyone was swopping recipes, most of them included in the book. I didn't dare leave anyone out! It really brought the essence of the Jewish kitchen alive for me."

By Chanukah, a favourite festival rich with childhood memories, she was home in Manchester. "I was the only child, so I always got to light the candles with the shammas and would sing, badly, *Ma'oz Tzur* to my proud parents and would get the first latke out of the pan."

In fact, Manchester is the ninth spot on the tour, where Hyman recounts the miracle of her own family. Her grandfather survived the sinking of the Titanic and returned to Manchester to open a kosher deli called Titanics, where Hyman grew up. "I was raised in a pickle barrel," she says her mother would say of her.

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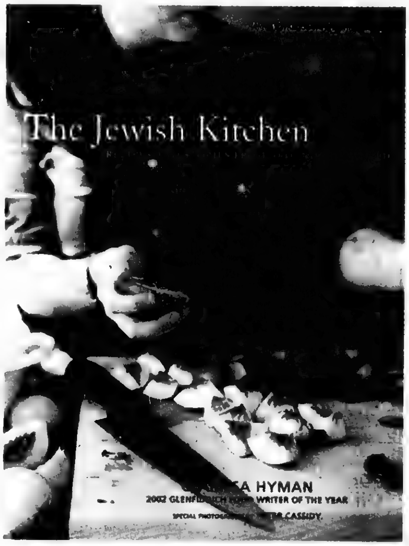

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The Jewish Kitchen features food from around the world

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No Jewish cookbook would be complete without latkes, and Hyman's recipe is her own. But Chanukah is about the oil, not the potato! Jews the world over also celebrate with doughnuts and fritters. Hyman tells of Moroccan and Turkish Jews who feast on special meals on the sixth and last nights of Chanukah, and of Russian Jews who used to celebrate a flaming tea ceremony in which sugar cubes were dipped in brandy, placed on spoons and lit with candles.

For a change from latkes, Tunisian briks, when fried, are perfectly appropriate for the holiday. They recall a community that shrank from 80,000 in 1948, Hyman observes, to about 2,000 today, as Tunisians immigrated, mostly to Israel and France.

From the Israeli food and wine writer Daniel Rogov come pineapple fritters, a classic for Chanukah in Lyon, France, where owner Celestine Benditte-Strauss served them at her renowned Restaurant Cercle.

Rugelach for Chanukah? Hyman describes the lesser known Chanukah tradition of eating cheese and dairy products in memory of Judith, a brave Jewish widow who beheaded the enemy General Holofernes after feeding him – what? Hyman says "fatal small cakes." Some say perhaps she got him thirsty on cheese so he would drink wine and fall asleep. Others insist it was rich, creamy food for the same reason. While stories differ, the message is clear.

"One Jewish dish, 20 different versions. One Jewish story, 20 different tales. I doubt if there can ever be one single, definitive explanation in Jewish lore. Regardless, Judith's bravery was said to have inspired Judas Maccabee. Who knows? I think it's more a case of parallel stories coming together. It's one of the wonderful things about Jewish food: We are as lavish with our symbolism and myths as we are with the sour cream. Any excuse for something delicious to eat!"

TUNISIAN BRIK WITH TUNA AND POTATOES

1 small onion, finely chopped
vegetable oil, for frying
$3\frac{1}{2}$ oz. canned tuna in olive oil, drained and crumbled
3 potatoes, peeled and boiled
1 egg, beaten
1 oz. parsley, finely chopped
1 tbsp. capers
$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. turmeric
pinch of harissa (or more to taste)
salt and pepper
16 sheets phyllo pastry or 8 sheets brik pastry

Lightly fry the onion in a little oil and let cool. Mash the tuna and potatoes with the rest of the ingredients except the pastry and oil and set aside. Cut the phyllo pastry into 6-inch squares. Brush a pastry square with oil, then place another phyllo square on top – you need 2 layers for each brik unless using special brik pastry.

Place a large tablespoon of filling in the centre, then fold to make an oblong or triangular shape. Moisten the edges with water to seal the pastry. Deep-fry for a minute at 375 until golden brown, turning if not completely submerged in the oil, then drain on paper towel. Serves 8.

PINEAPPLE FRITTERS À LA CÉLESTINE

2 large pineapples, peeled, cored and thickly sliced
superfine granulated sugar, for dredging
$\frac{1}{4}$ cup Kirsch
3 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup warm water
$\frac{7}{8}$ cup beer
1 tbsp. vegetable oil
1 tbsp. brandy
pinch of salt
2 egg whites, whisked
apricot jam, for spreading
vegetable oil, for deep-frying
superfine granulated sugar, for sprinkling

Dredge the pineapple with sugar, then sprinkle generously with the Kirsch. Let steep 30-40 minutes.

Sift the flour and mix with the water, beer, oil, brandy and salt to make a batter. Dry the pineapple slices on paper towel, then coat them with a thin layer of apricot jam.

While the oil is heating, fold the whisked egg whites into the batter. Take the fruit and batter to the stove. When the oil is hot (350 degrees), dip the pineapple slices into the batter, then fry until golden brown on both sides. Serve hot, sprinkled with sugar, if desired. Serves 6-8.

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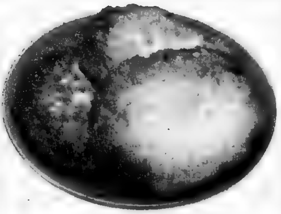

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The Jewish Kitchen ends with sweets

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HAZELNUT RUGELACH

13 tbsp. butter, softened
7 oz. cream cheese
2 tsp. superfine granulated sugar
2 cups all-purpose flour, sifted with a pinch of salt
¼ cup brown sugar
4 tbsp. cocoa powder
2 tsp. cinnamon
⅞ cup finely chopped hazelnuts (or walnuts)
2 tbsp. butter, melted
1 egg white beaten with a little water
granulated sugar (optional)

Cream the butter and cheese until well blended. Stir in the superfine sugar, then the flour and mix until the dough begins to hold together. Gather into a ball, wrap in plastic wrap and chill overnight.

Preheat oven to 350. Combine the brown sugar, cocoa, cinnamon and nuts and set aside. Cut the dough ball in half and return one half to the fridge while you work with the other. On a lightly floured surface, roll out the pastry into a thin circle about 10 in. in diameter. The pastry may feel hard at first, but it quickly softens. Use a cake pan or plate to help cut out a neat circle. Cut the dough circle into 16 or 8 equal pie-shaped wedges.

Brush the surface of the wedges with melted butter, then sprinkle evenly with half the nut mixture. Cover with a piece of plastic wrap and use a rolling pin to press the filing lightly down into the dough.

Remove the plastic wrap and roll up each wedge from the outside, wide end toward the point, so you end up with mini croissants. Place on a lightly greased baking sheet and brush with the beaten egg white. Sprinkle with a little sugar, if desired. Repeat with the remaining dough and bake for 20-30 minutes until golden brown. Let cool slightly before transferring to a wire cooling rack. Makes 32 small or 16 large.

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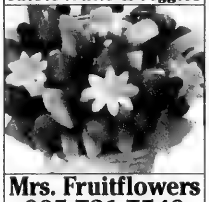

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In the story titled "Food as visual art" (*CJN*, Nov. 20), the following recipe was omitted:

TOMATO, BRIE AND ONION STRUDEL

1 tbsp. olive or canola oil
1 onion, sliced
1 tsp. sugar
½ package frozen puff pastry, thawed
2 tsp. Dijon mustard
4 oz. brie, thinly sliced
sliced tomatoes, as needed
fresh rosemary
1 egg, beaten

Preheat oven to 450. In large skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Cook onion and sugar, stirring occasionally, until onion is golden and softened, about 20 minutes. Set aside to cool.

On lightly floured surface, roll out puff pastry into 12x9-inch rectangle. Spread mustard lengthwise along middle third of pastry. Spoon onion mixture over mustard. Top with sliced cheese, then tomatoes. Sprinkle with fresh rosemary.

Starting at corner of 1 long edge of pastry, make diagonal cuts, 1 inch apart almost to filling. Repeat on other side in opposite direction. Alternating strips from side to side, fold over filling to resemble a braid, brushing each strip with some of the egg to secure. Transfer to parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake for about 25 minutes or until pastry is golden. Let cool slightly. Cut into slices to serve (approx. 8).

Note: You can make this ahead, cover loosely with foil, and let stand at room temperature for up to 4 hours; reheat to serve.

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Don't chicken out...

Make chicken latkes for your Chanukah 'feast from the Mideast'

By **NORENE GILLETZ**

The flickering lights of the Chanukah menorah will join the lights of the Shabbat candles at sundown on Dec. 19. More than 2,000 years ago, a small band of Jews called the Maccabees drove the pagan armies out of Jerusalem and rekindled the eternal light in the holy temple. Enough ritually pure oil for only one day could be found, but a miracle occurred and the oil lasted for 8 days.

Potato latkes are traditionally served at most Chanukah celebrations. However, the Chanukah miracle involved oil, not potatoes, which didn't even exist in Israel at that time.

This year, don't be chicken! Experiment with some different kinds of latkes and also enjoy a culinary journey to the Mideast with Faye Levy's newest book, *Feast from the Mideast* (HarperCollins, $45.95 Cdn), featuring 250 sun-drenched dishes from the lands of the Bible. Levy is a national food columnist and award-winning author of more than 20 cookbooks. She brings a wealth of authentic Mideast recipes into the 21st century with this outstanding book.

Featuring the bold flavours and simple, healthy techniques from more than 10 countries, this collection offers dishes for every occasion, from dinner-party feasts to quick and healthy weekday meals. Levy offers menus such as "Supper for a Sultan" and "Buffet of Biblical Inspiration." Her seductive recipes will entice you to cast your culinary inhibitions aside and encourage you to experience this vibrant international cuisine.

Levy suggested some of the following dishes from her book for a Chanukah menu: Garlic Marinated Eggplant, Falafel Crusted Chicken, Lentils with Rice and Carmelized Onions and Yemenite Layered Flatbreads. For your celebration this year, think beyond borders with these authentic Mideast delicacies. Enjoy!

CHICKEN PATTIES IN GARLICKY MUSHROOM TOMATO SAUCE

Kofta Tavuk

Home and restaurant cooks throughout the Mideast make a variety of cakes like these from meat or chicken. Although they began as measures of frugality, these patties, often called *kofta*, are now prized. These can be served topped with a spoonful of tahini alongside and a generous mound of salad. A convenient way to enjoy these is to prepare a double batch and serve them sautéed one day, and heated in tomato sauce the next day.

4 slices stale white bread
1 lb. ground chicken
2 medium onions, minced
4 tbsp. chopped Italian parsley
$1\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. ground coriander
1 tsp. paprika
1 tsp. dried thyme
salt and freshly ground black pepper
6 large garlic cloves, chopped
2 large eggs
3 to 5 tbsp. olive oil
8 ounces mushrooms, sliced
$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups tomato sauce (homemade or bottled)

Dip each bread slice in bowl of water to moisten; squeeze dry. Mix bread with chicken, onions, 3 tbsp. parsley, coriander, paprika, thyme, 1 to $1\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. pepper and half the garlic. Add eggs. Mix lightly but thoroughly. Broil or microwave a teaspoon of mixture and taste it for seasoning. Shape mixture into patties, using about $\frac{1}{3}$-cup mixture for each; flatten them.

Heat 3 tbsp. oil in large heavy skillet. Add enough patties to make one layer without crowding. Sauté over medium-low heat for 4 or 5 minutes per side; use two slotted spatulas to turn them carefully. If you're serving them simply sautéed, be sure they are cooked through; if you will be braising them in sauce, they need only be browned at this point. Sauté remaining patties in the same way, adding oil to skillet if necessary and heating it before adding more patties. Drain patties on paper towels. You can serve them at this point or braise them in sauce.

To make sauce for braising patties, reheat oil in skillet, add mushrooms and sauté over medium heat for 2 minutes. Add remaining garlic and cook $\frac{1}{2}$ minute, stirring. Add tomato sauce and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup water, cover and heat over low heat. Add a little more water if sauce is too thick. If you are braising the chicken cakes, return them to the skillet, cover and cook over low heat for 5 minutes, or until hot and cooked through. Taste sauce and adjust seasoning. Serve sprinkled with remaining parsley. Makes 4 servings.

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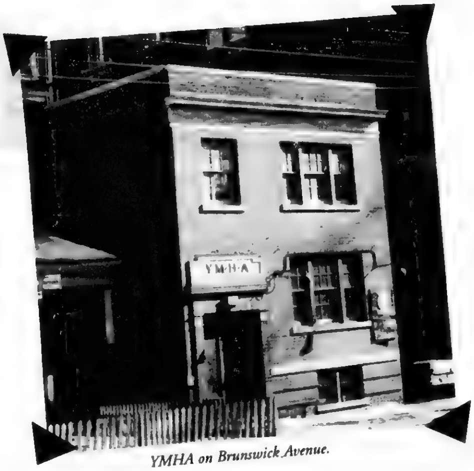

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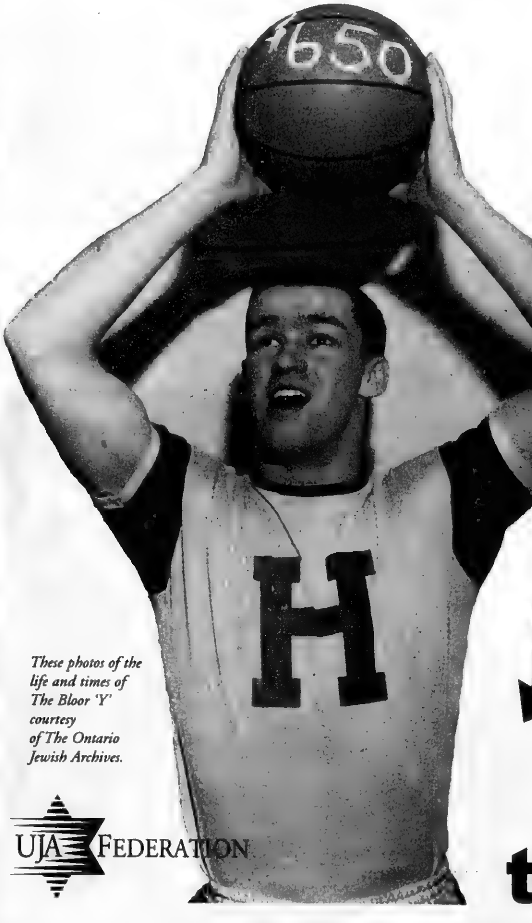

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After more than five decades, the Bloor Jewish Community Centre, popularly known as the Bloor "Y", has been transformed into the new, modern Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre.

"Jewish Toronto Tomorrow has given me the opportunity to ensure the continued vitality of our future, by refurbishing an institution of our past and by reinvigorating a facility which benefits not just Jewish Toronto, but indeed the entire city," said the centre's chief benefactor, Miles Nadal.

"I was not only absolutely thrilled with the grand opening of the Nadal Centre, but also that it attracted so many people from such a broad cross-section of the community," says Naomi Rose, Executive Director, Miles Nadal JCC. "People were stunned to see the incredible transition we've made here. We really believe that the new Centre is going to be a catalyst for invigoration of the downtown Jewish community which has been growing at such a rapid pace over the past 10 years."

The history of the Miles Nadal JCC began in 1953, with the Bloor Jewish Community Centre.

Moving from its original incarnation on Brunswick Avenue next to the Talmud Torah built in 1939, the Bloor JCC served the cultural, recreational and even the social assistance needs of Jews and non-Jews alike for 50 years.

"Historically, the whole downtown area of Toronto as been home to the Jewish community," says David Green, Chairman of the Miles Nadal JCC Capital Campaign. "The Nadal JCC is the cornerstone of that whole community."

Miles Nadal JCC

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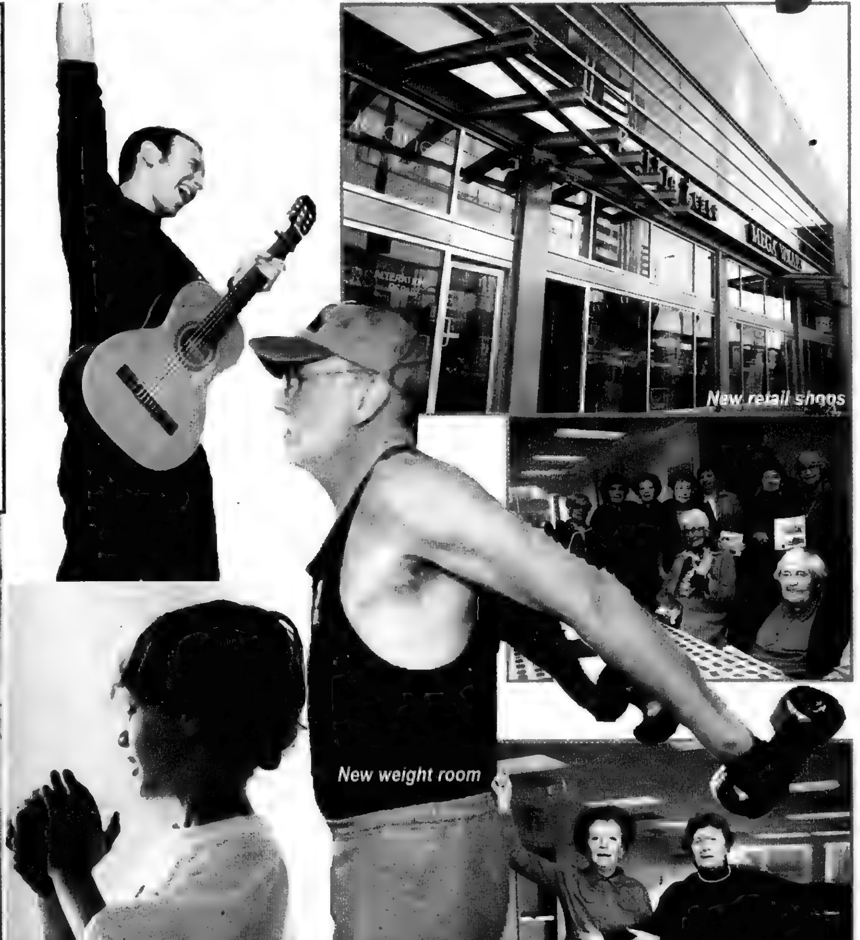
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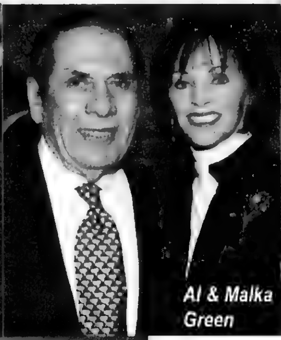
Miles Nadal JCC - Phase II

Phase Two renovations of the new Nadal JCC, scheduled for completion in 2004, will see fitness facilities and change rooms rebuilt, squash and handball courts, plus brand new weight and workout areas. A rebuilt swimming pool, new saunas, and whirlpools in the health club are also planned.

Thank you for making the dream come true!

Miles Nadal with his mother Renee

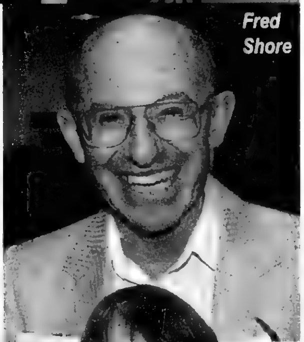

Al & Malka Green

Miles Nadal with daughters Sarah & Samantha

Lou Koslov and friend, with Coleman & Evelyn Bernstein

The recent official opening of the new centre, a project of UJA Federation's Jewish Toronto Tomorrow initiative, featured the unveiling of its new donor wall, live music and entertainment for people of all ages, a community open house and information fair, and a variety of free programs for adults and children.

For more information on the new Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre call 416-924-6211.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(from left) MP Tony Ianno, Miles Nadal, Naomi Rose and Charles Novogrodsky

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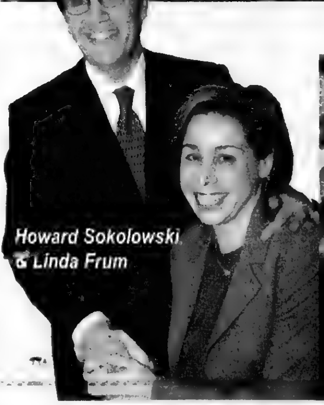
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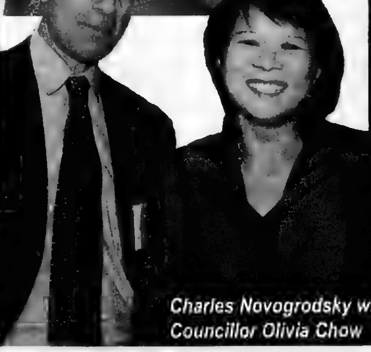
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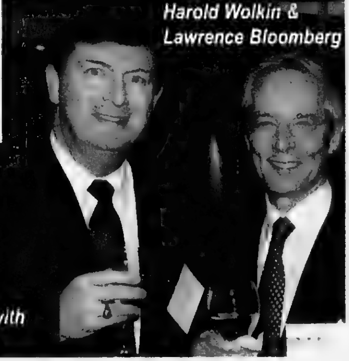
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BY LISA J. SOLOMON

My 10-year-old daughter came home from school sad, her shoulders carrying the kind of weight that breaks a mother's heart. She faced a tough problem: friends who were no longer her true friends and were demanding that she compromise who she is or face being alone.

It's the kind of challenge we all meet many times in life, in different forms. It's the fear of being alone or changing who you are so as not to be alone. It's the challenge of one against the might of many, or the overwhelming feeling that the odds are stacked against you. It's the sense of being quietly different from the group, but nevertheless choosing to believe in yourself.

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After talking with my daughter and realizing that, as she gets older, there will inevitably be times of pain and fewer and fewer quick fixes, I asked, "Do you want to make latkes?"

"Yes!" she said as she stood up and wiped away her tears. "But after my homework."

While she spread her heavy books on the kitchen table, I started to organize the counter: latke mix (sometimes instant gratification is in order), eggs, cold water, measuring cups, glass mixing bowls, and cheeses – cheddar, mozzarella, and feta.

I put out cheese because a few days earlier, while we were driving to gymnastics, I asked my daughter if she had any Chanukah recipe ideas, and, without missing a beat, she suggested cheese latkes.

"Just mix in some shredded cheddar cheese with the batter so it's a little bit cheesy," she said.

The idea sounded full of promise.

The next day, as I continued my Chanukah research in *The Jewish Holidays: A Guide and Commentary*, by Michael Strassfeld, I discovered the importance of cheese, women, and courage in the Chanukah story.

It seems that beneath the larger story of Chanukah – of Mattathias and his sons leading a band of Jewish partisans to liberate the temple in Jerusalem – there lies the story of a lone, brave woman.

During one of many attacks on a town near Jerusalem, the Jews felt they had no hope. So, according to the story, a woman named Judith slipped out of the city and into the Syrian camp, catching the approving eye of the Syrian general. She then prepared a beguiling feast for him, including a spread of cheeses to make him thirsty. He drank too much wine, fell asleep and Judith beheaded him. As the Book of Judith explains, the sight of their general dead and the Jews marching with his head caused the Syrian army to flee.

Given the day my daughter had, and the ones she would inevitably face, making cheese latkes seemed perfect.

I passed her the ingredients so she could create her own version of the latkes.

With the whisk in her right hand and the rim of a large glass bowl in her left, she stirred two eggs into a smooth yellow liquid. Next, she added cold water and mixed some more. Then, she measured a ½-cup mixture of shredded cheddar and mozzarella cheese. I thought it would not be enough cheese to make a difference, but she disagreed.

After she put the batter carefully in the oil – a first for her – we fried her latkes to a perfect golden brown. While the oil crackled, and the cheese latkes crisped, the kitchen and her face filled with new warmth.

Halfway through the bowl of batter, we decided to sample the hot latkes piling up on a platter. Lo and behold, as in the Book of Judith, a little bit of cheese went a long way. And the taste, as my daughter predicted, was just cheesy enough.

Emboldened by her success and by Judith's idea of salty cheese, I set aside some of the batter and added crumbled feta cheese and a sprinkle of finely chopped walnuts and fried those as the last batch. I wanted to try a saltier version, a more potent, grown-up cheese latke. And it worked. The toasted walnuts added an unexpected crunch, like a touch of mischief, and the bright white feta fried into the golden batter added visual texture and a fun salty bite.

It was enough to invoke a generous thirst – but not to overpower enemies, to empower yourself.

As my daughter and I stood together at the kitchen counter, enjoying our versions of cheese latkes, I realized that on deeply trying days, sometimes all we can do is make an effort – take one small step, as one person who believes in greater results, and share your discoveries with one true friend.

RACHEL'S QUICK CHEESE LATKES

This recipe is quick and straightforward enough for your counter-height kids to make – with parental supervision. And the melting strands of cheese added on top as a garnish makes an almost pizza cheesy latke experience.

1 6-oz box potato latke mix
2 eggs
2 cups cold water
½ cup shredded cheddar/mozzarella mix
½ cup vegetable oil for frying

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Cheese latkes — great comfort food

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In a medium bowl, beat eggs. Add water and mix well. Stir in package mix and add cheese. Let rest five minutes. Stir again. In large skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat until hot but not smoking. Working in batches, drop heaping tablespoons of batter into hot oil. Flatten with the back of a slotted spatula. Brown on each side, about one minute, until golden brown. Using slotted spatula, transfer latkes onto paper towel to drain. Add more oil to skillet if needed, allowing to heat before adding more batter. Transfer to plates and serve.

Servings: 15-18 latkes.

Serving suggestions: Serve warm with garnish of shredded cheese and a side dish of applesauce.

INSTANT FETA WALNUT LATKES

These are so flavourful, they would be wonderful as an appetizer, with cold sliced pears and, of course, lots of wine. Who knows what miracles may come!

1 6-oz, box potato latke mix
2 eggs
2 cups cold water
1/2 cup feta cheese, crumbled into tiny chunks
1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts
1/2 cup vegetable oil for frying

Place walnuts in a single layer on a baking pan and place in 350-degree oven.

At about 3-4 minutes, shake pan to make sure the nuts toast evenly and continue to bake until they are lightly toasted and aromatic, approximately 6-10 minutes. (Hint: Be sure and watch carefully because nuts burn quickly.) Set aside to cool.

In a medium bowl, beat eggs. Add water and mix well. Stir in package mix and let rest five minutes. Add walnuts and crumbled cheese and stir again.

In large skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat until hot but not smoking.

(Hint: I found that frying these latkes worked best with slightly less oil then traditional potato latkes.) Working in batches, drop heaping tablespoons of batter into hot oil. Flatten with the back of a slotted spatula. Brown on each side, (about one minute) until golden brown. Using slotted spatula, transfer latkes onto paper towel to drain. Add more oil to skillet if needed, allowing to heat before adding more batter. Transfer to plates and serve. Makes 15-18 latkes.

Serving suggestions: Serve warm with sliced pears or a chunky applesauce.

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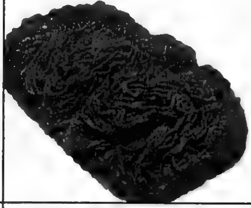

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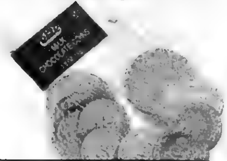

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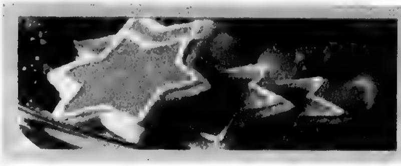

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Happy cooking from COR

For eight days, Chanukah is observed with candlelighting, games and delicious food as we recall and rejoice in the liberation of Jerusalem and the right to practise our religion.

The Kashruth Council of Canada has prepared some recipes to help enhance your Chanukah or to serve throughout the year.

SMOKED SALMON BALLS

Easy and can be made ahead of time.

1 lb. smoked salmon (lox)
½ lb. cream cheese
1 tsp. lemon juice
1 tbsp. light cream
salt and pepper to taste
dried dill weed, crushed

Grind salmon in food processor or mash until fine. Combine with remaining ingredients except dill. Shape into balls and roll in dill weed. Chill and serve on picks. Refrigerate until serving time. Yield: 40-50 balls.

GINGERED CARROT AND ORANGE SOUP

(Dairy)

2 tbsp. oil
6 medium carrots, thinly sliced
1 parsnip, thinly sliced
1 large onion, finely chopped
1 tsp. grated orange rind
¼ tsp. ground ginger
3 cups water
2 tbsp. orange juice
2 tbsp. lemon juice
salt and pepper to taste
½ tsp. oregano (optional)
½ tsp. basil (optional)
½ cup milk or light cream
Garnish: Chopped flat leaf parsley, orange or lemon slices.

Heat oil in saucepan. Add the next 5 ingredients. Cook covered for 5 minutes on medium heat. Add water, bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer covered for about 10 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Puree in small batches in blender or food processor. Add orange and lemon juice, blending until smooth. Reheat. Add seasonings; stir in milk or cream. Serve hot or at room temperature garnishing with chopped parsley, and float an orange or lemon slice on each serving. Serves 5-6.

Note: To make pareve, add ½ cup pareve cream in place of the milk.

GOAT CHEESE, VEGETABLE AND PASTA SALAD

½ cup pecans or ⅓ cup pine nuts
1 cup snow peas
1 cup grape tomatoes
½ cup black olives
1 red, yellow and orange pepper, cut in thin strips
¼ tsp. dried thyme
6 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
freshly ground pepper to taste
6 cups penne, fusilli or shell pasta (whole wheat if available)
2 medium zucchini, cut thin strips
3 tbsp. chopped flat leaf parsley
8 oz. goat cheese, crumbled or feta cheese

Preheat oven to 350. Roast nuts, about 5 minutes for pecans and 3 minutes for pine nuts. Set aside.

Top and string snow peas and blanch in boiling water for 2 minutes. Drain and rinse under cold water; dry thoroughly. Combine snow peas, tomatoes, olives, peppers, thyme and olive oil in a large bowl. Season with freshly ground pepper.

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil; add pasta. Cook uncovered over high heat, stirring occasionally, about 8 minutes or until tender but firm to the bite. Before draining, add zucchini and cook another 2-3 seconds. Drain, rinse with cold water and drain well. Add to bowl of vegetables and toss. Taste and add 2 tbsp. more oil if desired. Add parsley, goat cheese or feta cheese and roasted nuts; toss lightly. Serve warm or at room temperature. Can be kept covered up to 8 hours in refrigerator. Serves 4 as main dish or 8 as side dish.

HERBED POTATO LATKES

6 medium-sized potatoes
1 egg, well beaten
⅓ cup grated onion
1½ tsp. baking powder
1 cup bread crumbs, flour or matzah meal
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
¼ tsp. rosemary
¼ tsp. thyme
1 tsp. lemon juice or powdered ascorbic acid
oil for frying

Pare potatoes, wash, cover with water and refrigerate for 2 hours. Grate potatoes into cold water, then strain them in a fine strainer until dry. Combine with remaining ingredients except oil.

Heat about ¼-inch depth of oil in a large, heavy skillet. Using ¼-cup dry measuring cup, fill with batter. Drop into hot oil, flatten with fork to about 3 inches in diameter. Fry on each side until golden brown. Add more oil as needed. Drain well on absorbent paper. Serve with applesauce or sour cream. Potato latkes can be frozen on a cookie sheet. When frozen, transfer into plastic bags. To reheat, preheat oven to 450, place latkes on cookie sheet, let thaw for 15-20 minutes and bake, watching carefully to avoid burning. Enjoy! Yield: 12-15 latkes.

CHANUKAH ORANGE CAKE

(Pareve)

fine dry bread crumbs
2½ cups all purpose flour
1 tbsp. plus 1 tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. salt
½ cup hard margarine or Crisco
1¼ cups sugar
2 eggs, separated plus 3 egg yolks
rind of 2 oranges
⅔ cup orange juice
1 tsp. lemon juice

Preheat oven to 350. Grease a 9-inch or 10-inch tube pan with removable bottom. Dust with bread crumbs. Sift together the flour, baking powder and salt and set aside.

In mixmaster, cream margarine or Crisco, add sugar, beat until fluffy. Add the 5 egg yolks, one at a time, beating well after each addition until mixture is smooth. On low speed, add the dry ingredients alternately with the rind and orange juice. Beat only until flour is incorporated. Remove from mixmaster.

Beat the 2 egg whites with the lemon juice until stiff. Fold into cake batter. Pour into tube pan. Level by turning briskly back and forth. Bake 1 hour or until cake tester comes out dry. Cool in pan for 20 minutes. Run a knife around outer and inner edge of cake pan. Invert on a cake plate which is covered with wax paper. Run a knife along bottom.

Glaze: Mix ½ cup orange marmalade with 2 tbsp. water in a small saucepan. Bring to boil. Brush top and sides of cake. Let stand for several hours. Cut or tear away wax paper. Garnish with thin orange slices cut in half. Serves 12-15.

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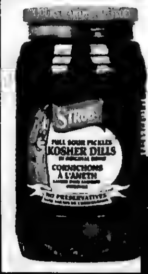

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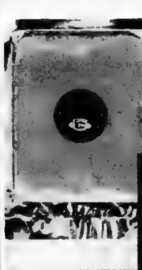

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We extend our deepest gratitude to the many special people who have been here for us and for Lisa over the past year, with flowers, candles, cards and letters, donations in Lisa's memory, kind words, prayers, and shared memories, taking care of us in every way possible the day our world fell apart and all the dark days, weeks, and months that have followed: feeding us, driving us, running errands, writing letters, listening to us, lending us a shoulder to lean on, checking in with us, and giving us support in countless ways in our time of extreme tragedy and sorrow – loving family, dear friends and neighbours, some of whom travelled from far places to be with us, Lisa's loyal clients and colleagues, Lisa's support staff and advisors, Lisa's loving neighbours and fellow members of the Bloor-Yorkville community, the charitable organizations to which Lisa devoted herself, members of the Toronto Real Estate Board, and concerned rabbis, cantors, and ministers. To Jerry, who guided us in prayer throughout the seven days of Shiva and sang the special song of peace for Lisa every day: thank you from our hearts; we love you. To Eleanor and Tara, who played music and sang so sweetly for Lisa and for us, we thank you. We will never forget that you were there for us: it made all the difference. Our sincerest thanks go to all the wonderful staff, volunteers, and Chevra Kadisha at Benjamin's and Landmark for their kindness, concern, professionalism, patience, and direction. We know it was hard. Heartfelt thanks to Michael's Buddy, for all the kisses and furry companionship that terrible day - you are truly a human being's best friend.

To our fellow citizens of Toronto, of Ontario, and of Canada, from the east coast to the west, and to the people from the United States, Israel, England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Holland, and Scandinavia, we thank you so much for your beautiful cards, letters, e-mail notes, and telephone calls; your prayers and kind words about Lisa mean so much to us and, we know, to her. We are still reading them and will continue to turn to them for strength.

Finally, on behalf of Lisa and all our family, we extend our deepest possible thanks, recognition, and appreciation to the incredible team of police officers, detectives, and police support staff at the Toronto Police Service and the Ontario Provincial Police who have been there with us and for us from the very beginning, for your never-ending hard work, for your commitment to our family and the community at large, for your kind words of support, for your continuous care, protection, patience, and professionalism, and for putting your own lives at risk to help us and keep all of our community safe. You are without equal; you are truly the very best people any citizen or country could hope for. We are eternally grateful.

Thank you all for honouring and remembering Lisa's life and for being with us, to that end, numerous times throughout this past year. And special thanks go to the kindest of souls who came out on a cold wet night on Sunday, November 2, 2003, for the candlelight vigil in Lisa's memory. That would have meant more to Lisa than words can say.

We love you and miss you always and forever, Lis.

Coast to Coast

13-year-old B.C. teen raises $1,000 for Israel

By LAUREN KRAMER
Special to The CJN

VANCOUVER — Many 13-year-olds in Canada are dedicated – to their friends, sports and other recreational activities. But sometimes you'll find one who is preoccupied with the effects of a political crisis a continent away.

Tyler Golden, from Richmond, B.C., speaks softly and modestly about his participation in Kids For Kids, an organization that helps young victims of terrorism in Israel. Kids for Kids provides services to children who have witnessed an attack or seen a friend or family member fall victim to one, including support groups, therapeutic arts programs and bereavement and psychological counselling.

As the organization's Vancouver representative, Tyler's mission is to raise funds and awareness. He corresponds by e-mail with other kids and teachers who want to learn more about Kids For Kids, and he sets up information booths at Jewish events where he distributes flyers and solicits donations. Over the past year, he has raised $1,300.

"Tzedakah was a big issue for Tyler during his bar mitzvah last November, and he felt a strong sense of wanting to give back to the community," said his mother, Kathy.

Tyler donated $1,000 from his bar mitzvah gifts to help purchase a needle-less syringe pump for the Schneiders Children's Medical Center in Israel.

In the process of researching other causes to become involved with, he learned about Kids For Kids.

In just under a year with the organization, Tyler has created pledge forms, letterhead, business cards and t-shirts displaying the Kids For Kids logo.

"I like to do this," said Tyler, who also enjoys skiing and waterskiing. "It makes me feel good to know I'm helping other kids who are less fortunate than me."

His mother said there's something different about her eldest son.

"There's a spark in this kid, an amazing *neshamah*," she said. "Tyler has always pushed us to bring more yiddishkeit into our home, and it's because of him that my husband and I take Jewish courses and are involved in Jewish learning right now. We used to call him Rabbi Tyler," she said with a laugh.

Rabbi Yechiel Baitelman, the director of Chabad of Richmond, where Tyler studies, said, "The project he's undertaken speaks for itself. I don't see many kids his age doing stuff like this, taking the initiative and doing a project that involves caring for others across the ocean."

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Many ‘ethnic Jews’ actually Christians: census analysis

By DAVID LAZARUS
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL – The Association for Canadian Studies (ACS) has re-crunched some numbers from the 2001 Canadian census and found that of the 348,610 Canadians who said they were at least partly ethnically Jewish, about 10 per cent were Catholics and Protestants.

“A mixed marriage occurring somewhere within one’s descendancy has resulted in nearly 34,000 Christians [Catholics and Protestants] in Canada indicating a Jewish ethnic background within multiple declarations of such origins,” said ACS executive director Jack Jedwab.

Jedwab said the ACS was able to get the new results by cross-tabulating figures on ethnicity and religion available only to those with access to Statistic Canada’s special census database, which contains a more detailed breakdown of how Canadians identified themselves.

The census, released last May, said 329,995 people listed Jewish as their religion.

Jewish is the only religion that is also classified as an ethnicity by the census. Respondents could only indicate one religion, but could indicate up to four ethnic origins.

According to the ACS’s new analysis, 13,890 Catholics in Canada said they had Jewish ethnic ancestry as one of their “multiple declarations,” while 20,005 Protestants said the same.

As well, 510 Jehovah’s Witnesses said they had Jewish ancestry, as did 660 Mormons.

In Quebec, 3,070 Catholics and 1,280 Protestants said they had Jewish ethnic ancestry, 5.3 per cent of the 82,450 Jewish ethnic total in the province.

In Ontario, the percentage was slightly higher. In that province, 16,460 Catholics and Protestants claimed Jewish ancestry, making up 8.3 per cent of the 196,265 provincial Jewish ethnic total.

Across the country, people from many other groups also claimed that they had some Jewish ancestry, and all were counted as part of the national Jewish ethnic total. They included Greek Orthodox (630), Russian Orthodox (485), pagans (275), Scientologists (35) and even Rastafarians (10).

In all, 46,425 of the 348,610 ethnic Jews identified by the census – or 13.3 per cent – were Canadians who gave “multiple origins” for ethnicity, among them “Jewish.”

“It shows the softness of the ethnicity category in determining religious populations. It might be a better idea to use only the religion category,” Jedwab said.

“But it also shows that when Canadians give multiple responses on the ethnicity [ancestry] question, they consider it important and relevant the fact that they have Jewish ancestry in declaring their identities. It means that they give value to it. They see it as salient.”

Demographer Charles Shahar of FEDERATION CJA, however, did not see the relevancy of the ACS’s ethnic breakdown, since the organized Jewish community doesn’t count Jews that way, not since he and McGill University demographer James Torczyner established the community’s criteria more than 20 years ago.

Shahar said the community gets its national Jewish total by adding together census respondents who call themselves Jewish both by religion and ethnicity, as well those who list Jewish as their religion but list other ethnicities (such as Canadian), or say they have no religion but list Jewish as their only ethnicity.

Canadians who define themselves as Jewish by ethnicity but indicate another religion are not counted.

“This other category [the ACS is using], ‘Another religion with some Jewish ethnicity,’ is tenuous as best,” Shahar said.

“These are not new numbers, just another level you get to if you cross-tabulate. These are people who might have had some distant ancestry that was Jewish, but so what? It is just not part of our standard religious definition. They are so minimally affiliated that they are not relevant. So it’s a moot point.”

But Jedwab said the numbers on ethnicity are “still relevant.”

He noted that Shahar came up with his own national total of 379,000 Jews by adding together the census religion figure of 329,995 to the 50,000 or so people who said they were ethnically Jewish but had “no religion,” meaning they are atheists or agnostics.

The most newsworthy part of these new figures, Jedwab said, “is the extent to which Christians declared that they were also in part ethnically Jewish.

“This is new information,” he said. “Whether these 40,000-plus should be counted as part of the Jewish community is a matter for sociologists and demographers to decide.”

READER’S THEATRE: **Grade 3 students at USDS, Bathurst campus, culminated their fairy tales unit with Reader’s Theatre Performances. Seen here presenting “The Three Little Pigs,” are (from left) Emma Szpindel, Marielle Gordon, Tamara Abrams, Yona Strauss, Maddie Tannenbaum and Cole Winston.** **[Rosette Abrams photo]**

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An honest reflection that can't be ignored

According to Reports

By
PAUL MICHAELS

In the Dec. 1 issue of the *Jerusalem Report*, a column by founding editor Hirsh Goodman, titled "A Look in the Mirror," deserves close attention.

While much time and energy is being spent in the Diaspora trying to influence media coverage of Israel, Goodman writes, "the only institution that can do anything about Israel's image is the Israeli government itself."

Goodman, director of the Andrea and Charles Bronfman Program on Information Strategy at Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center has a following among many western journalists and should not be ignored. Last February, he wrote a paper for the centre called "Israel's Need for an Information Strategy," in which he outlined Israel's predicament vis-à-vis the media: "The demand for news has become insatiable, with dozens of 24-hour news channels created and servicing virtually every point on the globe. For Israel, mired in the current violent… conflict, the military-media dynamic is especially complex. The imagery alone is problematic… [B]ecause much of the fighting takes place in densely populated urban environments… the quintessential image is that of a state-of-the-art army advancing on a beleaguered civilian population… Also, much of the footage broadcast by the international media has been provided by Palestinian camera crews equipped with light video cameras and, often, an agenda."

Israel, as a democracy, is an open, pluralistic society, complete with vibrant political debates and intense self-criticism. However, it is in conflict with an adversary that speaks with a unified voice. In advocating the development of an overall information strategy, Goodman calls for the creation of "one inter-departmental body to co-ordinate Israel's relations with the media, articulate what its message should be and advise how best to disseminate it." But in the ever-fractious, sometimes chaotic atmosphere of Israel, the establishment of such a body remains remote.

Meanwhile, Goodman has become increasingly impatient with government policies that he believes do Israel unnecessary harm. In his *Jerusalem Report* column, he condemns the settlers "from an illegal hill top settlement near Yitzhar" who destroyed 200 olive trees that provided neighbouring Palestinians with their livelihoods.

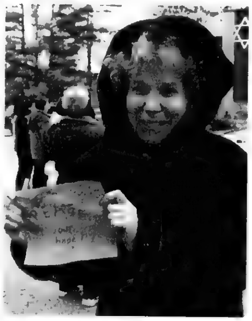
To Goodman, not only do such actions present a negative image of Israel, but they also reflect negatively on Israel's policies, "which are beginning to look more and more draconian as the country flounders leaderless and visionless in a war without an end."

Of course, Israel should insist on the rule of law for all its citizens, even during war. However, Israel is – as many analysts have noted – held to a much higher standard of conduct than virtually every other country. This intense scrutiny of Israel's real or alleged misdeeds, which are so often amplified beyond all proportion while its virtues are ignored, is resulting in negative fallout that we are only beginning to grapple with today, including the frightening rise of anti-Semitism around the world.

To a degree, of course, Goodman understands this. "Israel has much to be enraged about in this war – and much to be enraged with the press about. The media has not always been fair and has even sometimes been grossly unfair." Anyone who remembers Goodman's column from June 17, 2002, in which he swore at a European journalist who accused Israel of committing a "massacre" at Jenin, will understand the impact of that remark. However, he goes on to bemoan the fact that "Israel is so expert at giving those who want to say bad things about the country so much to talk about."

Goodman's latest column forces us to grapple with the complexities of Israel's actions, and how the media portray them. He is colourful, controversial and often provocative, but never boring or dull – like Israel itself.

Paul Michaels is communications director for the Canada-Israel Committee.



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The minister extends his apologies for any inconvenience this postponement may have caused.

EVENTS POSTPONED

From left: Nathan, Rachel, Ben and Sam Larry.

Triple celebration held in Kimberley, B.C.

By LAUREN KRAMER
Special to The CJN

VANCOUVER — British Columbia witnesses hundreds of bar mitzvahs each year, the vast majority of them occurring in a synagogue with the usual festivities and lavish spread.

This one was different.

For a start, it took place in the remote town of Kimberley, B.C., Canada's highest altitude city and one of the Rockies' classic mining towns. The only Jewish kids in town, Benjamin (14), Nathaniel (13) and Rachel (12) Cohen, had learned their Torah portions over the telephone, phonetically, with a religious leader in Kelowna, a city 560 kilometres away. On Nov. 15, the three children stood at a podium in the Trickle Creek Golf Resort and recited their Haftorahs before a crowd of 65.

Learned Torah portions over the telephone

Adopted at birth, the Cohen children were converted to Judaism at the age of three, and though they spent most of their young lives in remote areas far from the larger Jewish community, they maintained a strong Jewish identity.

"Though we've lived in places where they're the only Jews in school, they've always been proud to stand up and say I'm Jewish," said their mother, Carol Cohen.

"We've never really had the regular supports of a Jewish community because of the isolation we're in, and despite this, the kids have been able to maintain their Jewishness, share it with their friends and even educate their friends regarding what it means."

She added, "They've probably only been to synagogue 10 times in their lives."

Some of those occasions were to witness bar and bat mitzvahs of other kids, an experience that left the three determined to have their own celebrations when they came of age.

The obstacles were significant. Cohen began looking for a rabbi or religious leader who might be prepared to teach her children, who had never been to Hebrew school and had little Jewish education. Eventually, she found Sam Larry, the religious leader of the Okanagan Jewish Community in Kelowna, B.C.

"He immediately understood what our goals were and thought it was a great idea," Cohen said.

Over the next four months, there was a series of faxes, visits and regular telephone calls between the Cohens and Larry as Benjamin, Nathaniel and Rachel studied their blessings and portions, practising every night until they attained fluency. The weekend of the triple ceremony, the Cohen kids blessed the candles, wine and challah on Friday night, and the next day, recited the aliyah blessings, the Haftorah blessings and the Haforah.

"The nachas and pride were overwhelming," Larry said. "I thought their grandparents were going to pass out. In their wildest dreams, they hadn't imagined what kind of bar mitzvah this would be, and they couldn't stop crying the whole weekend.

"What impressed me was their parents' desire to raise their kids Jewishly, not an easy task when you're living out in the boondocks," Larry said.

"I helped the children prepare their speech to their parents and visitors, and it was about how proud they were to participate, to advocate their Judaism. That's one of the reasons I chose to do this."

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Analysis

Many will have none of that. As the *Vancouver Sun* stated emphatically last month, the Chrétien government has been "a huge disappointment and source of frustration to Canada's Jewish community."

True, if the number of angry letters to the editor of *The CJN* over the past decade is any gauge. Many readers have fumed that given the Liberals' sorry record of Israel-bashing at the United Nations, their failure to adequately speak out against anti-Semitism, especially on university campuses, and other domestic debacles, it's high time Canadian Jews end their historic ties to the Grits and embrace the Israel-friendly stance of the Canadian Alliance.

To be sure, Chrétien is leaving on a sour note, having shaken the hands of Malaysia's Jew-hating former prime minister, Mahathir Mohamad, without rebuking Mahathir for his diatribe, and of Hezbollah Secretary General Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah at the Francophonie summit in Beirut last October – both in seemingly oblivious fashion.

On the other hand, others in the loop, either in government or community advocacy, will tell you the Chrétien Liberals engaged in more quiet, behind-the-scenes diplomacy – and even up-front efforts – on matters Jewish and relating to Israel than the community appreciates.

Keith Landy, president of Canadian Jewish Congress, believes there's "no question" the community would hand Chrétien an across-the-board "F" on a report card.

But, says Landy, who held several meetings with Chrétien over the years, "That's just not fair. The level of satisfaction has to be measured against continuing concerns at [Canada's] UN voting, but this prime minister did things no other did."

Indeed, Chrétien was the first sitting prime minister to visit Israel, the first to implement a free trade deal with Israel and the first to travel to the site of the Auschwitz concentration camp.

With Israel, there were bumps in the road. But the passport affair, in which Israeli secret agents were caught using forged Canadian passports; the dispute between El Al and Air Canada; and the controversy over Magen David Adom's charitable status – none caused long-term damage.

In fact, the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC) says Israel regards Canada as its second-best friend, after the United States.

Overall, Landy said, Chrétien's record runs hot and cold. For example, with few exceptions, the Liberals failed to vote against a continuous stream of Arab-inspired anti-Israel resolutions at the UN (on most, Canada abstained). He called the party's voting record the "most disappointing" aspect of Chrétien's tenure.

But in two other notable instances, Landy pointed out, Canada exceeded expectations at the UN. At the Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa, in the fall of 2001, Canada worked hard to blunt the final statement's anti-Israel tone and in the end, dissociated itself from parts of the communiqué.

And last year at the meeting of the UN Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, Israel approached Canada to step in after the United States was forced out of the conference, and beseeched this country to run interference for the Jewish state. Canada agreed, to hearty thanks from then-deputy foreign minister Rabbi Michael Melchior.

Canada also won praise a few years back for ending Israel's isolation at the UN by working to bring it into one of the world's body's regional groupings.

But the Jewish community is more likely to remember Canada's support for the infamous UN Resolution 1322, which condemned Israel for using excessive force in putting down Palestinian violence.

The anger in the late autumn of 2000 was palpable. At rallies across the country, Chrétien and his government were denounced, sending even friendly MPs and cabinet ministers scurrying for cover.

Chrétien's fence-mending yielded actual results. Following a hastily-arranged, 45-minute meeting with Jewish leaders, he opened a direct pipeline between the community and his office to head off future flare-ups and bypass an increasingly hostile foreign affairs department. The unprecedented move caught even community leaders off-guard.

"I've always defended an independent Israel with secure borders," Chrétien told *The CJN* in a November 2000 interview, just before winning the federal election.

Chretien in the House of Commons. [RNS photo]

Chrétien's relations with Canadian Jewry fell into three rough categories: domestic affairs, bilateral relations with Israel and voting at the UN.

He hit the ground running. Only a month after taking office, he met with then-Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin. A year later, the two met again in Ottawa to sign the Canada-Israel Free Trade Agreement. (It was the Canadians who persisted; Rabin was said to be indifferent.)

The agreement took effect Jan. 1, 1997 and within five years, Canada-Israel bilateral trade almost doubled, to about $1 billion.

Chrétien attended Rabin's funeral in 1995.

Also that year, at a Yad Vashem tribute dinner in Toronto, Chrétien came the closest of any post-World War II prime minister to apologizing for Canada's dismal record of admitting war-era Jewish refugees.

The same year was a watershed for Quebec Jews, who looked to Chrétien to defeat the separatists. Instead, Quebec nationalists came within a whisker of breaking up the country.

In May 1998, he and his wife Aline were front-and-centre at Israel's 50th birthday bash in Toronto, and he spoke admiringly of Israel and its accomplishments.

He did the same at the CIC's annual parliamentary dinner in March 2000, where he announced he would visit Israel the next month.

The trip, though groundbreaking, generated blazing headlines of gaffes and diplomatic foul-ups here at home. Canadian media and opposition politicians blasted Chrétien for several fumbles: for snubbing Arabs in east Jerusalem (irking Palestinians), advising Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat that a unilateral declaration of independence could be a useful bargaining tool (irking Israel and handing ammunition to Quebec separatists), stating Israel was "right" to want to keep the Sea of Galilee (irking Syria), and dealing with unsubstantiated reports that Canada had agreed to accept up to 15,000 Palestinian refugees (alarming his own staff) – all in less than four days.

To the delight of his Israeli hosts, he told reporters he didn't know whether he was in "east, west, north or south Jerusalem," in response to queries about the city's status.

Those events overshadowed the awarding to Chrétien of an honorary doctorate from Hebrew University, and warm talks with then-prime minister Ehud Barak.

In an interview with the *Vancouver Sun* last month, Landy slammed Chrétien as "completely oblivious. He goes to Jerusalem and doesn't know which part of Jerusalem he's in. I think this reflects a lack of sensitivity, a total lack of appreciation for the depth of the issues."

Landy tempered those remarks in speaking with *The CJN*.

"There was no deliberate malice. It was just an inability to express himself."

Chrétien's verbal missteps also spurred the CIC to ask him on several occasions to clarify remarks that seemed contrary to long-standing Canadian policy on the Middle East.

But the CIC acknowledges that under Chrétien, ministerial visits between Canada and Israel have become routine.

Chrétien was also taken to task for foot-dragging when it came to outlawing terrorist organizations. Canada did not ban Hamas and Islamic Jihad until a year ago. For a long time, the government drew a distinction between the military and charitable activities of Hezbollah, but the group was finally outlawed last December. The Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade was added to the list this past spring, but Ottawa refused Israel's request to add the PLO and the Palestinian Authority.

It was also on Chrétien's watch that Canada changed its policy on suspected Nazi war criminals, from criminal prosecutions in Canadian courts to stripping them of citizenship and deporting them. Of most of the 18 cases initiated since 1993, two suspects left the country voluntarily, six died and seven decisions were made in favour of revocation of citizenship and deportation.

Community leaders may grouse at the paltry results, but allow it's a lot more than took place under the previous Tory administration.

Many Canadian Jews wish Chrétien's government would have shown greater solidarity with Israel, or at least more understanding of Israel's plight, says McGill University sociologist Morton Weinfeld, one of the nation's premier watchers of Canadian Jewry.

"Nevertheless," he adds, "during his tenure, but not necessarily because of it, life in Canada remained on the whole very good for Jews. It remains a good place for Jews to live."

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ארה"ב הודיעה שתקצץ בערבויות הכספיות לישראל לאור הקמת הגדר בתוואי שאינו מקובל על האמריקנים. תוך יומיים הודיע שרון על הריסת התנחלויות, ויומיים אחר כך אישר סגנו, אהוד אולמרט, שישראל תצטרך קרוב לוודאי להכריז חד צדדית על גבולות המדינה. זה פחות או יותר החזון והפתרון שהציע אהוד ברק...... רק חבל ששרון מבזבז כל כך הרבה זמן יקר לעשות את מה שיקרה בסוף בכל מקרה. שרון, ורבים כמותו, סברו במשך תקופה ארוכה ש "הזמן פועל לטובתנו". עכשיו די ברור שהזמן פועל לרעת ישראל, עם גידול בעוני, בירידה, בשחיתות, באי השקט התעשייתי. מה שעובד נכון במשטרים דיקטטורים אינו עובד נכון בדמוקרטיה היחידה במזרח התיכון: חוסר שקט, טרור ואי יציבות חברתית מבריחים השקעות ומחזירים את ישראל שנים אחורה. הגישה של גנראלים של "לא נזוז" היא אולי נכונה צבאית, אבל כאסטרטגיה מדינית- זה עלול להיות אסון. אבל שישאר בינינו.

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דינה

דִּינָה, דִּינָה בַּרְזִילַאי,
אַרְבַּע-שֶׁבַע-שֵׁשׁ-שָׁלוֹשׁ-חָמֵשׁ-אֶחָד.
הַאִם אַתְּ עוֹדֵךְ עַרְמוֹנִית אוֹ צָבַעַתְּ,
הַאִם אַתְּ מֵאָה וְשִׁשִּׁים אוֹ גָּבַהְתְּ?
אַחֲרֵי הַכֹּל הָיִית בַּת יוֹד חֵית,
וְיֵשׁ כָּאֵלֶּה שֶׁגְּדִילָתֵן נִדְחֵית.

הַאִם הִתְחַתַּנְתְּ עִם רַס"ל הַפְּלוּגָה,
אוֹ הִקְשַׁבְתְּ לַהוֹרִים וְלָקַחַתְּ הַפּוּגָה?
הַאִם שָׁמַנְתְּ אוֹ שֶׁמָּא רָזִיתְ?
הַאִם אַתְּ מוֹרָה אוֹ שׁוֹפֶטֶת מְחוֹזִית?
וְעַכְשָׁיו, בַּת שִׁבְעִים נֶכְדָּתֵךְ מִשְׁתָּאָה:
"סַבְתָּא, לְפִי הַתְּמוּנָה הָיִית כּוּסִית לֹא רָעָה!"
אֲנִי לֹא אֶמְצָא, אֲנִי לֹא אֵדַע,
אֶצְלִי תָּמִיד תִּהְיִי אַגָּדָה.

מַגְנִיפִיקוֹ

יש מקום קסום בדאון טאון טורונטו שקוראים לו קולנוע קארלטון. הכיסאות שם קצת חורקים, האולמות צרים והמְסָכים קטנים. אבל לשם מביאים את כל העולם. שם אתה יכול לראות את הקולנוע הכי מדהים שיוצרים ביותר ממאה מדינות שונות, מאיראן לסין, מישראל למקסיקו. ותאמינו לי שסרט שמצליח לצלוח את האוקיאנוס ולהגיע לטורונטו השמְנה והמשועממת הוא כמעט כמעט תמיד רציני ומקורי. אני חייב למקום הזה הרבה מהרגעים הכי יפים שהיו לי בעשרים ואחת השנים האחרונות. מגניפיקו הוא סרט יפיפה מהפיליפינים, שמספר את חייו ומותו של ילד מיוחד, אוהב אדם ומקסים. הקטעים הכי נוגעים ללב הם היחסים בין הילד ואחותו שסובלת משיתוק מוחין. אני יודע שרובכם גרים בצפון העיר ושנסיעה לקארלטון היא טיול שנתי בשבילכם. אבל זה מה זה שווה. תשע בסולם קורן. ולהביא ממחטות גדולות.

Winnipeg mission back from Israel

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — For Marianne Mihychuk, Manitoba's minister of trade and commerce, one of the highlights of her first trip to Israel was a visit to the Winnipeg Community Action Centre in Be'er Sheva.

The centre aims to teach computer skills to children whose families have immigrated to Israel from Ethiopia.

"The kids say they are going to Winnipeg to play computer," she said.

She added that she was impressed with Israel's ability to settle people from different regions and backgrounds.

Stuart Murray, leader of Manitoba's Progressive Conservative party and leader of the Opposition, described his first visit to Israel as "an amazing learning experience.

"This trip was so incredible that my wife and I were physically and emotionally drained when we got home. Each experience and speaker was more incredible than the last," he said.

Murray and Mihychuk were among a group of 60 Winnipeggers, including Winnipeg Mayor Glen Murray and a dozen other non-Jewish business and political leaders, who signed on for the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg's third solidarity mission to Israel.

"There was a wonderful chemistry amongst the members of our group," said Gerry Koffman, executive director of Winnipeg's Combined Jewish Appeal.

"There were no differences between the Jewish and non-Jewish members of the group. We all felt a strong bond with the people of Israel."

In addition to visiting Be'er Sheva, Winnipeg's sister city, the tour included a stop in Haifa where the group visited the Technion, the Golan, Metulla and the Canada Centre, and Danciger High School in Kiryat Shmona, which has an ongoing relationship with Winnipeg's Jewish school programs.

They also toured Jerusalem, where they visited the Western Wall, Yad Vashem and Shaare Zedek Hospital.

They heard from a variety of experts, both political and military.

"We saw for ourselves how close everything is. We found out how close Metullah is to Lebanon and Syria, and Be'er Sheva to Gaza. We got this incredible sense among the Israeli people, of their determination to survive and live in peace in a region full of turmoil," said Murray.

At Shaare Zedek Hospital, Koffman, said, "we spoke to the person in charge of the trauma unit and had a first hand look at what happens as a result of a terrorist attack."

In Be'er Sheva, Murray and Ian Goldstine, president of the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg, officially dedicated a plaque at the Winnipeg Community Action Centre to the memory of the late Israel Asper, whose Asper Foundation provided the funding for the centre.

While in Israel, Murray and Mihychuk took the opportunity to meet with Israeli businesspeople and researchers to discuss potential co-operative ventures between Manitoba and Israel.

Mihychuk reported that Manitoba is considering starting a diamond exchange, for example, an area in which Israel has considerable experience.

"We discussed joint biotech ventures and talked about unmanned aircraft, an area in which Manitoba is a world leader.

"We are [also] going to be collaborating on an Israeli science education project that involves 200 students from Manitoba and Israel working together via the Internet," Mihychuk said.

"Overall, it was a fabulous trip," Mihychuk said, "I am not particularly religious but it was an incredible experience visiting the Jewish and Christian religious sites. I came away with a greater respect for religion and a better understanding of Judaism. I really want to thank the Jewish federation for including me in this mission."

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Pipes' pro-Israel speech at UBC picketed, but peaceful

By PETER CAULFIELD
Special to The CJN

VANCOUVER — Despite concerns about security, a speech by pro-Israel American academic Daniel Pipes at the University of British Columbia went off last Friday without a hitch.

About 40 to 50 noisy pro-Palestinian protesters outside the entrance to the Student Union Building's Norm Theatre were outnumbered by about 400 UBC students and members of the Lower Mainland Jewish community who came to hear the talk, and by uniformed and plainclothes police and security.

A February 2003 speech by Pipes at York University was almost cancelled for security reasons, and former Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu's September 2002 speech at Concordia University was called off when anti-Netanyahu demonstrations turned violent.

In the weeks leading up to Pipes' UBC speech, the Web site of the Vancouver chapter of the Palestinian Solidarity Group urged its members and other local activists to picket the event.

One op-ed piece in the UBC student newspaper the *Ubyssey* by two arts undergraduates called on students to "show opposition" to Pipes for his "blatantly racist positions" and "dogmatic MyCarthyite [sic] charges" on his Campus Watch Web site (www.campus-watch.org), which monitors and critiques academics known to be hostile to Israel.

Anti-Pipes demonstrators at UBC appeared to come from two groups: Jews for a Just Peace and the Palestinian Solidarity Group. A few people from each group waved flags and banners, shouted slogans and tried to hand out leaflets to people in the pro-Pipes crowd, who largely ignored the demonstrators as they slowly filed into the 400-seat underground venue.

Before entering, visitors had to leave items such as raincoats, umbrellas and bags at a coat check set up and staffed by members of the Alma Mater Society (AMS), UBC's student society.

The AMS said protesters were allowed to enter as long as they left their placards and banners outside and didn't try to disrupt Pipes' talk. But if any of the demonstrators entered the theatre, they did not make their presence known.

The title of Pipes' talk was "War in the Holy Land: Where Do We Go from Here?" The Israel Advocacy Clubs of UBC and Simon Fraser University sponsored the event. Ariel Zellman, president of the UBC club, introduced Pipes.

Pipes said there are two main reasons why the situation in Israel has deteriorated since the 1993 Oslo accords. First, Israeli governments made concessions to the Palestinians after 1993 in the belief their moves would be reciprocated. Instead, the Palestinians interpreted Israeli concessions as signs of weakness and revived their efforts to destroy Israel.

Second, Israeli governments had incorrectly assumed that deals made with Palestinian and Arab leaders would be accepted by the Palestinian and Arab populations. Pipes said future diplomacy is premature until the Palestinians accept the right of Israel to exist. Until then, he said, there should be no negotiation.

There were no attempts to disrupt the 30-minute speech or the 45-minute question-and-answer session that followed.

When the event ended on schedule at 1:20 p.m., Pipes left the stage and audience members filed out of the theatre, where they were met by about 20 protesters who, although fewer in number than earlier, were louder, but still peaceful.

Pipes was also the keynote speaker at Vancouver Hillel's gala fundraiser at the Delta Airport Hotel in suburban Richmond on Sunday night. According to a Hillel spokesperson, 420 people attended the event, making it the first time a Vancouver Hillel fundraiser has ever sold out. Pipes discussed Campus Watch, Muslim anti-Semitism and the importance of Hillel in Israel advocacy efforts on campus.

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Palestinians seek fresh truce talks

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JERUSALEM — Palestinian officials sought fresh truce talks with militants on Monday after Egyptian-brokered efforts to secure a comprehensive ceasefire failed.

Hamas, Islamic Jihad and three other Palestinian factions on Sunday rejected an Egyptian proposal to halt all attacks against Israelis to give new impetus to the road map peace plan.

But members of Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction said they would not accept No as the final answer and would try to persuade militant factions to change their minds.

"The dialogue with the factions will continue inside the… territories, and the Palestinian cabinet will pursue its peace efforts despite the collapse of the Cairo talks," senior Fatah official Ahmed Ghneim told Reuters in Egypt.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia abruptly left the Cairo talks when it became clear they were hitting a dead end.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and his aides offered the Palestinians an unspoken truce, saying Israel would cease military operations if Palestinian militants halted all attacks.

"Israel will make every effort to avoid any operations against terrorists. Obviously if the terror continues, Israel will feel responsible for the security of its citizens and Israel will act," Sharon told reporters Sunday.

Hamas said it was willing to halt attacks against civilians in Israel, but it would continue striking Jewish settlers and soldiers.

Israel rejected the offer, saying it would never agree to a truce that left more than 200,000 Jewish settlers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip vulnerable to attack by Palestinian militants.

But a senior Israeli official said it was possible for the sides to observe an unspoken cessation of hostilities.

"We are not looking for any new promises or signed documents. These don't mean anything. What counts is the test of performance," the official said.

"If there is really quiet, if there are no terrorist attacks, then there is no reason for us to continue military operations," the official said, adding Israel would also ease conditions for Palestinian civilians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Ghneim blamed the Hamas decision to reject the truce on the group's misreading of the political climate.

"They had a very weird analysis of the international situation. They believe the United States, the Palestinian Authority and Israel are in a crisis, while they are not."

Israeli and Palestinian officials met Sunday to prepare for a Sharon-Qureia summit, in the hope that it will restart peace talks, the prime minister's office said.

Officials on both sides have been trying to arrange a summit since Qureia took office in November, but Qureia has said they must be well prepared. He was hoping to bring a comprehensive ceasefire proposal to the summit to force Sharon's hand.

The director of Sharon's office, Dov Weisglass, met with his Palestinian counterpart, Hassan Abu Libdeh, and negotiator Saeb Erekat for their second meeting in a week.

A statement from Sharon's office said the two-hour meeting was held in a friendly atmosphere and the sides would meet again.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia met Sunday to discuss the outcome of the talks.

At the talks in Cairo on Saturday evening, mediators led by Egyptian intelligence chief Gen. Omar Suleiman managed to work out a compromise formula under which Hamas and allied organizations made a general promise to "exclude Israeli and Palestinian civilians from the cycle of violence, contingent upon certain conditions."

Suleiman was to go to Washington on Monday, Israel Radio reported, to report to the American administration on the outcome of the talks.

Delegates said the talks failed Sunday.

"The talks have reached a dead end," said Husam Arafat, a senior official in the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command. "There was no agreement on the Egyptian proposal for a total ceasefire or to authorize the Palestinian Authority to pursue peace moves." He added that the talks had ended in failure.

Husam Arafat and a senior Hamas official both said there would be no joint statement.

"The meeting ended without agreement on the major issues and there will be no joint statement," he said. "The factions will issue a press statement in which they will say they will pursue the dialogue in the future. It is a cover for failure."

During the talks, militants considered a pledge only to halt strikes inside Israel, leaving Israeli settlers and soldiers in the West Bank and Gaza as legitimate targets.

Sharon rejected the distinction. "Israel of course can't differentiate between citizens and soldiers," he said, "or whether one lives here or there."

Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom said after the talks collapsed that Israel could not be party to a ceasefire that did not include a declaration to dismantle the terrorist infrastructure, Army Radio reported.

Qureia also said he wanted to reach an internal Palestinian agreement prior to reaching one with Israel.

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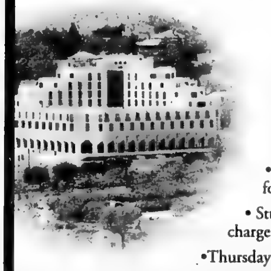

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Hamas is laying a *hudna* trap

By ZE'EV SCHIFF
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

Analysis

There is no need for a ceasefire agreement as proposed by the Palestinians. Israel is prepared to keep the peace and limit its military activities to defence only, if the Palestinians keep the peace on their side and stop terror entirely.

That was the message delivered to PA Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia's bureau chief, Hassan Abu Labda, at a meeting Sunday with his Israeli counterpart, Dov Weisglass.

The difficulties in reaching an agreement between the Palestinian factions in Cairo are strengthening the notion in Jerusalem that the term "ceasefire" as meant by the Palestinians has an advantage for terror organizations.

The very making of a ceasefire agreement between Israel and terror groups would give the groups indirect recognition and lead to their military and political empowerment.

Therefore, the theory in Jerusalem is that it is better to reach an agreement with Qureia on military quiet and wait and see what real steps the Palestinian prime minister takes against the terror infrastructure, steps he has so far refused to take.

Still, the difficulties in Cairo should not be seen as the last word. This is the first stage of the negotiations among the Palestinians, which began long before Qureia came to Cairo. The current round got started several weeks ago, when the Egyptians invited Hamas leader Musa Abu Marzuk to preliminary talks.

At the outset, it became clear that Hamas sought to achieve a partial and temporary ceasefire so it could call the shots. Although Israeli army actions against Hamas have placed the group in a state of crisis, Hamas leaders outside the territories believe Israel is in greater crisis.

The talks between the heads of the Palestinian and the Israeli prime ministers' bureaus began together with the Cairo talks. It is already clear that Qureia wants to also address other subjects such as the settlements and the security fence – the first subjects Qureia will bring up when he meets Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

But Qureia has no chance of meeting Sharon unless he first achieves a clear agreement with Hamas and the other organizations to stop all terror activities. Hamas' first proposal, which it has made on previous occasions – that there are some groups of Israelis against which terror is permissible – is not even a basis for talks with Israel. Qureia's bureau knows this full well.

Negotiations between the two bureaus are also just at the starting point. Abu Labda and Weisglass have set up an additional meeting, and the two sides are preparing their next moves. Israel has said that if the road to quiet is a bumpy one, it can understand that the dismantling of the terror infrastructure cannot be done in one day. However it will require the fullest of efforts by the Palestinians who are prepared to do so.

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Sharon promises to hold debate on Olmert's unilateral withdrawal plan

By GIDEON ALON
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon promised Monday that the cabinet would hold a debate on Deputy Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's suggestion that there be a unilateral withdrawal from most of the Gaza Strip and West Bank

He reiterated, however, that there would be no pullout from the Jewish enclave in Hebron.

Olmert, who also holds the communications and industry and trade portfolios, unveiled his plan for a pullout from the territories and some neighbourhoods on the outskirts of Jerusalem, in an interview Friday with the daily *Yedioth Aharonoth*.

Sharon was responding to harsh criticism from Transportation Minister Avigdor Lieberman, who slammed both Olmert and MK Meir Sheetrit for speaking to the media about issues that had not been discussed in cabinet.

"If we want to give up [land, settlements]," Lieberman said, "we don't need Olmert, because Yossi Beilin will do it far better," referring to former minister and Israeli co-author of the Geneva accord.

"Even if we follow Olmert and return to the 1967 borders," Lieberman added, "and give up east Jerusalem and the Western Wall, will the terror attacks stop? Will the Palestinians stop signing up volunteers? Will they stop manufacturing Qassam rockets?"

Lieberman also called Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat a "serial murderer" who had no intention of ending the terrorism, and lashed out at Sheetrit for declaring that illegal settlement outposts needed to be evacuated.

"I'm shocked at Sheetrit's statement," Lieberman said, "especially when there are over 100,000 illegal buildings within the Green Line that haven't been evacuated thus far. Do these structures not bother Sheetrit?"

Other right-wing ministers also criticized Olmert's position yesterday. Housing and Construction Minister Effi Eitam said that if Olmert's plan constituted new government policy, then his National Religious Party would not remain in the coalition.

"The moment these speeches become policy, turn into actions, then the government will not be able to continue in its current composition," Eitam told Army Radio.

Posters showing Olmert with Adolf Hitler were found plastered around Jerusalem's city centre overnight Saturday. They were removed and police launched an investigation to find those responsible.

At Monday's cabinet meeting, Interior Minister Avraham Poraz asked, "How can you explain what some dozens of Jews are doing in Hebron, an Arab city of a quarter million Arabs?"

The prime minister replied, "How can you dare think that Jews won't live in Hebron? How can we leave Hebron where 700 Jews are buried?"

Poraz retorted, "There are 900 Jews buried in Prague, but that's no reason why we have to take control there."

Several ministers expressed their support for Olmert's plan. Immigrant Absorption Minister Tzipi Livni told Army Radio that giving up some territories and settlements was unavoidable, and "it is preferable to do this within the framework of an agreement, but if not, then unilaterally."

Justice Minister Yosef Lapid, chair of the Shinui party, said Olmert had displayed great political courage, and his statements are worthy of serious consideration.

Israeli army reservists to be released at age 40

By AMOS HAREL
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Reservists in the Israel Defence Forces would be released from military duty at age 40, according to a plan proposed by the IDF general staff and approved Sunday by the ministerial committee responsible for reservist affairs.

The plan to lower the age limit for reserve duty from 45 to 40 was first reported in *Ha'aretz* two months ago. Reservists will no longer have to serve to 45 (or 41 for combat units).

However, the plan will not apply to officers, reservists serving in special units nor army rabbis and doctors.

Recent far-reaching restructuring within the IDF has allowed the defence establishment to better utilize its standing army and improve its technological support services so it has a reduced need for personnel.

According to current law, military reserve duty continues up until age 54. In practice, this age limit has been reduced several times over the years. The immediate impact of the change, which is likely to be implemented in 2004, will release 60,000 reservists from military duty, although those beyond the required age limit can volunteer, as many still do today beyond the current 45-year ceiling.

Brig.-Gen. Avi Zamir, head of planning in the army personnel unit, expects many people to continue to volunteer, as has been found in recent surveys among those doing regular reserve duty.

At Sunday's meeting, it was also agreed to reward reservists with additional tax breaks, and a bill containing such benefits would be introduced within a year, said Defence Minister Shaul Mofaz.

MK Avshalom Vilan of the left-wing Meretz party welcomed the move as the first step in recognizing the sacrifice reserve soldiers make.

The Week in Israel

Dec. 1

• Four Palestinians were killed during an Israeli raid against Hamas in the West Bank. The raid targeted the terror group's infrastructure in Ramallah. Three of those killed were armed, and one was a nine-year-old boy. Dozens of Palestinians were arrested in the sweep, which officials said had been planned for months.

Dec. 2

• Israeli officials sharply criticized U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell's planned meeting with the architects of the "Geneva accord." Deputy Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Friday's planned meeting between Powell and Yossi Beilin and Yasser Abed Rabbo, the principal Israeli and Palestinian architects of the unofficial peace plan, is a mistake. "I am certain of his friendship, but I would cast doubt on his judgement in this matter," Olmert said.

Dec. 3

• An attempt to carry out simultaneous suicide bombings in a Yokne'am school and in the city of Beit She'an are among several terror attacks foiled in the past two days by security forces.

Dec. 4

• U.S. President George W. Bush called the "Geneva accord" "productive," but added any agreement for the Middle East must include a Palestinian commitment to fight terror.

Dec. 5

• The Greek minister responsible for security at next year's Olympics in Athens said in an interview with *Ha'aretz* that Israel is playing an important security role for the Games. "Israel is a key country with respect to providing intelligence information and training and drilling the Greek security forces," Georgios Floridis said.

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Israel charges Canadian in Hamas terror plot

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

Israel is holding a Canadian Arab with alleged ties to Hamas on suspicion of planning terrorist attacks on North American Jews and Israelis visiting Canada.

Jamal Akkal, a 23-year-old resident of Windsor, Ont., is part of a Hamas operation that is expanding abroad for the first time, Israeli officials charge.

"I think Hamas is trying to kill Israelis and Jews wherever they can. In that sense, they're trying to expand their operations," said Ofir Gendelman, second secretary at the Israeli embassy in Ottawa.

Gendelman said Akkal received small arms and explosives training in Gaza, "to kill as many people as he could. He was supposed to be a front-line terrorist behind the lines, so to speak, using his Canadian citizenship as a cover to carry out terrorist attacks."

Akkal's Israeli lawyer, Jamil al-Qhateb, denied the allegations, telling the *National Post* his client was approached by Hamas, but spurned their offer to work for them. He said any information collected by Israeli interrogators was extracted under duress. Akkal, he said, was deprived of sleep for 20 days and admitted to "just eight bullets he was shooting, that's it, and they call it military training."

Gendelman called allegations of coercion "ridiculous. All investigations on security matters are conducted in full compliance with Israeli law, which is very strict. Under no circumstance was he mistreated or coerced. He confessed and revealed information by himself."

Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) was initially reported to be ready to rebuke Israeli Ambassador Haim Divon about his public statements about the Akkal arrest, suggesting it was inappropriate to discuss a case that is before the courts. The ambassador was called in to discuss the matter with Foreign Affairs Minister Bill Graham, who later told reporters, "We are not calling in the Israeli ambassador for a reprimand. We are calling him in to discuss this case."

'Hamas is ... trying to expand'

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien later said Akkal is receiving consular services in Israel.

Meanwhile, two Windsor-area New Democratic MPs said they are working on Akkal's behalf. Brian Masse said he has written to the Canadian government on behalf of Akkal, calling for a fair trial, while Joe Comartin said he found Akkal's confession "strange," adding the use of sleep deprivation has been condemned by Amnesty International, the *Windsor Star* reported.

Akkal was born in a Gaza refugee camp and moved to Canada four years ago. He returned to Gaza in October – to find a bride, his family says – and was arrested on Nov. 1 as he was leaving for Egypt. He appeared in court briefly last week.

Gendelman said Akkal's recruitment marks a disturbing new trend and an escalation of Hamas operations abroad, making it, like Hezbollah and Al Qaeda, an international terrorist threat.

"A Canadian was trained to carry out terrorist attacks on Israelis and Jewish targets in Canada. This is very troubling," he said. "It doesn't mean there are no other terrorists sent here. We don't know."

"We are very confident of the abilities of the Canadian security services," Gendelman said. "I'm sure there is full co-operation between Israeli security services and their Canadian counterparts."

Manuel Prutschi, a spokesperson for Canadian Jewish Congress, said even prior to Akkal's arrest, the Jewish community was particularly vigilant about security.

"We have always been and remain security conscious. That's why we have a national security protocol. Institutions have measures in place to deal with security concerns," he said.

"At the same time, the first line of defence against terrorist threats rest with the security services. We know they are on top of their security responsibilities. They are certainly sensitive to the concerns of the Jewish community."

Prutschi pointed to the case of Ahmed Ressam, the Algerian terrorist convicted of a millennium bombing plot to blow up the Los Angeles airport. Ressam and his terrorist cell operated in Montreal and discussed attacking Jewish targets, he said.

"Islamist terrorism threatens everybody. But one of the extremely disturbing phenomena is that Jews emerge as a common denominator among all these Islamic terrorist groups," Prutschi said.

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Sharansky urges EU not to appease extremists

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

BERLIN — Natan Sharansky, Minister of Diaspora Affairs, supported last Friday a disputed report by the European Union's anti-racism agency that partly blamed anti-Semitism on Muslim immigrants, suggesting it was withheld to "appease extremists."

The European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia (EUMC) initially withheld the report because it said it was flawed, but bowed to pressure last Thursday to publish it after criticism from Jewish groups and EU parliamentarians.

Sharansky met the authors of the study from the Centre for Research on Anti-Semitism at Berlin's Technical University and said their findings were in line with Israeli research.

"It is a very serious professional work. It more or less coincides with our studies," he said.

"There is a clear correlation between the size of the Muslim community in one or other country and the number of physical incidents of anti-Semitism, a kind of feeling of fear by Jews in the streets," he told a news conference in Berlin.

Sharansky said he saw a link between anti-Jewish sentiment among Muslims living in Europe and increasing tolerance of anti-Semitism from the extreme right and the radical left.

The study said a rise in anti-Semitic violence in Europe in the first half of 2002 was mainly due to right-wing extremists, radical Islamists and young Muslims, usually of Arab descent.

The EUMC said it withheld the report because it was based on too little data from too short a time period and said it objected to the study's suggestion that anti-Semitism was endemic among Arab or North African Muslims.

Sharansky, a former Soviet dissident, called for serious soul-searching about why the report was suppressed. "I think the arguments were a desire to appease some of the groups that can seem as potentially dangerous in Europe and you don't want really to incite. But… the moment you start appeasing extremists instead of fighting extremists, that is really dangerous."

While he said criticism of Israel should be allowed, Sharansky accused some European media outlets of using anti-Semitic clichés, pointing as an example to the newspaper cartoon published last January in the British *Independent* of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon eating Palestinian babies.

He showed journalists scenes from a recent Arabic-language television series that depicted Jews sacrificing a Christian boy and draining his blood for use in Passover bread, reviving a conspiracy theory that was widespread in medieval Europe.

Sharansky said the series, broadcast by the Beirut-based al-Manar channel which is run by the terrorist group Hezbollah, could be viewed in Europe by satellite and called for more countries to follow Australia's example and block the station.

Sharansky, who was last in the German capital 17 years ago when he was released from Soviet detention into what was then West Berlin, praised the German fight against anti-Semitism, which he said was "more resolute and effective" than elsewhere.

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Scrutinizing the face of anti-Semitism

By TOBY AXELROD
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BERLIN — A copy of a study commissioned by the European Union's Monitoring Center on Racism and Xenophobia, which was allegedly supressed to avoid offending Europe's large Muslim communities, was obtained by the European Jewish Congress early last week.

Highlights of report

The report, which was prompted by a wave of anti-Semitic incidents in Europe that intensified in the spring of 2002, was released by the European Jewish Congress last Monday. Among its findings are:

- The incidents under examination "were tied to public discussion on the dividing line between legitimate criticism of Israeli government policy and anti-Semitic argumentation."
- In many cases, perpetrators of attacks could not be identified. But in cases where they could, the attacks "were committed above all either by right-wing extremists or radical Islamists or young Muslims mostly of Arab descent, who are often themselves potential victims of exclusion and racism."
- Attacks such as desecration of synagogues and Jewish cemeteries, painting of swastikas, sending of threatening and insulting mail, and Holocaust denial generally were attributable to the far-right.
- Physical attacks on Jews and the desecration and destruction of synagogues often were committed by young Muslims. Many of these attacks occurred during or after pro-Palestinian demonstrations, which also were used by radical Islamists for engaging in verbal abuse of Jews. In addition, radical Islamist groups were responsible for placing anti-Semitic propaganda on the Internet and in Arab-language media.
- At the extreme left-wing, anti-Semitic remarks were made at pro-Palestinian and anti-globalization rallies and in newspaper articles that used anti-Semitic stereotypes in criticizing Israel.

This combination of anti-Zionist and anti-American views formed an important element in the emergence of an anti-Semitic mood in Europe, the report found. Israel – portrayed as a capitalistic, imperialistic power – the "Zionist lobby," and the United States are depicted as evildoers in the Middle East and as a negative influence generally on world affairs.

More difficult to record and evaluate than "street-level violence" against Jews is "salon anti-Semitism," which is found in "the media, university common rooms and at dinner parties of the chattering classes," the report said.

In public debate on Israeli politics, individuals who are not politically active and do not belong to the far-left or far-right often voice latent anti-Semitic attitudes, the report found. Opinion polls show that in some European countries, a large proportion of the population harbors anti-Semitic attitudes and views, but they usually remain latent.

Observers point to an "increasingly blatant anti-Semitic Arab and Muslim media," including audiotapes and sermons, in which the call is made to fight Israel and Jews across the world. Though leading Muslim organizations sometimes express opposition to such propaganda, calls for the use of violence are assumed to influence readers and listeners.

The report also discusses the media's possible influence on the escalation of anti-Semitic incidents. The question is whether such escalation is due merely to daily coverage of Israeli-Palestinian violence or whether the reporting itself had an anti-Semitic bias.

One study on the quality of German press concluded that the reporting concentrated greatly on Israeli military actions and was not free of anti-Semitic clichés, but negative views also were applied to Palestinians. The report on Austria found anti-Semitic allusions in the far-right press.

After the Sept. 11 attacks, some Europeans argued that Islamist terrorism was a natural consequence of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, for which they held Israel alone responsible. They also believe Jews have a major influence on America's allegedly biased, pro-Israel policies.

This nexus is where anti-American and anti-Semitic attitudes could converge and conspiracy theories about "Jewish world domination" could flare up again, the report said.

The assumption of close ties between the United States and Israel provides further incentive for harboring anti-Semitic attitudes. Especially on the political left, anti-Americanism is closely bound up with anti-Zionism. Additionally, dovish activists, globalization opponents and some Third World countries view Israel as aggressive, imperialist and colonialist.

Such criticism is not necessarily anti-Semitic, but the report found that there are exaggerated formulations in which criticism of Israel crosses the line into anti-Semitism, such as when Israel and the Jews are accused of replicating Nazi crimes.

The tradition of demonizing Jews is in some sense now being transferred to the State of Israel, the report found. In this way, traditional anti-Semitism is translated into a new, seemingly more legitimate form, which could become part of the political mainstream in Europe.

The report said, "It can be said that the threatening nature of the situation, in particular for the Jewish communities, arose because in most of the countries monitored the increasing number of anti-Semitic attacks, committed frequently by young Arabs/Muslims and by far-right extremists, was accompanied by a sharp criticism of Israeli politics across the entire political spectrum, a criticism that in some cases employed anti-Semitic stereotypes."

Educational campaigns targeting Muslims, which include such arguments as burning "a synagogue is like burning a mosque," have encouraged dialogue, the report said.

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Israel will co-operate with int'l court on security fence

By ALUF BENN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Israel will co-operate with the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the Hague if the United Nations General Assembly votes Monday to refer the issue of the West Bank separation fence to the court, and will argue that the decision to build the barrier was based on self-defence.

The decision was taken earlier Monday in a meeting between Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom. The two decided to wait for the outcome of the vote before taking any action, but it was agreed that if the ICJ is asked to render an opinion on the fence's legality, Israel will posit that the barrier is legal and stands up to all standards of judicial scrutiny.

The General Assembly is slated to vote on a Palestinian draft resolution "to request that the International Court of Justice issue an advisory opinion on the legal ramifications arising from the construction of the separation fence by Israel, the occupying force in the occupied Palestinian territories."

The Foreign Ministry says the resolution will be approved by the "automatic majority" the Arabs enjoy at the United Nations. Israel has tried to persuade European countries to join the United States in opposing the resolution, but has achieved only partial success. Opposition by EU nations would still be insufficient to defeat the resolution, but it would weaken its diplomatic legitimacy.

The Foreign Ministry contends that the construction of the separation barrier does not violate international law, even though its path extends beyond the Green Line.

"Every occupying power has the right to build fortifications and fences in the occupied territory when there is a military need for this," a senior ministry source says. "When there is terror, no one can argue that there is no military need for a fence. It might raise humanitarian problems that need to be solved, but there is no question of legality here."

Despite this assessment, Israel is not anxious to submit such political issues before international bodies, which are always suspected of favouring the Arab side and harbouring hostility toward Israel's case. In his efforts to block this resolution, Shalom also warned that transferring the Israeli-Palestinian conflict to international adjudication would eviscerate the road map peace plan.

The ICJ was established in 1946 and serves two roles: adjudicating conflicts between two states that agree to accept its authority, and handing down legal opinions upon request of the UN and other international bodies. The court's rulings only have advisory status; they are not binding upon the groups that request these rulings. But in some cases, it may be decided in advance to regard the court's ruling as binding.

If the Palestinian resolution is approved, as expected, and the fence issue is referred to the ICJ for discussion, the court will ask the relevant parties to submit written and oral statements, and then deliberate behind closed doors. The Foreign Ministry says this process would last for at least a year. Meanwhile, the Palestinians would have achieved their goal of embarrassing Israel.

The ICJ operates separately from the International Criminal Court (ICC), which was established to judge war crimes. There is no connection between the two international courts – except for the fact that both are located in The Hague.

The UN appoints 15 judges to the IJC, who each serve a nine-year term. Their mandate is to rule independently, and not represent their particular country. Currently, there are judges from Egypt and Jordan on the IJC, as well as judges from France, China, Japan, Madagascar, Slovakia, Germany, Sierra Leone, Russian Federation, United Kingdom, Venezuela, Netherlands, Brazil and the United States. The court registrar is from Belgium and his deputy is French.

The ICJ does not have a particularly busy schedule. Since it was founded nearly six decades ago, it has issued just 77 rulings on conflicts between states, plus 24 advisory opinions. It currently has 22 cases in its docket. Some of these cases followed wars in Africa and Yugoslavia. Most deal with territorial disputes (for example, a dispute over territorial waters between Nicaragua and Colombia) and issues of criminal jurisdiction between countries. (Mexico, for example, has appealed to the court in an effort to block the United States from carrying out the death penalty against 54 Mexican citizens.)

Israel has little experience with the IJC. It approached the court in 1957 to pursue a claim against Bulgaria, after an El Al plane was shot down over the eastern bloc country two years earlier. But the case was dismissed because Bulgaria was not willing to accept the court's authority.

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By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Stubbing his toe on a bedpost several years ago turned out to be a life-altering incident for Thornhill resident Wayne Levy.

"That mini-accident led to the launching of Cool Blox, brightly coloured, inter-locking foam blocks for children," said Levy, the father of two small children.

After stubbing his toe, Levy said, he began thinking about creating foam bumpers for beds, and although that idea was already taken, "I became immersed in the world of foam."

He spoke to his friend Johnson Kong about it, and as it turned out, Kong had begun thinking about the need for soft building toys after his kids created a fort out of pillows.

The two friends joined forces, and after two years, came up with Cool Blox, a child-friendly, vibrant coloured toy for children four and over, made out of zotefoam, a chemical-free, high-grade, high-density foam.

"It was a group effort. Johnson had the idea for a safe clubhouse, I had researched the foam, and we had an engineer design the angles and fit of the blocks.

"After the toy was fine-tuned, we checked its safety with Health Canada and then applied it to the real world. We had kids test it out in my basement 'lab,' and they all said 'cool,'" Levy said.

"There is no other product around that allows kids to make soft, enclosed structures. No matter what kids do with the blocks, no one gets hurt."

They launched their product at the Canadian Toy Fair last winter, and since then it has been named one of the 10 best toys and one of the top 100 children's products for 2003 by Stevanne Auerbach, also known as "Dr. Toy," a U.S. expert on play toys and children's products.

The blocks, which are manufactured by Universal Products Canada in Concord, "are the perfect size for little kids' hands," Levy said.

They come in four different packages: a 52-piece starter set, a 78-piece builder set, a 104-piece master builder set and a 340-piece clubhouse/fort kit.

The pair, who are "thinking into 2006," are planning "Cool Blox mini" made out of smaller blocks, and a Cool Blox car.

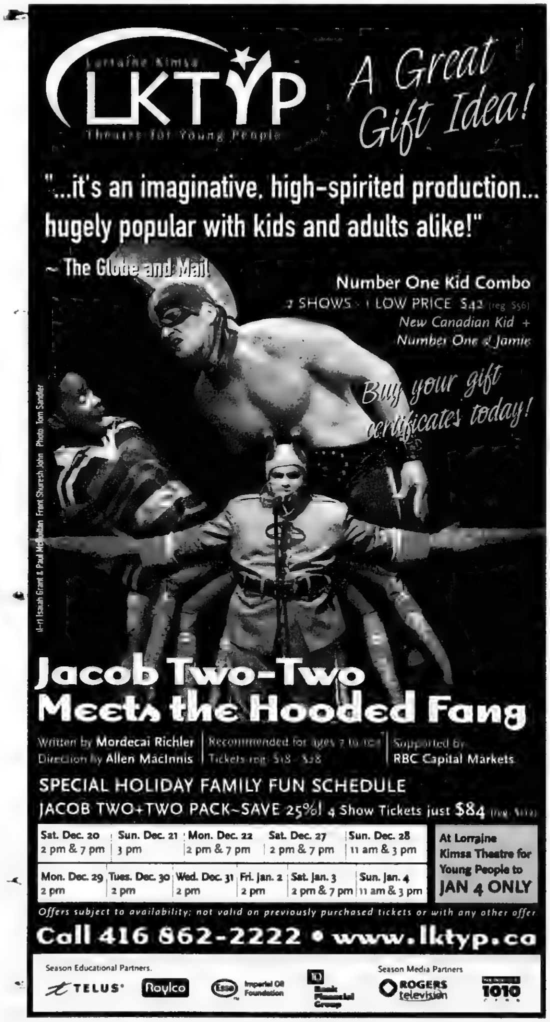
"We would like to come out with a new product every six months," Levy said.

The toy industry in the United States, is a "more than $21-billion industry, and it's hard for little guys like us to break in. We're getting the word out, however, because there is nothing like us. We were at the American International Toy Fair in New York last winter, and out of the 1,500 booths no one had anything like Cool Blox," he said.

The blocks have garnered a fair amount of attention. "Ontario Place has a Cool Blox play place, and we have been shown in the background on television shows such as *Reba* and *Yes, Dear*," he said.

"Product placement plants seeds in peoples' heads. It's a good way to reach out to the mass market," he said.

For information on purchasing Cool Blox, visit www.coolblox.com.



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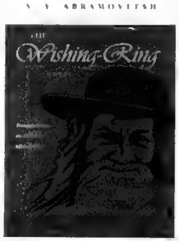
Special to The CJN

The Wishing-Ring, by S.Y. Abramovitsh, translated by Michael Wex (Syracuse University Press)



Toronto Yiddishist Michael Wex has produced an enticingly readable English translation of the important Yiddish novel *Dos Vintshfingerl* by S. Y. Abramovitsh (1836-1917), the beloved patriarch of Yiddish and Hebrew literature also known as Mendele Moykher Sforim.

Those familiar with Abramovitsh's fiction know it can be quite primitive with a lot of rough edges, as befits the work of a true literary pioneer. These qualities aside, *The Wishing-Ring* also offers much wonderful satire and humour which, as an editorial note promises, will leave the reader "gasping with admiration and laughter."

The novel explores the fates of the many 19th-century Russian Jews who were forced by poverty and other dire circumstances to leave their homes. At its heart is a coming-of-age story told by Hershl, who leaves his shtetl to become educated, only to return as an adult in the wake of the pogroms of 1881. Much of the action takes place in the village of Kaptsansk (Poorsville) and the larger town of Glupsk (city of fools).

Abramovitsh published the first version of the book as a slim Yiddish treatise in 1865, and later reworked it as the much larger Hebrew novel *Emek ha-Bakha* (*In The Vale of Tears*), which became immensely popular throughout the Jewish world after it appeared in 1888.

Critic Dovid Frishman, a young contemporary of Abramovitsh, said of *Dos Vintshfingerl* that its portrayal of Jewish society seemed astonishingly complete.

"Were a flood to wipe away everything but this book, we could reconstruct the general picture of Jews and Jewish life in the Russian shtetl in the first half of the 19th century on its basis," Frishman wrote.

A "great epic of Jewish life" is how historian Simon Dubnov described the book.

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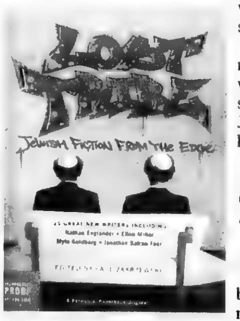
No Star Too Beautiful, edited and translated by Joachim Neugroschel (W.W. Norton & Co.)

This historical survey of Yiddish literature presents an anthology of stories from 1382 to the present.



It may come as a surprise to many readers that Neugroschel found so many rare and interesting items representing the so-called Old Yiddish period, long before the language's three patriarchs – Mendel Moykher Sforim, I. L. Peretz, and Sholom Aleichem – transformed their beloved mother tongue into a viable and expressive literary language. This is new ground almost entirely neglected by previous anthologists such as Irving Howe and Eliezer Greenberg, whose ever-popular *Treasury of Yiddish Stories* is 50 years old this year.

Filling almost 700 pages, this bountiful anthology also offers a sprinkling of chassidic tales and stories of the Haskalah before moving on to the main section on modernism.

Many expected voices are here, from Sholem Asch to Isaac Bashevis Singer, but so too are a delightful variety of more obscure names. Where else, for instance, might one encounter a story by Yudl Rosenberg (1860-1935), a former chief rabbi of Montreal and Mordechai Richler's grandfather? The anthology is further enhanced by inclusions from two more noteworthy Canadian writers, Yehuda Elberg and Chava Rosenfarb.

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Lost Tribe: Jewish Fiction from the Edge, edited by Paul Zakrzewski (HarperCollins)

This up-to-the-minute anthology of "Jewish fiction from the edge" offers selections from 25 authors on the cutting-edge of everything fresh and different in Jewish fiction since Philip Roth shocked readers with *Portnoy's Complaint* more than a generation ago.

Nathan Englander, Jonathan Safran Foer, Myla Goldberg, Dara Horn, Tova Mirvis, Gary Shteyngart and Aryeh Lev Stollman are among the contributors with recent attention-grabbing works to their credit.

Editor Paul Zakrzewski, a transplanted Torontonian now living in New York, assures us that each selected author has embarked on a "new direction" in Jewish fiction.

Not surprisingly, Safran Foer's contribution is the brilliant first chapter of his famous novel, *Everything Is Illuminated*, which caused a huge ripple of attention when first published in the *New Yorker* a few years back. Englander's contribution is a selection from his acclaimed short story collection, *For the Relief of Unbearable Urges*. Chapters from several other larger works are also presented.

This is the book to read for those who want a better understanding of where Jewish fiction is heading. .

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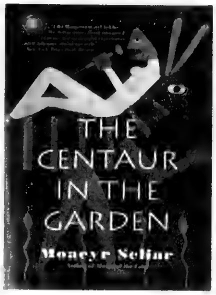
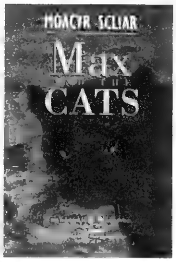
Max and the Cats/The Centaur in the Garden, Moacyr Scliar, (Key Porter Books)



Moacyr Scliar became the focus of much renewed interest last year after Montreal writer Yann Martel acknowledged that he had very roughly modelled his award-winning novel *Life of Pi* after one of the Brazilian writer's novels. For the most part, Scliar has enjoyed the compliment.

Translations of two of his novels – *Max and the Cats* (which inspired Martel) and *The Centaur in the Garden* – were recently published in trade paperback editions by Key Porter Books of Toronto.



The latter novel, which one might loosely describe as "magic realism with a yarmulke," seems to adhere to literary traditions fully in keeping with both Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Franz Kafka. At its centre is Guedali, a loving Jewish centaur, half man and half horse, who struggles with his problematic birthright and eventually escapes "in search of a place where his startling duality will be accepted and embraced."

Scliar has explained that he used the centaur as a metaphor of the Jewish experience. The book has been named as one of the 100 greatest works of modern Jewish literature by the National Yiddish Book Center.

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Book reviews

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Staff Reporter

Ruth Harriet Louise and Hollywood Glamour Photography by Robert Dance and Bruce Robertson (University of California Press)

Ruth Harriet Louise.

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Louella Parsons, the quintessential Hollywood gossip columnist, wrote of her in 1929: "I have always said – and I still say it right out in print – that one of the finest photographers I know is a woman. I speak of Ruth Harriet Louise, who has made Marion Davies, Norma Shearer and other MGM beauties even more beautiful."

In *Ruth Harriet Louise and Hollywood Glamour Photography*, Robert Dance and Bruce Robertson pay tribute to her.

Their book, a mix of lucid text and alluring photography, is a veritable treat for the eyes and the mind.

Born in in New York City, she was the daughter of Rabbi Jacob Goldstein and his wife, Klara, both of whom were newly arrived immigrants.

Louise's brother, Mark, went to Hollywood in 1922 to find his fortune. He was drawn to California by the success of his cousin, Carmel Myers, an up-and-coming actress who would appear in the classic slient, *Ben-Hur*.

At his encouragement, Louise settled in Los Angeles as a portrait photographer, setting up shop at the corner of Hollywood and Vine.

Her first publicity photo, of starlet Vilma Banky, appeared in *Photoplay* magazine in September 1925. Shortly afterward, Myers introduced her to movie mogul Louis B. Mayer, who hired Louise to develop MGM's image.

According to the authors, Louise's photographs "played an integral role in the creation and promotion of stars."

During her relatively brief tenure at the studio, she was the most reproduced photographer in America.

Her most difficult subject was Garbo, the temperamental Swedish siren. The two worked together from the moment Garbo set foot at MGM through her rise to fame.

Greta Garbo, as photographed by Ruth Harriet Louise

For all her talents, Louise was given a pink slip and replaced by rival George Hurrell. She nevertheless continued working as an independent photographer. Her last session was with Anna Sten – Samuel Goldwyn's answer to Marlene Dietrich – in 1932.

Louise died in 1940 from complications of childbirth, but her legacy lives on, even as a footnote in Hollywood lore.

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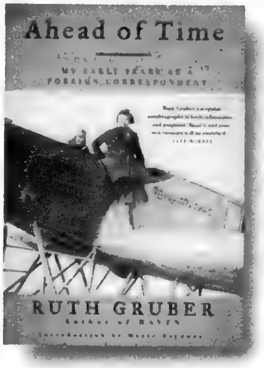


Ahead of Time by Ruth Gruber (Carroll & Graf)

American journalist Ruth Gruber, whose dispatches have often appeared in the Anglo-Jewish press, broke through the glass ceiling long before the vast majority of her contemporaries.

In the 1930s, when female reporters were usually confined to the "women's" pages of newspapers, Gruber was off in Europe as a foreign correspondent.

As a stringer for the *New York Herald Tribune,* she travelled around Europe and then, sitting in open cockpit seaplanes, she became the first reporter to reach the remote wastes of the Soviet Arctic.

She recalls these experiences in her engaging memoir, *Ahead of Time.*

A precocious student of English literature and German, Gruber was privileged to be selected for a one-year exchange fellowship at the University of Cologne in Germany.

Arriving in Cologne on the eve of Adolf Hitler's accession to power, she learned that one of her instructors was a world-famous scholar. Subsequently, he became a Nazi ideologue.

In this impressionistic book, Gruber charts the darkening atmosphere in pre-Nazi Germany. She recalls the anti-Semitic comments of a fellow student in a lecture hall and the street fighting that pitted communists against Nazis.

When Gruber graduated, she was only 20, the youngest PhD in Germany. Konrad Adenauer, then Cologne's mayor and later West Germany's first chancellor, personally congratulated her on her rare achievement.

Gruber left Germany in 1939 as a passenger on the St. Louis, a ship carrying about 1,000 Jewish refugees. The St. Louis achieved notoriety because it was turned away by Cuba and the United States and then sent back to Europe.

Returning to New York City, she discovered that her PhD was of no use in a saturated employment market shattered by the Depression. She applied for, and won, a grant to study women under fascism and communism in Europe.

Armed with press credentials from the *Herald Tribune,* Gruber roamed the continent as a freelancer.

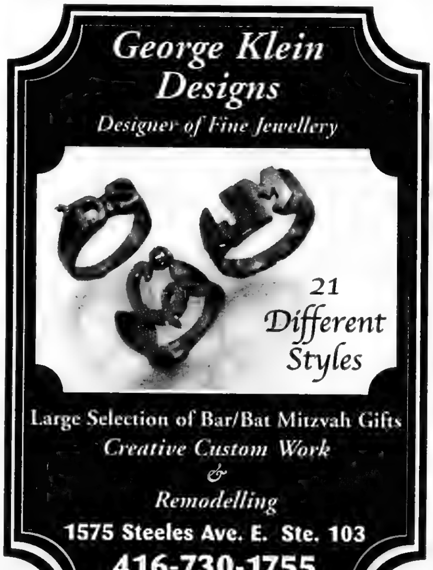
Although her stories from Germany, Britain and Holland were of interest, Gruber's most unusual dispatches were from Stalin's Soviet Union.

A keen observer, she describes the port of Murmansk as "a still primitive Arctic city of 120,000, whose streets were dirt or planks of wood, and whose houses were weather-beaten cottages and huts."

The Siberian city of Irkutsk is a paradox. "Old dilapidated wooden cottages stood next to modern factories spewing black smoke… Sleepy horses dragged ancient carts on highways broad enough for army tanks."

And in the river port of Ust-Kut, when she is bombarded by swarms of huge mosquitoes, she observes: "Somewhere I had read that prisoners in Siberia were often abandoned in the forest and in a few hours died of mosquito bites."

Clearly, Gruber has a sharp eye for telling details, and in *Ahead of Time*, she makes the best of her travels through 1930s Europe and the Soviet Union.



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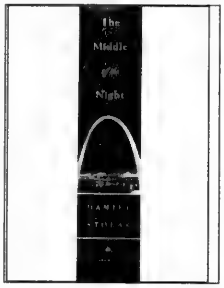
Book reviews

By JOSEPH SERGE
Arts Editor

The Middle of the Night by Daniel Stolar, (Picador)

The eight short stories in Daniel Stolar's debut collection, *The Middle of the Night*, are well-crafted slice-of-life tales that deal with relationships and nostalgia.

Most of Stolar's characters are middle-aged and were raised in affluent, connected, liberal Jewish American households. A current crisis causes them to look back at the defining moments in their lives and at where they are now.



In "Jack Landers Is My Friend," the narrator, a happily married man, attends a school reunion where he reflects on his younger days, his friends, and considers the lure of infidelity with a woman he once loved but never pursued.

Infidelity is also a main theme in "Home in New Hampshire," where grown-up children go back to their country home for Thanksgiving, unaware of the guilt plaguing their father over his infidelity and their paralyzed mother's discovery of his unfaithfulness.

In "Marriage Lessons," also about marital and parental secrets, a young woman raised by a single mother spends much of her life trying to find out who her father is.

All of the stories deal with relationships – between husband and wife, old friends, parents and children. The characters look back with regret, imagining a life that could have been, the choices they could have made.

Stolar's characters are believable and his stories intelligently written, if perhaps a bit too dark for some tastes. It is an excellent debut.

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Songa's Story: How A Shtetl Jew Found the American Dream by Natalie Green Giles with Betty Ajces, (iUniverse)

Many accounts of Holocaust survivors tell of brave, resilient people who survived the camps through courage and adaptability or because they were hidden by Righteous Gentiles.

But few stories tell of survivors who lived through the Holocaust by fighting the Germans in the streets of Stalingrad and getting their chance to take revenge on the Nazis.

Songa's Story, Natalie Green Giles' account of her uncle Songa's survival, is like a Russian version of *Band of Brothers*. While that TV series followed an American unit through its paces liberating western Europe, this book follows Green Giles' uncle's life in the Soviet Red Army from the start of the war to the liberation of Berlin.

Lazar "Songa" Ajces, born in a shtetl along the Polish/Ukrainian border, was drafted into the Red Army after Josef Stalin occupied eastern Poland as part of the secret deal he made with Adolf Hitler in 1939.

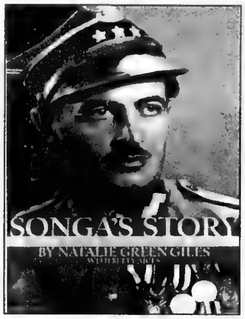
This saved Songa from the fate that befell the Jews after the Germans broke their agreement with Stalin and invaded the Soviet Union in 1941.

At the time, anti-Semitism was not prevalent in the Red Army (this would follow after the war) and Songa rose through the ranks to become a lieutenant. He was on the disorganized front lines at the start of the invasion and in 1942 fought in Stalingrad, one of the greatest battles of World War II, and the beginning of the end for Hitler's "1,000-year" reich.

When Songa's division was later overrun by a counter-attacking German army, Songa was arrested by the NKVD (the predecessor to the KGB). Such was Stalin's paranoia at the time that all soldiers who were captured or retreated without orders were deemed traitors.

Songa was taken to a camp east of the Urals and physically and psychologically tortured to admit he was a traitor. But he held out and was eventually released, though not long after he was again picked up for desertion. Eventually, he was exonerated and returned to his own unit.

Songa's tale is one of bravery and courage despite the obstacles thrown in his path. But Green Giles doesn't hide away from one aspect that other writers, in describing the heroics of their relatives, might shy away from: in his zeal to strike back at the Nazis who killed his remaining family, Songa orchestrated a "take no prisoners" policy in his unit.



It is well-documented that at the end of the war, many Germans would rather surrender to the Allies than to the Soviets. In Songa's case, this fear was justified. He instructed his men to kill all Germans who were captured. It is rather brave of the author to include this in her book.

Songa's Story is an engrossing read, told as though Green Giles were sitting in your living room telling you the story.

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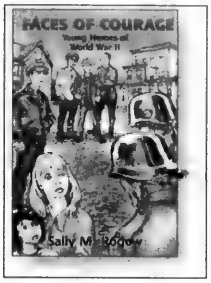
Faces of Courage: Young Heroes of World War II by Sally M. Rogow, (Granville Island Publishing)

Stories of courage in the face of insurmountable opposition always make for good stories. This is especially true when the heroes and heroines are children and teenagers.

Faces of Courage by Sally M. Rogow is a collection of 12 stories of children in Nazi-occupied Europe and Germany who risked their lives to save others.



Jacques was a blind 17-year-old in Paris who formed a resistance movement against the Germans. Together with others his age, Jacques distributed anti-Nazi newspapers across the city, and later across France.

Kirsten was a Danish teenager who helped rescue a group of Jewish teenagers by smuggling them to a port, where they were whisked off to safety in neutral Sweden.

This book makes an excellent gift for teenagers. It is highly inspiring.

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Veteran actor regrets role in Gospel

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

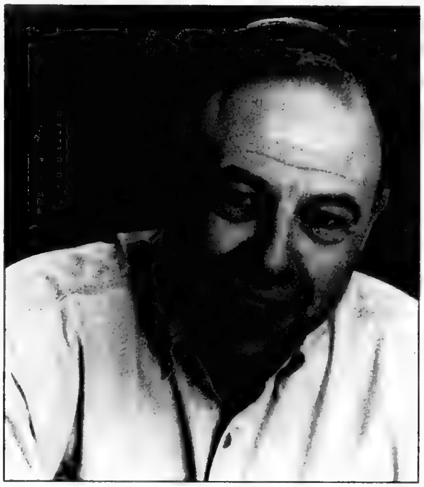
Perhaps you saw him as Herr Schultz, a Jewish merchant in the musical *Cabaret*, currently nearing the end of its run at Toronto's New Yorker Theatre.

Or perhaps you saw him as Lazar Wolf, the aging butcher who wants to marry Tevye's daughter in *Fiddler On The Roof*, a role he's taken on twice during his 30-year acting career.

As a veteran of more than 100 productions in film, television and stage, Toronto-area actor-director Allan Price speaks proudly of most of the roles he's taken on, which include that of Willy Loman in a recent notable production of *Death of a Salesman* in North York.

But he speaks less positively about his recent portrayal of the father of a blind beggar in the recent Garth Drabinsky-produced film *The Gospel of John*. Although he appears on-screen for only a couple of minutes, Price told *The CJN* he regrets his involvement in the film because he feels it has Anti-Semitic elements that he didn't recognize beforehand.

"I didn't see it coming because you couldn't have seen it by reading the script," he said. "It was the story of Christ but you can't always tell how the final film is going to look or feel. And I just didn't feel very positive about it after seeing it."



Allan Price

According to Price, the film portrayed Jewish leaders as "dark and sinister" and the followers of Christ as "the good guys."

The film has generated a variety of responses in these pages. It contains "every aspect of the Gospel that has generated anti-Semitism over centuries," wrote Paul Shaviv in a critique on Nov. 6, while Michael Coren wrote on Nov. 27 that he was "moved to tears by its sensitivity, faithfulness and sheer beauty."

For Price, however, who teaches English part-time at a midtown yeshiva, the film evokes negative stereotypes that may reinforce anti-Semitic prejudice in some minds.

"The film very clearly portrays the Jews as being responsible for Christ's death" and may give some people "a reason to be anti-Semitic," he said.

Price's *Gospel* appearance is just one of many film appearances he's made over the years, including significant parts in two schlocky early-1970s films, *Cannibal Girls* and *Foxy Lady*, that "jump-started" the career of legendary Hollywood director Ivan Reitman.

Once, during an appearance by Reitman on *The Tonight Show*, host Johnny Carson aired a segment of *Cannibal Girls* featuring Price. "That was kind of my claim to fame, I guess," the actor mused.

Becoming a regular early in his career on the CBC-TV comedy series *The Hart and Lorne Terrific Hour* brought him into contact with lawyer Hart Pomerantz as well as Lorne Michaels, who went on to found *Saturday Night Live*. It also brought him into contact with a troupe of performers, including Gilda Radner, Dan Ackroyd, Eugene Levy and Andrea Martin, who would later become legendary.

More recent roles include a part in the TV-film *The Piano Man's Daughter* and an appearance on *Queer As Folk*, a TV series about gay life. He also played a headache sufferer in an Aspirin commercial that is currently airing. (In order to raise a family, Price has also taken roles in the business world, far from the spotlight, including that of production manager for a furniture company.)

A veteran of many classic musicals from *Guys And Dolls* to *The Wizard of Oz*, he prides himself as an expert in the Broadway musical, and maintains a website – www. broadwaymelody.ca – in which he offers to share his knowledge and invites people to try to stump him.

He offers regular sing-along classes in the Broadway Melody on Monday evenings in a central location in Thornhill. There are several classes left in the current session and the next one begins Jan. 12. Visit his website for details.

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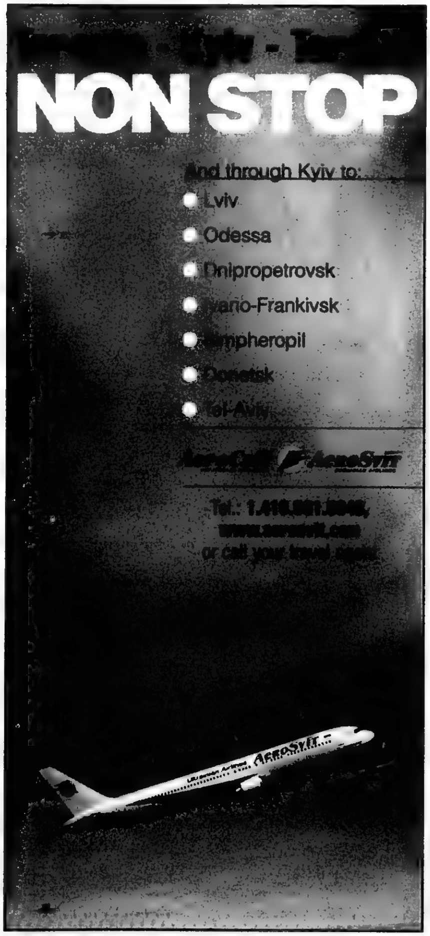

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Jewison, in *The Statement*, tackles French wartime racism

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Norman Jewison's unambiguous empathy for victims of oppression shines through his latest film.

Due to open in Toronto on Dec. 12, *The Statement* is a political thriller adapted from a book by Irish-Canadian novelist Brian Moore. It turns on a war criminal complicit in the execution of seven Jewish civilians during the Holocaust.

Starring Michael Caine as a Frenchman eluding justice and Tilda Swinton as a judge tirelessly pursuing him, the two-hour Canadian movie is basically about betrayal.

"It's a theme that has always interested me," said Jewison – one of Hollywood's most accomplished directors – in an interview last week.

More specifically, Jewison, who was born and raised in Toronto, explained , *The Statement* implicitly deals with Vichy France's betrayal of its Jewish citizens.

Jewison, whose films have won 12 Academy Awards in 28 years, is no stranger to this incendiary theme.

In his 1967 Oscar winner, *In The Heat of the Night*, Jewison fearlessly tackled the subject of discrimination in Mississippi.

Three years later, in *Fiddler on the Roof*, his empathetic portrayal of a Jewish family in a Russian shtetl battling persecution and pogroms, Jewison yet again used betrayal as a broad theme.

And now, in *The Statement*, he has come full circle.

Jewison, who describes himself as a storyteller, has always been attracted to scripts that touch him on an intellectual and emotional level.

And in this respect, *The Statement*, which Jewison co-produced with Robert Lantos, was a perfect fit.

Jewison's affinity for the underdog is hardly accidental.

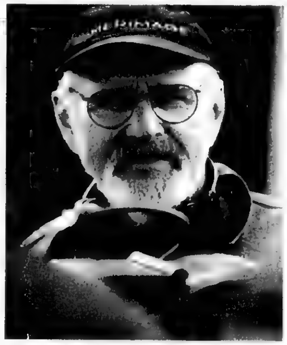
His Jewish-sounding name notwithstanding, Jewison hails from a long line of British Methodists. But when he was a boy, he was subjected to cruel taunts by peers who bombarded him with such timeless epithets as "Jewboy" and "Jewy."

As he tells it, he was blissfully unaware of his Christian background until he was seven or eight years old.

His best friend back then was a Jew who invited Jewison to synagogue services and seders. "I thought I was Jewish," he said in all seriousness.

Having been exposed to Jewish customs and traditions, Jewison was quite shocked when, on his first trip to New York City in the 1950s to pursue a budding career as a television director and producer, his agent asked him a pointed question.

"He said, 'Have you ever thought of changing your name? Jewison sounds a little too Jewish.'"



Norman Jewison on the set of *The Statement.*

Telling this story, Jewison's eyes widened incredulously. "I looked at him and said, 'Larry, you're Jewish.'"

The next morning, Jewison met with his agent again. "I'll change my name to Irving Christiansen," Jewison countered in jest.

The agent immediately understood. Jewison had no intention of capitulating to society's demand for conformity. "Why would I want to change my name?"

These brushes with racism, both overt and subtle, left Jewison wondering whether his family was of Jewish origin. "Maybe I was Jewish? Maybe we came from Spain?"

Piqued by curiosity, Jewison hired a researcher to solve the puzzle. He traced Jewison's family's lineage in Yorkshire all the way back to 1116. "He couldn't find a single Jew," noted Jewison.

Though he settled the conundrum of his ancestry for once and for all, Jewison's hurtful encounters with prejudice definitely influenced him as a filmmaker.

As Lantos put it, "He is a brilliant, visual (director) with political awareness and a social conscience. He makes thought-provoking movies for mainstream audiences. He was exactly right for *The Statement*."

Discussing the film, which cost about $30 million to produce, Jewison said, "It's a hell of a good story, suffused with a lot of moral consciousness."

Its message is crystal clear. "People should be responsible for what they do," he said, referring to Pierre Brossard, the film's central character. "There should be no pardon for crimes against humanity."

In his view, Brossard is modelled after Paul Touvier, the war criminal pardoned by then French president Maurice Pompidou.

As part of his preparations for *The Statement*, Jewison hired a researcher to study France's collaboration with Nazi Germany.

The researcher found a disturbing photograph of seven corpses crumpled beside a wall in a French village where Touvier had been seen in the company of German soldiers.

He also discovered that the bodies were those of Jews who had been shot in cold blood.

Jewison replicated this incident in *The Statement*. For Jewison, the process of selecting extras to play the seven doomed Jewish hostages was a chilling one. To achieve the desired level of authenticity, Jewison separated Jewish extras from non-Jewish ones.

But by separating Jews from Christians, he was jolted into the realization that he, a liberal, had inadvertently emulated the villains, the Nazis.

"I almost started crying. That, to me, was the most difficult moment in the film."

In his opinion, the murder of Jews in Vichy France was not a topic to which Hollywood studios would have been drawn. Nor would they have felt comfortable with the notion that Brossard was protected by certain elements in the Catholic church and high government officials.

Jewison acknowledged that *The Statement* may not be particularly commercial, disclosing that Lantos ran into problems when he was raising funds for it. "We passed the hat around."

Commercial considerations, however, were not Jewison's top priority. "I wanted to make a film that captures the imagination and raises ideas."

He is not bothered in the least by the possibility that *The Statement* may alienate some viewers.

"I hope it offends some people. It's always better to make a film that challenges somebody. The truth always upsets somebody."

Nevertheless, Jewison is pleased that it will be distributed in France.

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Arts & Travel

Lawyer takes a stab at justice system in his book

By DAVID SILVERBERG
Special to The CJN

A prominent Toronto law professor is calling his first book a "professional suicide note."

Alan Young is not spouting hyperbole. In *Justice Defiled: Perverts, Potheads, Serial Killers & Lawyers* (Key Porter Books), he blasts the justice system for failing society by wasting court time on harmless offences and taking the law away from the community.

"We hate criminal justice… because it has demonstrated absolutely no interest in acquiring even a kernel of insight into predatory crime, and remains impotent to curb the tide of modern, senseless violence," Young writes.

In an interview in his University of Toronto office, the former lawyer explains why he wrote the book.

"You can only knock your head against the wall so long before it starts to bleed," he said, wearing a shirt emblazoned with The Simpsons. "I find everything about the profession to be destructive to the human spirit."

Young said he has come a long way from his days at Associated Hebrew Day School in Toronto. After law school and 18 years of legal practice, he is known for his pro-pot work and his tireless battle to help the disenfranchised.

A glance at his career spotlights his successes: he was responsible for establishing a medicinal marijuana program in Canada; free-speech advocates praised him for defending booksellers interested in selling weed magazines and albums by controversial rap group 2 live Crew; and he co-founded the Innocence Project at Osgoode Hall, an organization that investigates wrongful convictions. In his pro bono work, he has defended everyone from fetishists to hash dealers to AIDS patients.

Alan Young: "Issues of misplaced priorities."

"We have issues of misplaced priorities," he said, his hands dancing as he spoke. "We criminalize pleasures like pot-smoking and prostitution, which draws money away from dealing with serious crime." Around 75 per cent of court time is clogged with minor offences, he said.

Young would also like to see the justice system take power away from legal professionals and put it back into the hands of community representatives. A reliance on lawyers to solve problems is dangerous, he cautioned.

"Lawyers treat clients as case numbers. They should learn bedside manners, and they should learn to get their hands dirty dealing with human conflict."

He prefers the European criminal justice system. In Germany, for example, jurors work for four years to develop expertise on legal matters.

"I don't like our jury system of pulling names out of a hat," Young said, "asking these people who know nothing about law to come up with an informed verdict, and ending up with nothing learned about the process."

His book will undoubtedly raise the ire of legal professionals across the country – especially with a chapter on law school titled "The Training and Education of Mr. Bastard." Young predicts only half of all lawyers will stick up for him, even though "every lawyer has felt my frustration."

Targeting justice may be unwise for a law professor, but Young is an educator who is outspoken and honest. Former students regularly work with him, citing his intelligent oratory skills as an appealing talent.

"He can easily adapt to any audience," said Toronto lawyer Paul Burstein, adding that Young's range of knowledge stems from his eclectic reading – from Nietzsche to Lenny Bruce to Martin Booth's *History of Cannabis*.

Recently, Young has not attracted media coverage just for his controversial book. He regularly defends marijuana activists who seek to decriminalize the plant.

"I'm glad I essentially converted the federal government into a drug trafficker," he said. He went to bat for AIDS patient Jim Wakeford in 1999, and started several "compassion clubs" in Toronto since that landmark ruling.

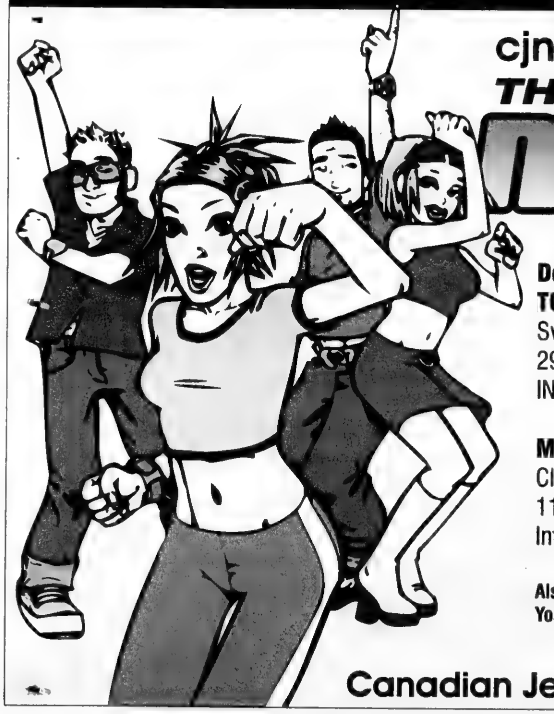
Young's media-spotlight reputation, coupled with his public complaints about Canadian justice will likely cloud legal minds. "I'm not entering a courtroom again," he said, explaining that his fiery pages won't ever grant him a blank slate in court.

"There is nothing more dangerous than giving raw power to people who think they are smarter than they are," he writes in one passage on judges.

He smiled somewhat mischievously. "You think a judge will ever regard me in the same light?"

Then he became serious and proffered *Justice Defiled's* other raison d'être.

"This book is important to me, because I want to establish credibility as a good writer."



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Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

BETH TZEDEC HOSTS TRIBUTE TO ARTIST-WRITER BRUNO SCHULZ

Beth Tzedec's Max and Beatrice Wolfe Library is co-sponsoring an evening of tribute to **Bruno Schulz** (1892-1942), an extraordinary writer and artist from Galicia who is sometimes compared to **Franz Kafka** and considered a major influence on several modern Jewish writers.

Having hovered like a ghost in the dim recesses of Jewish cultural awareness for nearly six decades, Schulz came suddenly to prominence three years ago after several of his fanciful wartime murals were uncovered in his native town of Drohobycz (formerly in Poland, now Ukraine).

Schulz had painted the murals for a Nazi officer in exchange for an assurance of protection. The arrangement ended brutally when his protector murdered the Jewish dentist of a fellow Nazi officer, who took revenge by shooting Schulz summarily in the street. "You killed my Jew – I killed yours," the officer later explained.

Two years ago, representatives of Yad Vashem visited Drohobycz and by diligent sleuthing, found the house and room where Schulz's paintings had been hidden beneath coats of whitewash for nearly 60 years.

Then, claiming they had received permission from municipal authorities, they paid $100 to the homeowner, removed the murals and took them to Israel. The tactic caused an uproar throughout the artistic world that was reported on the front page of the *New York Times*.

Schulz's published collections of short stories have established him as a pioneer of the magical, absurd and surrealistic. Unfortunately, the manuscript of a 1938 novel called *Messiah* has been lost. **Philip Roth**, **Cynthia Ozick**, **A. B. Yehoshua** and other contemporary scribes have based works fully or partly on his legend.

Schulz "is a leading figure in modernism," said Beth Tzedec librarian **Zina Glassman**, who organized the tribute. It is being co-sponsored by the Polish Consulate, the Goethe Institut and the centre for Jewish studies at York University.

Presenters include York professor **Carol Zemel**, Holocaust Centre director **Adam Fuerstenberg** and singer-artist **Gloria Valentine**. **Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum** is moderator. The program also includes a short film-clip from a recent documentary about Schulz and the pilfered Drohobycz murals.

Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St. Free admission; refreshments. Sunday, Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m.

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Gala Benefit Screening: World Literacy of Canada presents the Canadian premiere of *Cold Mountain*, a film starring **Jude Law**, **Nicole Kidman**, **Renee Zellweger** and **Donald Sutherland**. A discussion with novelist **Charles Frazier** and Academy Award-winning director **Anthony Minghella**, moderated by Canadian author **Michael Ondaatje,** precedes the screening, and a gala reception and book signing follow. $125. Isabel Bader Theatre, 93 Charles St. W. Thursday, Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m. 416-977-0008.

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Chanukah Happenings

- Friends of Yiddish presents a Chanukah Blow-Out! featuring Chanukah songs and Yiddish music performed by **Michael Mandel** and **Brian Katz**. Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave. Members $7, guests $15. Saturday, Dec. 13, 8 p.m. RSVP by Dec. 10 to Sandy, 416-736-8073.
- Attend a Chanukah party with music, latkes, candles, arts and crafts and a sing-along with **Ken Rabow** (two shows, 12 noon and 1 p.m.). Adults and children $4, families $10. Miles Nadal JCC. Sunday, Dec. 14, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **The Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band** perform selections from their CD *Sweet Return*, excerpts from their show T*he Warsaw Cabaret*, and some Chanukah songs, Christmas carols in Yiddish, and other holiday favourites. Hugh'sroom, 2261 Dundas St. W. $12 in advance, $15 at the door. Sunday, Dec.14, 8 p.m. 416-531-6604 or www.flyingbulgars.com.
- The Winchevsky Centre's Cranbrooke Friendship Club presents performer **David Abramowitz** at a Chanukah Chai-Jinks! gathering featuring new Chanukah stories, poems, folklore and songs. $10 includes program, lunch and latkes and doughnuts. 585 Cranbrooke Ave. (5 blocks north of Lawrence at Bathurst). Monday, Dec. 15, 12:30 p.m. 416-789-5502.

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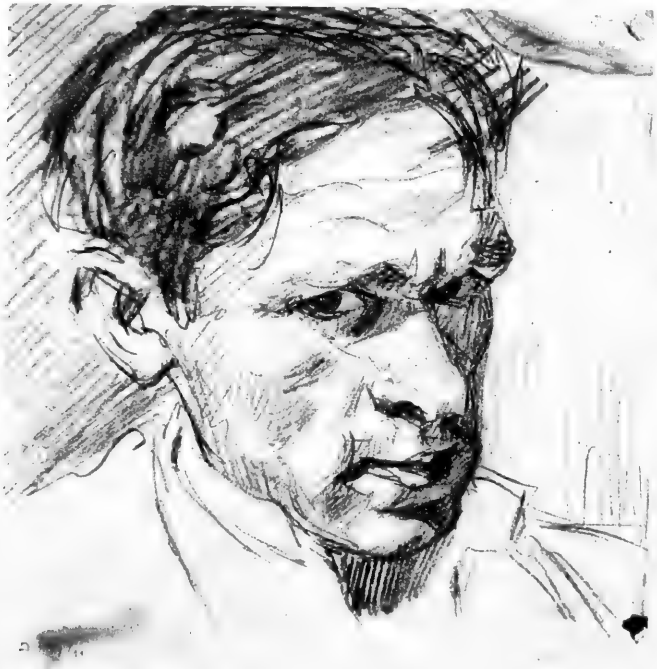
Arts in Brief

- Toronto band **Beyond the Pale** brings its blend of klezmer, eastern European folk styles (Romanian, Roma and Balkan) and North American bluegrass, reggae and funk to the Royal Conservatory of Music, Ettore Mazzoleni Concert Hall. Adults $25, students and seniors $15. Thursday, Dec. 11, 8 p.m. 416-408-2824, ext. 321.
- *The Decadent Berlin Review*, a theatrical concert of cabaret masterpieces from the Weimar Republic, sung in English by **Rita di Ghent**, **Mitch Smolkin**, **Lyne Tremblay** and **Jef Vegas**, accompanied by a six-piece band. Miles Nadal JCC, Al Green Theatre. 750 Bloor St. W. Adults $18. Saturday, Dec. 13, 8 p.m. 416-924-6211.
- Known for his uplifting and interactive performances of songs, rhythms and rhymes that enchant and educate youngsters and grown-ups alike, **Jack Grunsky** comes to the Living Arts Centre, Mississauga. Sunday, Dec. 14, 11 a.m and 2 p.m. Adults $19, children $16. Recommended for ages 3 to 6. 905-306-6000.
- Guernica Editions launches three new books of poetry – *At the Moon Bean Café* by **Malca Litovitz**, *Borrowed Light* by **Merle Nudelman** and *Mask* by **Elana Wolff** – as well as *Song for My Father*, a novel by **Miriam Packer**. Bar Italia, 582 College St. Sunday, Dec. 14, 2 to 5 p.m. Readings begin at 2:30 p.m. All welcome. 416-658-9888.



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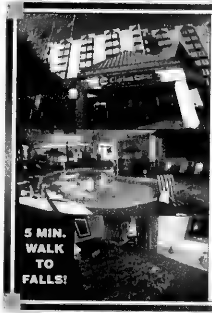

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Phoenix: a Russian theatre that offers special performances

By SVETLANA BARKAN
Special to The CJN

When Shabbat draws to an end, families have many choices for Saturday night entertainment including restaurants, movies, concerts, performances, visiting friends. However, for a memorable evening with your children, you might want to attend the play *I Ought To Be In Pictures*.

The play will be performed Dec. 13 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. at St. Vladimir Institute, 620 Spadina Ave. This is a new, English-language production presented by Phoenix Cultural Diversity Theatre, a Russian community troupe.

In Russian mythology, the Phoenix was a magical bird of happiness that was said to have lived 500 or 600 years by repeatedly burning itself to ashes on a funeral pyre and rising again from the ashes for another life.

Artistic director Olga Chvedova and general manager Vladimir Milman founded the Phoenix in February 2002 to present Russian theatrical productions to North American audiences.

The Phoenix is the first Russian community theatre to offer productions in two languages, Russian and English.

I Ought To Be In Pictures, by Tony Award-winning playwright Neil Simon, is a touching story about a child searching for a missing parent, and what happens when they finally meet.

Seen, from left, are choreographer/actor Valentyn Ovsyuk, artistic director Olga Chvedova and actor Jane Milman.

Chvedova said she selected this play because "it can find a response in the heart of every audience member."

She added that the subject matter is universal, and that an insight into parent-child interaction always draws empathy and attention from an audience. Chvedova often mentions her loving relationship with her Jewish father, who strongly encouraged her to pursue a career in theatrical arts.

I Ought To Be In Pictures involves a cast of only three actors, but it is definitely the power of three that lights up the stage. The entire play takes place in one room, which allows the audience to concentrate on the communication between the characters and their emotional reactions to each other. Minimalist decor and subtle lighting further enable the audience to fully comprehend facial expressions and body language.

The actors themselves say this play is dynamic, as there is always something happening on the stage. It is fast-paced to keep the audience's full attention.

I Ought To Be In Pictures features local talent. Phoenix actor Jane Milman is a young student and the daughter of Vladimir Milman, co-founder of the theatre. She performs the part of Libby, the headstrong young girl whose search for her father, a show business entrepreneur, yields unexpected results. Jane Milman captures the essence of an abandoned daughter who arises like an apparition before her unsuspecting father. Her character is filled with a desire to love, and Milman adds a touching innocence to the entire picture.

Stefan Genyk-Berezowskyj plays the part of Herb, Libby's estranged father. A multi-talented individual who works on OMNI Television, Genyk-Berezowskyj participates in many Phoenix productions.

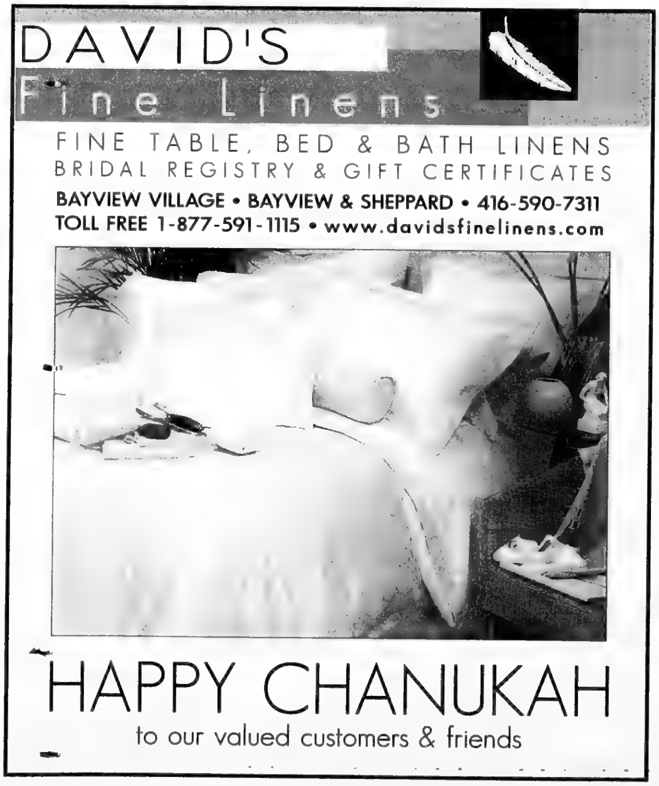
His character, Herb, is a selfish man, who left his family 16 years earlier and barely remembered his kids' names when Libby suddenly walks into his life. He rarely expresses affection for anyone, even his longtime girlfriend, Steffy. But when Libby walks through his door, his transformation begins. Herb's kindness and warm-hearted nature begin to shine through on the stage, as his character evolves from the world's most selfish man to a loving and caring father.

Gianeya Nesterova plays Herb's "evil" girlfriend, Steffy. At least this is how Libby envisions Steffy before she learns how lonely and unappreciated Steffy really is. Only through observing Steffy's search for happiness and seeing her hopes crushed is Libby able to cope with Herb's behaviour. Nesterova captures the essence of a woman who desperately wants a place in Herb's heart. Yet, when Libby appears and Herb starts to care more and more about his daughter, Steffy becomes somewhat annoyed. This girl, a stranger, is competing with her for Herb's attention.

However, after Libby appears in Herb's life, Steffy begins to recognize how powerful his emotions can be. It is a complicated part, because the audience comes to see her character in a completely different light: Steffy evolves from a yearning woman to a jealous girlfriend and back again. Nesterova creates a brilliant, memorable image in her supporting role.

Genyk-Berezowskyj and Milman are appearing together again in the upcoming English-language Phoenix production of *Sylvia*, on Feb. 14, 2004.

For tickets and inquiries, call Phoenix general manager, Vladimir Milman at 416-633-7720 or 416-923-6641 ext.2654, or by e-mail: vmilman@oise.utoronto. For more information on Phoenix Theatre and upcoming events, visit www.torontobest.net/phoenix/home.html.



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About Nutrition

By LISA WEINBERG

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A. You definitely both need calcium in your diet and you can get that calcium from a supplement, which can help prevent osteoporosis and bone loss. However, if you are able to consume dairy products, regular or lactose free, and can find something that you like – yogurt, milk, café au lait or chocolate milk – then I strongly urge you to go this route.

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Lisa Weinberg is a registered dietitian/nutritionist in Toronto, in private practice and at the Genesis Professional Group. If you have any nutrition questions, please send them to The CJN.

AT THE POST: Frank Stronach, chairman of Magna International and Sydney Cooper, businessman and philanthropist, teamed up to host a dinner in honour of the Reena Foundation and people with developmental disabilities. Thoroughbred horse racing was the theme of the evening, underscoring the huge interest and involvement by both Stronach and Cooper in the field. These two giants of industry and the equine world turned their attention for the evening to helping Reena kick off its fundraising campaign to build an ElderHome for seniors with developmental disabilities. Seen with Stronach (middle) and Cooper (left) is renowned Irish tenor, John McDermott.

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Cantor, Dubinsky realized the 'impossible' dream

By ELI SHUPAK
Special to The CJN

Noah Cantor and Steve Dubinsky grew up in Conservative Jewish homes dreaming the impossible dream – a career as professional athletes.

Neither was the most talented in his field of play, but through hard work, dedication and passion for their sports, both carved out nearly decade-long careers that fill them with pride.

Having originally met as kids at Camp B'nai Brith in Ottawa, Cantor, a Toronto Argonauts defensive tackle and nine-year veteran of the CFL, and Dubinsky, a 10-year NHLer forced into retirement by a concussion, renewed acquaintances last month as part of Holy Blossom Temple's lecture series for young adults titled "My Story: For the love of the game."

Michael Landsberg, host of TSN's *Off The Record*, moderated the question and answer session that followed the athletes' introductory remarks on the roles of Judaism and sports in their lives.

The Ottawa-born Cantor talked of his family's reaction when he told them he had a high school game on Kol Nidre night, but would see them in synagogue the next day. Suffice it to say, his suggestion did not go over well, and Cantor was in shul, not on the gridiron, that night.

When he was at St. Mary's University, the 6-foot-4, 264-pound lineman later sat out a game that also fell on Yom Kippur. The Catholic school's coaches made certain not to schedule a game on that day the following season.

Michael Landsberg (centre), hosted a lecture that featured pro athletes Steve Dubinsky (left) and Noah Cantor.

In fact, the only two games Cantor has missed during his professional career were Yom Kippur in 1997 and 2000.

Cantor was signed by the Argos to a two-year-plus-a-team-option deal last February after spending the previous five seasons with the B.C. Lions. He won his third Grey Cup ring with the Lions in 2000 after winning back-to-back titles as an Argo in 1996 and 1997.

"I knew when my time was up in B.C. where else to come, where I would be comfortable [and] be with coaches and players I knew already," said Cantor, who originally signed as a free agent with Toronto prior to the 1995 season. Cantor spent the first three years of his career in Double Blue.

"It felt like coming home and it was an easy choice."

Cantor recently returned to the West Coast to prepare for life after football, where he has established a partnership in the restaurant business with his friend, Gerald Tritt.

Dubinsky, an 11th round pick of the Chicago Blackhawks in the 1990 entry draft, suffered a concussion last February, which abruptly ended his playing career. It took four months for his head to clear after he was caught with a stick to the side of his helmet while taking a guy to the net.

The Montreal native has no regrets and is thankful for his time in the game because, as a kid, he never thought making it to the NHL was a realistic possibility.

"I was never the top player on any teams growing up," said the 6-foot, 190-pound forward, who played four years of U.S. college hockey at Clarkson University as a walk-on.

"I stress the fact of how hard I worked on a daily basis and it was a matter of being in the right place at the right time and taking advantage of opportunities," he said.

Dubinsky said he was never in a position to ask for time off for Jewish holidays because his place in the lineup was often tenuous at best.

The 33-year-old had 25 goals and 45 assists in 376 career NHL games, which included stints in Calgary, Nashville and St. Louis. And while Dubinsky says he did his time in the minors, he is proud he never spent a full season with a farm club.

He played in all 82 games with Chicago in 1997-98, notching career highs with five goals and 13 assists.

Dubinsky currently heads up the American hockey operations for Cardinal Sports Management, a leading recruiting service for college and university athletic programs in the United States and Canada.

He also serves as a studio analyst for Blackhawks games broadcast on Fox Sportsnet.

"I'm happy where my life is right now," said Dubinsky, whose wife is expecting their third son in May. "It's kind of been a nice transition for me."

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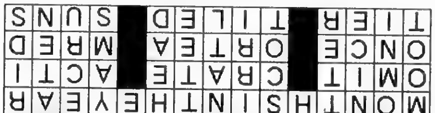

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Former army sniper wins world blind golf title

By BARRY DAVIS
Special to The CJN

CAESAREA — Try doing something mundane, like stretching out your hand to pick up a cup of coffee from your breakfast table. Now, try it with your eyes shut and you'll get some idea of what 50-year-old world and Israeli champion golfer Zohar Sharon has to contend with every day of his life.

Twenty-five years ago, Sharon was an active young man who worked as an explosives expert with the Israeli Defence Forces. On one fateful mission, a bomb he was attempting to defuse blew up in his face. He lost his sight in one eye while the other eye was also damaged. Within two years, he was totally blind.

He was devastated.

"There were times in my life when I thought of committing suicide," said Sharon during a meeting in the café of the swanky Caesarea Golf Club in northern Israel. "I had some desperate moments."

Three years ago the names Jack Nicklaus or Tiger Woods meant little or nothing to Sharon. But four months ago he was a member of the winning team at the Israeli National Pairs Golf Championships – for golfers with normal vision – and just about two months ago he won the World Blind Golf Championship in Scotland.

That, in itself, is a remarkable achievement for someone who had never previously set foot on a golf course. With Sharon's physical disability taken into consideration, those sporting pinnacles take on gargantuan proportions.

So how does he do it? As far as Sharon is concerned, it all boils down to work, work and more work.

"You've just got be dedicated, that's all. You've got to put the hours in."

These days, he spends up to 10 hours a day on the fairways and greens at Caesarea, honing his swing and putting action.

Sharon adds that the skills he acquired as a sniper before his accident now come in very handy.

"I was a very good sniper, and even won a few championships; I have a sharpshooter's sense of direction. With golf, it's a matter of training and iron will."

Prior to taking up golf, Sharon immersed himself in painting. It became an obsession and after giving it up cold turkey, it took a while for Sharon to find another pursuit. "Then one day someone came to the house and saw me just sitting around doing nothing," he recalled. "He suggested I try a bit of home putting and he got me a putter and made a hole in a shoe box."

Sharon was soon holing his putts from a distance of 15 feet.

"I didn't have much else to do so I played all day and all night," he said.

A few months later, a friend saw him in action and put him in touch with Caesarea Golf Club manager Alon Ben David. Sharon soon swapped his floor tiles for the lush grass of the Caesarea fairways and, under the guidance of caddy Shimson Levy, Sharon's career began to take off.

Sharon recently added another award to his increasingly crowded trophy case when he was named Israel's Sports Personality of the Year.

Unassuming as he is effusive, Sharon says he didn't expect to win at all.

"I didn't take the whole idea of being a nominee for Sports Personality of the Year seriously. I was amazed when I was chosen."

In fact, Sharon insists in keeping a tight handle on his ego.

"I learned a long time ago never to let your successes and the kudos go to your head. If you start thinking 'me, me, me' you lose it. Before you know it, someone else will have taken your place and you'll just be yesterday's news."

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יעל זליגר

אל תשלח ידך אל-הנער: שירים ודברי הגות על העקדה. ליקט וערך: אריה בן-גוריון. כתר הוצאה לאור.

״לעקדה נוכחות גלויה, אלימה ומבשרת-רע בספרות העברית החדשה״ כך פותח חיים באר את ההקדמה לאסופה ייחודית זו. 138 עמודים, בפורמאט אלבומי, מאוירים בציוריו היפים של מנשה קדישמן. היקף האוסף מאוד מרשים ומבטא את ההתלבטות הקשה סביב סיפור העקדה המקראי שמתקשים בו מטובי הסופרים שלנו. בכל דור נעשה נסיון להבין, אם בפרשנות או בהתרסה את הצו ״קח את בנך את יחידך...״ ואת טיבו של הסיפור האטום על אברהם העוקד, יצחק הנעקד ושרה האם שמוסתרת מאחור (והאיל חסר-הקול).

על הכנת האנתולוגיה שקד אריה בן-גוריון ז״ל שנים רבות. חבר בית-השיטה, מקים ארכיון החגים הבין-קיבוצי, ראה בן-גוריון בעקדה מיתוס סמוי וקודר המעצב את חוויית היסוד הקיומית, היהודית. לא ניתן להיחלץ מזכרון כל מה שקודם ל״אל תשלח ידך אל הנער״ וככל מיתוס ראשוני, קולקטיבי, הזכרון עשוי לצוץ כהרף עין מנבכי המיתולוגיה התרבותית הלאומית למודעות ההכרתית. די בטראומה כמלחמת ששת הימים, שלא לדבר על פלצות השואה - ומיתוס העקדה מגיח להכרתנו ואנו מוצפים בתחושה שהסיפור חוזר ומתהווה.

אם לשפוט לפי מורכבות והמיגוון בסיפורת ובשירה העברית - אין ספק שסיפור העקדה אומץ כסיפורה של החברה הישראלית. חיים באר ממשיל את המטפורות הלשוניות של העקדה (אפילו את שתי המלים הפשוטות: ״האש והעצים״) לסלילי די.אן.איי ״הנושאים באופן מוצפן את גזרות-הגורל הגנטיות שאיש אינו יכול להיחלץ מהן.״ חייו של כל אדם בישראל נגועים ב״אל תשלח ידך אל הנער.״

המובאות הספרותיות והציורים באוסף מקיף ומרגש זה מגלמים עושר של זוויות תצפית. יש המבקשים להתמודד עם צייתנותו של אברהם; ״העקדה רחוקה. דמויות יגון שומרות זכרון כיצד יד אב נשאה מאכלת. כוכבי קיץ מתוקים מרטטים בדחילו״ (איציק מאנגר). ״... ואברהם השכים בבקר עם זריחה והנה דם על ההרים ודם בכל פריחה״ (ב. מרדכי). ״כוכבים וחול שברכתם ממארת... ואין פודה עולת הנער שנשתלחה בו יד - - ודגלו של אברהם נאחז בסבך -״ (יהושע טן-פי).

דרשתו של ס. יזהר מתוך ״ימי צקלג״ זועקת נגד ניסויים של אהבה והדרישה הזאת להוכחת אהבה. ״מה זכותו שלו (של אברהם) על יצחק. שיעקוד את עצמו!״

יש המדגישים את נקודת ראותה של האם. ״...אך שרה היא לא השלימה, אך שרה היא לא אפשה. דם הבן זעק אל אמא, ולשמעו פרחה נפשה. אב ובן וכרוב שמים - לא פקחה עוד העינים״ (ש. שלום). סבלה אומר דוד צימרמן בכתבתו, כלולה בשתיקתו של יצחק.

״התמה העקדה?״ שואל אברהם שלונסקי; ״מה ברכה אשאג אז אל ליל ומה הקללה - איש לא ידע.״ יצחק למדן סבור שלא, לא תמה העקדה; ״יפה כלנו עקדנו ובו ידינו הבאנו הלום העצים, ואל שאל וחקר אם תרצה העולה! ודאי ישנו אבא הרוצה בכך, ודאי ישנה אמא אשר לא תשכחנו - נפשיל, אפוא, דומם צואר על המזבח: אצלנו -״.

רבים הם היוצרים שאצלם העקדה כרוכה באימת השואה. אהרן צייטלין אינו מבקש רחמים; ״היות העולה נולדתי. כהעקד שה-צה נעקדתי - אשרי להם הרצה ואני לאדני: שמים שאו רנה עלי!״ הבן אצל נתן אלתרמן עובר מהפך והנה הוא צעיר בעיר פולנית ושמו אברם ״כי הצו שרעם על אברם האב, רועם על אברם הנער.״ מורא ההשמד הפך את סיפור העקדה לסיוט מתמשך אך בלי הסיום הטוב, המקראי. ״לפנות בוקר טילה שמש בתוך היער, יחד עמי ועם אבא וימיני בשמאלו... ורציתי לצעק, מפרפר לא להאמין וקורע העינים. ונתעוררתי. ואזלת דם היתה יד ימיני״ (אמיר גלבוע). במלחמת ההתשה זועקת רעיה הרניק: ״אני לא אקריב בכורי לעולה. לא אני.״ (בנה, רב-סרן גוני נהרג במלחמת לבנון.)

וגם האיל לא נשכח; ״הגבור האמיתי של העקדה היה האיל שלא ידע על הקנוניה בין האחרים. הוא כמו התנדב למות במקום יצחק״ (יהודה עמיחי).

כתבתו של אדם ברוך חותמת את האסופה וכך הוא מסכם: ״בעניין הבעלויות על העקדה: בעולם, בעולם הרחב, העקדה של חילונים יותר משל חרדים. החרדי יודע שהעקדה עובדה. עוד עובדה. החילוני מאמין שזו מטאפורה גדולה, מיתית.״

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- salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup milk
- oil for frying

Grate the sweet potatoes coarsely. In a separate bowl mix flour, white sugar, brown sugar, baking powder, cayenne pepper, curry powder, cumin, salt and pepper.

Add eggs and just enough milk to the dry ingredients to make a stiff batter. Add the potatoes and mix well. The batter should be moist but not runny; if too stiff, add more milk

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Rabbi Jay Kelman

May a departing employee compete directly with his former firm?

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While some authorities limit this freedom to situations where the market is large enough to support multiple businesses, many allow for competition even when the market is such that one (or both) of the firms is destined to go out of business. Certainly, in a large metropolitan area, all are welcome to open competing businesses.

Nonetheless, employees who leave their firm to strike out on their own – a fairly common occurrence – must ensure they do not run afoul of several moral exhortations.

While you may welcome former clients who seek out your "new services" you would not be permitted to make any attempt to solicit their business, notwithstanding the fact that you may have been solely responsible for the account for many years. These clients belong to the firm and attempting to lure them away would run afoul of the prohibition against exploiting the efforts and/or assets of others for personal gain. A fine line but one that may not be crossed.

Similarly, any unique "trade secrets" developed by the former firm may not be used in your new business. Furthermore, you may not take key employees with you. To do so is not considered fair competition but rather directly raiding and damaging the competition, something Jewish law prohibits.

Thus, enlisting a head hunter to attempt to lure the key players in, for example, a rival's legal department would appear to be prohibited.

The Talmud labels one who "snatches away the anticipated gains of others" a *rasha*, an evil person. Many rabbinic authorities, in applying this dictum to the modern workplace, prohibit the stealing of longstanding clients of rival firms. This applies to all competitors, not just former employees, and would proscribe unsolicited bids for clients, even if such bids were to offer cost savings. But you may do generic advertising, hoping that some may recognize your talents and voluntarily choose your services.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

(Answers to the crossword are on page 78.)

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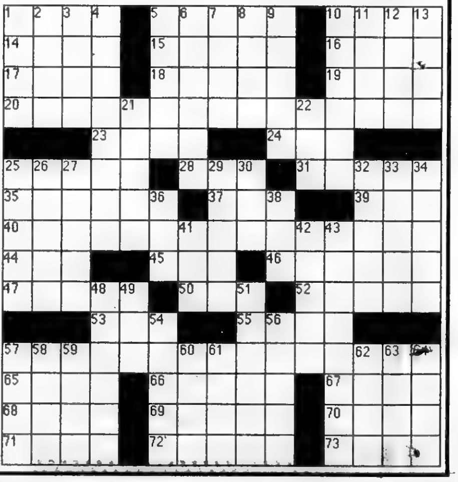
. CD
. Cut-up, roguish kid
0. He or it built, in Hebrew
4. Rock, in Barcelona
5. "Tra" followers
6. Mongolia's ____ Bator
7. "I got ____ at the beach oday!"
8. Latin word meaning soul r life
9. Rocker Ronnie Van ____
0. Thirteen-year old at the imah (write in the options)
3. Tabula ____
4. Buck's mate
5. Heaps of
8. Snooze
1. Mistake
5. Employ Chi Minh of Vietnam?
7. Exclamation for being shocked
9. Amort ending
40. Thirteen in the Passover song, "Ehad, Mi Yodea?"
44. French for my (plural)
45. Israel suffix
46. Texas energy company and the like
47. Variant of Piaf's first name
50. Hesitant vocalizations
52. What some seals are
53. Israeli girl's name
55. Jerusalem direction from New York
57. Thirteen in Jewish calendar
65. Leave out
66. Large packing box
67. Hamlet's first part
68. A single time
69. Coffee ____?
70. Talking horse
71. Stadium level
72. Finished up a patio wall
73. Phoenix team

Down
1. Dull in color or tone
2. Small bit
3. Wound trace
4. Supermarket request to Campbell
5. House foundations
6. Where Abraham settled
7. Landed
8. Magazine serving sufferers of breast cancer
9. Term. of Suez Canal
10. "And he scores right at the _____!"
11. Upon him or it, in Hebrew
12. Emile Zola loose woman
13. Stamen part (abbrev.)
21. Famed 11th c. Biblical commentator
22. Foot digit
25. Disgrace, dishonor
26. Attributed, as with a quote
27. Original in style, but not kitschy
29. "I'll be back ___ lunch"
30. Apple or pumpkin
32. ___ mortis
33. Layer above the atmosphere
34. ____ Granite, stone used in FDR Memorial (state name is abbreviated)
36. Kimono sash
38. Dir. from Haifa to Afula
41. Western Indian
42. If it ends in LF, it's about you
43. Comparable to soror. sweet potatoes?
48. Wobble
49. Honorific acronym for Elizabeth II
51. Type of sofa
54. Tie
56. In the vanguard
57. Up in the air, as with a legal question
58. Prefix for all
59. Provence city of salad fame
60. Gation starter
61. One of the major baseb. leagues
62. Beige-like color
63. You, feminine plural, in Hebrew
64. Chases away (with of)



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Dr. McLeod

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Wine Down Easy Co-Chairs: Paula Klaiman and Raina Silverberg

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On November 19th, 2003, the Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary held its 3rd annual "*Wine Down Easy*" event at Easy and the Fifth.

The sold out event consisted of a rare and vintage wine silent auction, wine tasting, a martini bar, dinner, dancing and the best networking in town! There was something for everyone!

Event co-chairs, Paula Klaiman and Raina Silverberg, along with Vice-President Anna Koffler, President Heather Gotlieb and their incredible committee did an outstanding job of ensuring the success of the evening. All proceeds went to the Auxiliary pledge for The Centre of Excellence in Mothers' and Infants' Health. What a wonderful combination of having fun and supporting such a worthwhile cause at the same time.

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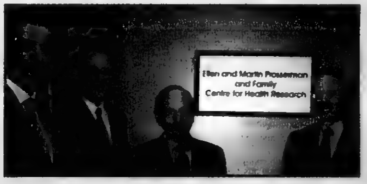
New Prosserman Centres Open at MSH

Martin Prosserman and family, long-time supporters of Mount Sinai Hospital, gathered on November 24, to celebrate the official opening of the Anna Prosserman Heart Function Clinic and the Ellen and Martin Prosserman and Family Centre for Health Research.

Lawrence Bloomberg, Chair of Mount Sinai Hospital and Michael Bregman, Chair of the Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation along with Hospital President Joseph Mapa, paid tribute to the Prosserman family for their transformational philanthropy at Mount Sinai Hospital.

Dr. John Parker, Head of Cardiology and Dr. John McLaughlin, Senior Investigator and Head of Epidemiology and Biostatistics acknowledged the Prossermans' generosity and their dedication to outstanding patient care and research. They told of the difference their gift had made in providing new space for heart function assessment and treatment and for ground-breaking research into many diseases.

Tours of the Clinic and Centre provided a behind-the-scenes look at these projects. Mount Sinai graciously thanks both Martin Prosserman and his family for their outstanding leadership and support.



From L to R: Michael Bregman, Chair, Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation; Joseph Mapa, President and CEO, Mount Sinai Hospital; Martin Prosserman; Lawrence Bloomberg, Chair, Mount Sinai Hospital.

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Martin names federal cabinet

Major Jewish representation

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

Not since the Trudeau era some 20 years ago have three Jews become members of a federal cabinet.

At the swearing-in ceremony of new Prime Minister Paul Martin's cabinet last Friday, Mount Royal MP Irwin Cotler was named justice minister and attorney general, while Montreal-area MP Jacques Saada, a francophone, was appointed leader of the government in the House of Commons and minister responsible for democratic reform, and longtime B.C. senator Jacob (Jack) Austin became government leader in the Senate.

Saada, the least known of the three, was born in Tunisia and was first elected to the House of Commons in 1997. Since January 2001, he has been deputy whip of the government. He has also been chair of the Canadian section of the Canada-U.S. Permanent Joint Board on Defence since 1998. He had been parliamentary secretary to former solicitor general Andy Scott.

Jack Austin

Irwin Cotler

Jacques Saada

Saada, 56, represents Brossard-La Prairie, a mainly francophone riding on the South Shore of Montreal with no more than a couple of dozen Jewish families. He left Tunisia in 1958 for France, where he became a member of the socialist Zionist youth movement Hashomer Hatzair. In the Six Day War in 1967, he volunteered in the Israeli army and then spent a year living on a kibbutz.

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Churches condemn anti-Semitism

Jewish leaders praise 'forceful' statement

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

Jewish leaders have welcomed a groundbreaking statement by the leaders of Canada's largest Christian churches, who have joined to strenuously condemn anti-Semitism and to invite all Canadians to fight it.

"We challenge all churches, parishes, congregations and people of goodwill to find ways and means to expose and eradicate anti-Semitism within and from Canadian society," the Christian leaders stated in an open letter released Dec. 8 through the 17-member Canadian Council of Churches.

"We must not be silent."

Individual Canadian churches have spoken out against anti-Semitism before, while others have expressed anti-Israel sentiment. But this is thought to be the first time Christian leaders have made a sweeping statement that represents more than 20 million Canadians.

The letter is signed by the heads of the Roman Catholic, Anglican, United, Presbyterian and five other national churches. It was released to coincide with the Dec. 10 anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and just ahead of the Dec. 19 start of Chanukah.

The church leaders said they have become "profoundly concerned and deeply dismayed" by the sharp rise of anti-Semitism in Canada.

They also acknowledged "with sadness and regret, and with no little shame, the historic burden of persecution… all too often inflicted by Christians who have maligned Jesus' own people in Jesus' name."

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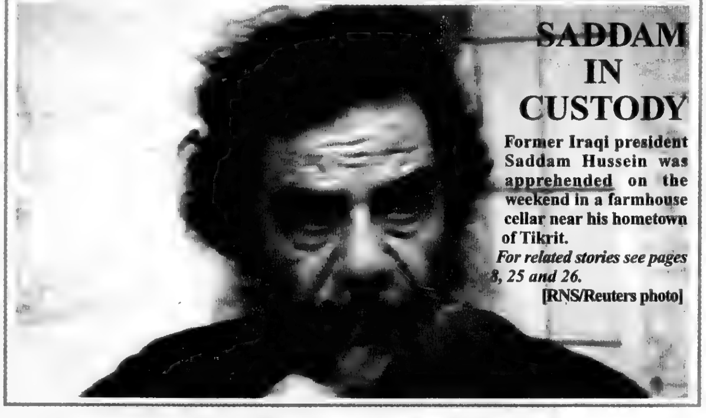

SADDAM IN CUSTODY

Former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein was apprehended on the weekend in a farmhouse cellar near his hometown of Tikrit.
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Happy Chanukah to all! The next issue of The CJN will be Jan. 1.

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CANADA

Anti-Hate Program

REGINA — Students and teachers here took part earlier this month in a conference on preventing racism organized jointly by the Beth Jacob Synagogue and the File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council, an aboriginal group, and co-sponsored by the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada. A year ago, Saskatchewan native leader David Ahenakew was roundly criticized for remarks he made praising Adolf Hitler. "Rather than taking action against someone like David Ahenakew, we are going to work with the youth of our city and with our communities to develop understanding, respect and ultimately acceptance," organizer Jeremy Parnes told CBC.

ISRAEL

Tibetans in Israel

JERUSALEM — Tibetans are visiting Israel to learn about agriculture. Some 37 Tibetans recently completed a training program in Israel's southern desert, and 50 more will arrive next month. A group known as the Israeli Friends of Tibetan People is sponsoring the program.

Gere'd Up for Peace

JERUSALEM — Actor Richard Gere visited Israel and the West Bank last week on a three-day private peacemaking visit. A longtime campaigner against China's occupation of Tibet, he met with Israeli settlers and later with Palestinians in Ramallah before touring Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity. Gere, on his second round of grassroots meetings in the Middle East during the Palestinian intifadah, also toured Jerusalem's Old City and visited the Western Wall.

Hamas Wins Vote

RAMALLAH — Hamas was the big winner in West Bank student elections following a campaign touting terrorist attacks. In voting at Bir Zeit University in Ramallah, Hamas took 25 out of 51 seats; Fatah won 20. In previous votes, Hamas earned a two-seat margin over Fatah, the party of PA President Yasser Arafat. During the campaign, Fatah blew up models of Jewish settlements and Hamas blew up models of Israeli buses. At one debate, a Hamas candidate bragged about the number of "Zionists" killed by Hamas activists at Bir Zeit, while his opponent boasted Fatah had also killed its share of Jews.

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Dreidel Spinning Record

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Students at Indiana University set an unofficial record for dreidel spinning last week. As the school's fight song played over loudspeakers in the background, 713 dreidels were spun for 10 seconds, a record pending confirmation by the Guinness Book of World Records. The previous mark was set at the University of Maryland.

Touchdowns for Allah?

IRVINE, Calif. — The names of some teams in an upcoming Muslim football tournament in California are causing controversy. Jewish leaders are protesting after some of the teams in the Jan. 4 tournament chose names such as Intifadah, Soldiers of Allah and Mujahadeen, or Holy Warrior. "A lot of the kids on our team are from Palestinian origin," Associated Press quoted Tarek Shawkya, the captain of the Intifadah team, as saying. "We are in solidarity with people in the uprising." Rabbi Bernie King, who lives in Irvine, where the tournament is being held, said the team names undermined those who worked for closer relations with Muslims.

Anti-Semitism in Oz

SYDNEY — Australia experienced its highest number of anti-Semitic harassments on the street, as well as graffiti and threatening e-mails, in the year ending Sept. 30, says Australia's main Jewish group. "There is plenty of evidence that the Middle East situation was used as a tool to express anti-Semitic hatred," said Jeremy Jones, head of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry.

Krusty Becomes a Man

NEW YORK — Krusty the Clown, of *Simpsons* fame, has had a belated bar mitzvah. On an episode last Sunday of the popular FOX cartoon show, Krusty learned that he is not on the Jewish Walk of Fame because he did not have a bar mitzvah. To rectify the problem, Krusty reads from the Torah under the tutelage of his father, a rabbi voiced by comedian Jackie Mason.

JTA Journalist Dies

NEW YORK — The Jewish Telegraphic Agency's former bureau chief in Washington, D.C., David Friedman, died Dec. 2 at 68 after a long illness. Friedman was JTA's Washington bureau chief from 1981 until he retired in 1992. During that time, he covered such news events as Israel's war in Lebanon and the first intifadah.

Hitler Wine a Big Seller

UDINE, Italy — Christmas sales of an Italian wine with a picture of Adolf Hitler on the bottle are "through the roof," its maker says, thanks to attempts by Belgium and Germany to ban its importation. Alessandro Lunardelli said he has already made a fortune from his "Fuehrerwein" since introducing it in 1995 as part of a line with labels showing historical figures such as Napoleon, Mussolini, Stalin, Lenin and Che Guevara. He said the inclusion of prominent Communists shows he's not promoting fascism with the Hitler wine.

Prof Says He 'Regrets' Remarks About Jews

TORONTO — A Trent University professor accused of publishing anti-Semitic statements online has sent a letter of regret to the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, after four months of discussion between the university and CJC.

In a letter to Congress, Michael Neumann said he regrets the remarks attributed to him in an e-mail exchange with the Jewish Tribal Review Web site, which links to other sites with articles on "Jewish influence" and "Jewish power."

In the exchange, revealed last summer, Neumann is quoted as saying that "my sole concern is indeed to help the Palestinians and I try to play for keeps. I am not interested in the truth, or justice, or understanding, or anything else, except so far as it serves that purpose."

In his letter to CJC, Neumann said he does not "encourage, condone or participate in racist rhetoric or the targeting of any community based on race, religion and other prohibited grounds."

Ontario chair Ed Morgan said CJC, which had complained to Trent president Bonnie Patterson about Neumann, is "prepared to accept Mr. Neumann's letter of regret, but the sting of his words against our community may be hard to forget."

In a joint statement with CJC, Patterson said "the statements attributed to Mr. Neumann, while not done in his capacity as an academic at Trent University, were nonetheless perceived by some as being offensive and unacceptable… We have indicated to [him] that the university's commitment to the pursuit of academic truth remains paramount in everything we do."

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Ontario Liberals blasted for retroactive repeal of tax credit

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

Two Jewish organizations reserved unusually harsh words for the Ontario government for its retroactive repeal of the Equity in Education Tax Credit (EETC): Harsh, punitive, unheard of, unfair and even mean.

Appearing before the standing committee on finance and economics last week, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, and the Ontario Association of Jewish Day Schools (OAJDS) blasted the new Liberal administration of Dalton McGuinty for clawing back the popular tax credit retroactively to Jan. 1, 2003.

Privately, Jewish officials say the public hearings on Bill 2 are merely window dressing, as the government intends to pass the measure before Dec. 31 so the law can be enforced for the current tax year.

The bill took even CJC by surprise, Ontario region director Bernie Farber and public policy director Simon Rosenblum said in a submission to committee members.

"Parents made decisions to enroll their children in our day schools in good faith," they said. "Now they are being told – retroactively – that the 2003 tuition payments made well in advance of your government coming into office will not be eligible for the tax credit.

"These parents are, for the most part, middle and low income earners and will be paying a stiff price for a decision that they could in no way have predicted at the time of enrolling their students in religious day schools. Without prejudice to the larger issues surrounding the tax credit, to cancel it in such a retroactive manner seems to us to be most unfair and mean-spirited."

Congress said it had hoped – "and believed we had a right to expect" – that a "reasonable alternative" to the tax credit would have been put forward by the government before the measure was repealed.

Congress had kept a close watch on an attempt

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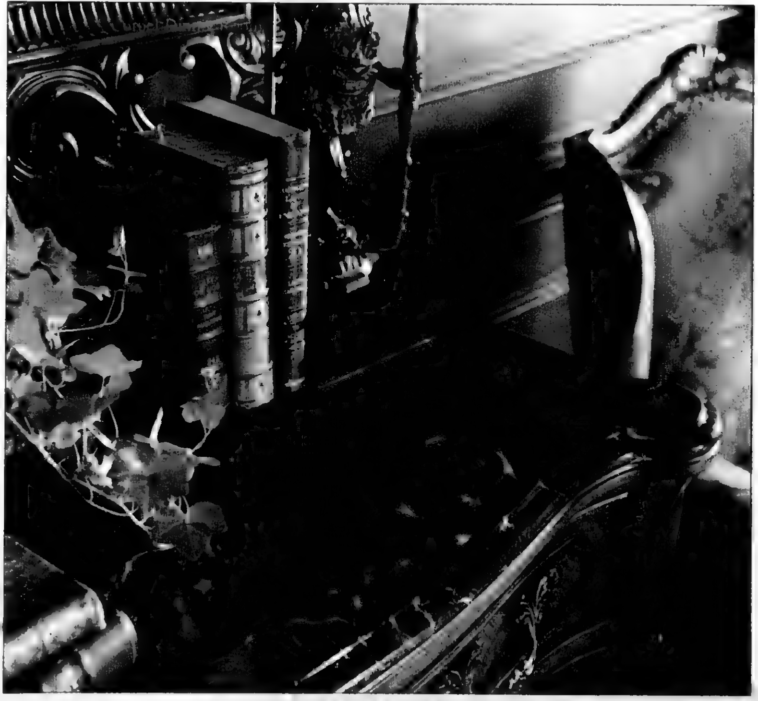
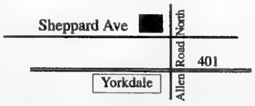
CHANUKAH PARTY: Junior kindergarten students at The Leo Baeck Day School celebrated Chanukah in song, story and brachot, and by making delicious potato latkes with the help of their teachers and parents. They shared their learning and latkes with parents at a special Chanukah party. From left: Halle Solomons, Skyler Appel and Sydney Axelrad.





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From the editor's desk

Despite the turbulence of events shaking the Middle East, seemingly without cease, and despite the stories occasionally stirring local newsrooms as well, it is important that we not forget some of the other details of Jewish life, in which, were we to look more often, we might see more evidence of the angels working on God's divine architecture.

As most readers of this column know, *The CJN* has placed great emphasis in recent months on fostering interest in "Jewish" writing – that is, writing by Jews and about Jewish themes.

We will continue to do so in the coming months as well because Jewish writing is one of the treasured repositories of undiscovered "details" of Jewish life.

I close out the calendar year, therefore, by drawing readers' attention to another relatively new, fine work: *Yiddish: A Nation of Words* by Miriam Weinstein, (Ballantine Books, 2002).

This book is more about the history of the people who have spoken and still speak Yiddish than about the language itself.

But Weinstein is not a historian. She is a documentary filmmaker and journalist. As a result, the work breezes along at a swift pace. Some of the chapters end as if they were serial installments in a tense novel, leaving the reader to earnestly anticipate the subsequent chapter.

Weinstein brings a journalist's talent for research and a deft, felicitous use of language to the subject, which is obviously very important to her.

Weinstein makes no claim to scholarliness. The text is not footnoted. Nor is scholarship, for its own sake, the aim of the work. "This is a story that begs to be told," she writes in her introduction.

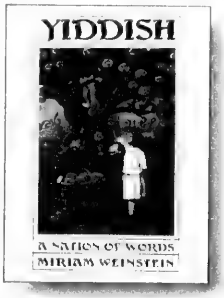
Weinstein wishes to bring the story of the relationship between the language and the people to the younger generations for whom, increasingly, the sound of the Yiddish will be nothing but an interactive experience in a Jewish museum.

"This book requires nothing more than an open heart and a curious mind," Weinstein writes.

"For me, this tale qualifies as a miracle. A language is born in shadow with the lowliest of aims – only for women, only for the untutored, only for ordinary, workaday use. Yet that very dailiness and lack of expectation allow it to grow. It expands, sweet and light as a New Year's honey cake…"

But if Weinstein is not a historian, she is a master of metaphor:

"European Jews were all too aware that they could find themselves without warning on the brink of drowning. Their only sure protection was maintaining the communal boat. The Yiddish language became the caulk that kept the water out and the passengers dry."



Similarly, Weinstein is very skilled at synthesizing disparate historical pieces of information into cogent, compelling theses.

Her book unfolds chronologically as well as geographically. It features biographical sketches of many of the key figures of European Jewish history. Her treatment of the 1917 Russian Revolution is especially instructive.

True to her subject, Weinstein's canvas of Yiddish evokes both laughter and tears. I recommend the book heartily.

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The following is a list of works by Israeli writers that I reviewed in the past year. Each is a worthy read. Our policy of highlighting works by Israeli authors will continue next year.

- *The Capacity to Govern*, by Yehezkel Dror, The Club of Rome. Report on improving governments' abilities to handle the wide effects of globalization.
- *The Sand Devils*, Michael Bornstein, Toby Press. A collection of three interesting novellas.
- *Past Continuous*, Yaakov Shabtai, Tusk Ivories of the Overland Press. A story of three friends who live in Tel Aviv.
- *Adjusting Sights*, by Haim Sabato, Toby Press. A memoir of faith and battle during the Yom Kippur War.
- *Encounter with Aharon Appelfeld*, editors Michael Brown and Sara Horowitz, Mosaic Press. Reflections by and about Appelfeld.
- *Avishag*, by Yael Lotan, Toby Press. A historical fiction of the last years of King David's reign.
- *Confronting Jihad: Israel's Struggle and The World after 9/11*, by Saul Singer, Simon & Schuster. Essays by *Jerusalem Post* editorial writer.
- *The Flower of Anarchy*, Meir Wieseltier, University of California Press. The first book-length collection of poetry by the acclaimed writer, dramatist and translator.

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CANADA SALUTES ISRAEL: Participants on Canada Israel Experience's (CIE) Birthright Israel program enjoy Canada Salutes Israel, a celebration held at the Palmachim Air Force Base during the recent General Assembly (GA) in Jerusalem. CIE sent 32 Canadian young adults ages 23 to 26 to Israel to participate in the GA, the first time Birthright Israel participants were invited to do so. The group travelled to the Galilee, the Golan Heights, Tel Aviv, Masada, and the Dead Sea. [Adam Robins photo]

Matti Baranovski killers seek shorter jail term

Lawyers representing Lee Cochrane, one of two young men convicted of beating Matti Baranovski to death, are asking that their client be jailed for only 12 to 18 months in addition to the four years he has already spent in custody.

Crown calls for life sentences for Cochrane, Mariani

The Crown has asked Judge David McCombs to jail Cochrane and Meir Mariani for life with no parole for seven years, the *Toronto Sun* reported.

Cochrane and Mariani were part of a group of masked youths who beat and kicked Baranovski to death in November 1999 when he refused to hand over his cigarettes.

They were charged with second degree murder but convicted in July of manslaughter.

Cochrane's and Mariani's lawyers argued that time served before conviction is considered double a post-conviction sentence, so the four years already served is the equivalent of an eight-year sentence. Manslaughter convictions in Ontario usually carry a seven-year sentence, they said.

Prosecutors argued the three years the pair spent in youth detention should get single credit and only the one year in an adult facility should be doubled.

Crown lawyers have also argued the two men, now 20, suffer from mental disorders and would prove a danger if released. They pointed to a psychiatric report from 2000 which said the two have conduct disorders.

Matti Baranovski

Defence lawyers countered by arguing the report is out of date. They argued psychological evidence indicated their clients are now only a low to low-moderate risk to re-offend.

Evidence at the sentencing hearing showed both Cochrane and Mariani have shown remorse, while a psychiatrist testified that Cochrane told him he had cried himself to sleep over the crime.

Neither man testified at trial or at the sentencing hearing.

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Israel Bonds, Toronto Symphony Orchestra team up

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

Israel Bonds has embarked on a first-ever marketing effort in the arts community, joining forces with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra (TSO) to promote contributions of Bonds to the orchestra's endowment fund in exchange for a variety of special privileges.

But public response so far has been modest.

Donations to the TSO through the program have been less than hoped for, said Anne-Marie Wilson, the orchestra's chief financial officer and assistant treasurer. The program began in mid-November after most people had already made charitable contributions.

"People are inundated with things to do," she said.

Under the agreement, designated donations to the orchestra made by year's end would be used to purchase Israel Bonds. Matching funds from the Ministry of Culture, administered by the Ontario Arts Council Foundation, would also go toward the purchase of Bonds.

When the program was proposed by TSO chair Hershell Ezrin, it was anticipated that both organizations would benefit, Wilson said.

Elan Levitan, national communications director of Israel Bonds, said the project falls within Bonds' "double mitzvah program" approach that has been used to sell Bonds for years.

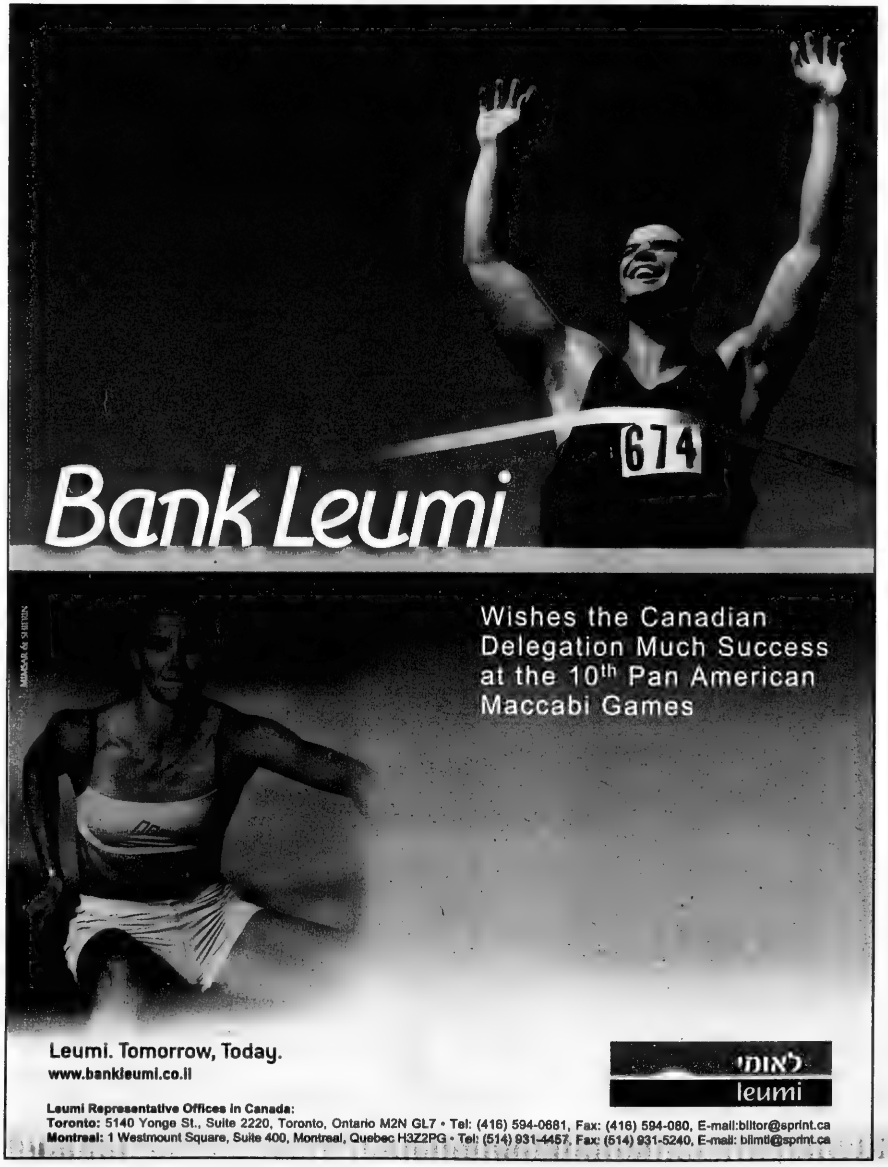
Both organizations benefit, as does the Bonds purchaser, who receives a charitable receipt for his or her contribution. That sort of arrangement has been used to aid various Jewish charities and Gilda's Club of Greater Toronto, Levitan said.

"The double mitzvah program is widespread and ongoing. It's not unique other than it's the first time we've linked up with the arts community."

Wilson said the TSO hopes to use the assets raised from the campaign to boost its endowment fund, which stands at $18-$20 million. Income from the fund goes toward the orchestra's operating expenses. The Bonds approach was particularly attractive to the TSO because it was hoped to spur additional contributions at a time when soliciting capital donations has become increasingly difficult and competitive.

Depending on the size of their donation, contributors would receive advanced buying privileges and the right to attend otherwise exclusive receptions with musical artists.

Although the Ministry's pledge to match contributions expires on Dec. 31, the TSO is hoping the current Ontario government will extend the program. If it does, the orchestra would likely start an advertising campaign earlier in the year before people have decided on their annual charitable donations, Wilson said.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CJC blasts Liberals

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to legally block the government from proceeding on the bill. But earlier this month, a judge of the Ontario Superior Court denied an injunction sought by the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools.

The CJC officials blasted the Liberals for cancelling the credit retroactive to 10 months before the government assumed office.

"Elementary fairness would tell us that there is something very wrong with changing the rules so that the previous actions of taxpayers – based on the rules in place at that time – are penalized.

"How in the world can citizens/taxpayers be expected to act in good faith with the law of the land when a government is permitted not only to change the rules – which of course is, in general, perfectly acceptable – but to change those rules retroactively?"

Congress said it has "every expectation" the committee will advise McGuinty, finance minister Greg Sorbara and the cabinet to reverse the way in which the EETC was cancelled.

OAJDS co-presidents Ira Walfish and Aaron Blumenfeld noted in their submission that the majority of religious school parents represent lower and middle income families "who struggle to make tuition payments."

The retroactive elimination of the EETC "creates significant financial hardship for parents. It is punitive and unfair," they said.

Parents paid for tuition in August 2002 and August 2003, before the election, and relied on the anticipated partial refund of tuition money through the EETC, Walfish and Blumenfeld explained.

"If the EETC is repealed retroactively, parents are out-of-pocket for a refund they expected to receive under a law that was in place when they made their schooling decision."

They estimated that parents will lose up to $1,400 in 2003 and $2,100 in 2004, or between $6,800 and $8,400 in a family of four children, and that the cost of cancelling the tax credit is roughly $30 million in 2003.

Walfish and Blumenfeld warned that it would cost Ontario the same amount – $30 million – if just nine per cent of students in religious schools were forced to enter the public school system because their families could not afford tuition.

"If more than nine per cent of the students leave, the decision to repeal the EETC retroactively could cost the Ontario government money," they added.

They noted that two per cent of Ontario's children are enrolled in unfunded faith-based schools, and that not funding "the two per cent religious minority is discriminatory."

They suggested more time is needed to develop alternatives to the tax credit, and that a repeal date of June 30, 200[illegible] would "show goodwill on the part of the government to work towards a solution to the issue of minority religious school funding."

U.S. students called 'ignorant' about Israel, Judaism

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

The new president of Yeshiva University in New York, Richard Joel, has issued a lament about Jewish university students in the United States.

The vast majority are "colossally ignorant" about the Jewish world and have never visited Israel, Joel said in an interview during a recent trip to Toronto.

Yet there have never been as many pro-Israel activists on campus as there are today, said Joel, who until recently was president and international director of Hillel, the international Jewish students organization. He took up his newest post last June.

As he put it: "There is a strong sense of Israel advocacy on campus."

At the same time, Joel acknowledged, a few American universities, such as San Francisco State, have been swept by "a plague" of anti-Israel rhetoric that has morphed into sheer anti-Semitism in some instances.

But in general, American campuses are friendly to Jews and Israel.

A former assistant district attorney in New York, Joel, 53, said he is pleased by the fact that not a single university has joined the pro-Arab campaign to divest itself of Israeli investments.

"That's the real story."

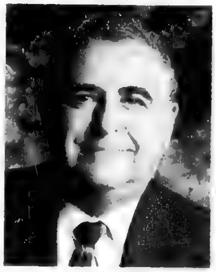
Most Jewish university students lack a knowledge of Israel and Jewish history and tradition because they are "the products of a very weak Jewish education," he said. "If a student is not proudly Jewish, he won't care about Israel."

Joel praised the Birthright program, which sends Jewish students to Israel on free trips, as "unbelievably effective in enhancing Jewish identity and forging closer ties to Israel."

Jewish students, he said, should be armed with "key principles" when defending the Jewish state. They should know that Israel is the sole democracy in the Middle East and that it guarantees religious freedom to all its citizens.

They should also know that Israel yearns for peace but has yet to find a suitable Palestinian negotiating partner.

Joel urged Jewish schools, clubs, organizations and summer camps to inculcate a love of and appreciation for Israel in their programs, and said the Jewish home should be a "bastion" of Jewish customs and values.



Richard Joel

Joel called the international academic boycott against Israel "uncivilized," but said it has not gained any substantial ground in the United States.

"There is strong support for Israel in the Bush administration and among most Americans," he said.

He disagreed with a recent claim by U.S. financier George Soros that the current Israeli and U.S. governments have contributed to the recent global upsurge of anti-Semitism.

"Jews don't create anti-Semitism. Anti-Semites do. Soros should look at Jewish history. I don't agree with him, but he's entitled to his perspective, no matter how misbegotten."

In his view, American Jews have never been as well-off as they are now.

"For the first time in the United States, being Jewish is an option rather than a condition," he said.

But mixed marriages are a serious symptom of ignorance and assimilation.

"We are being loved to death," he quipped, referring to the melting-pot idea in American society.

"Ignorance is the enemy with a capital I."

The intermarriage rate is remarkably low among Jewish day school graduates, he said. "Jewish is the sea in which they swim."

Joel believes the lack of awareness of Jewish roots, rather than the existence of anti-Semitism, is the primary challenge facing American Jews.

"As Rabbi [Joseph] Soloveichik said, the Jewish people were created for more than fighting anti-Semitism. This is a master principle."

He disagreeed with the conventional wisdom that a chasm divides Orthodox and secular American Jews. "We live in different worlds, but I wouldn't say it's a chasm. We're estranged, though we're not a family of strangers."

In a reference to a report released by the United Jewish Communities' National Jewish Population Survey last September, Joel agreed that a growing number of American Jews are communally and religiously unaffiliated.

By the same token, the Orthodox community is thriving and American Jewish life has never been as vigorous in terms of Torah study and dedication to Judaism, he said.

Joel urged observant Jews to engage secular Jews to ensure "they're out there strengthening klal Yisrael." Some traditional Jews are reaching out to secular Jews, but others are retreating into "self-sustaining communities."

Joel said donors in Toronto have established a fund to send Canadian educators to Yeshiva University to pursue masters' degrees in Jewish education during their summer breaks.

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Last week Paul Martin Jr. was sworn in as Canada's 21st prime minister. It was the much anticipated culmination of the prolonged transition of power from Prime Minister Jean Chrétien. After 10 years, there was a new decision-maker in Ottawa setting Canada's highest political priorities and agenda.

As befitted the occasion, the ceremony at Rideau Hall was marked by considerable circumstance and formality. One detail in particular, however, was especially moving, and perhaps especially revealing.

During the ceremony, our new prime minister held tightly onto the Canadian flag that had flown at half-mast when his father died some years before. When asked at a press conference about the significance of that gesture, the prime minister, overtaken by emotion, was unable to respond.

Carrying the flag was no mawkish, sentimental gesture. It was obviously an act of great personal reverence and deep filial piety on the part of the prime minister. Not only was it touching to witness, it was refreshing as well, perhaps the augary of an approach to public policy that will be grounded in definitive values and that understands the profound impact of public example upon national discourse and perhaps even behaviour.

We congratulate Prime Minister Martin and express the hope that he be granted the health, wisdom, courage and compassion to govern wisely. We also congratulate all the members of his cabinet and convey particularly proud expressions of congratulations to Senator Jack Austin and MPs Irwin Cotler and Jacques Saada, whom the prime minister has selected for ministerial responsibilities. May the deliberations of the new government advance the well-being of all Canadians and help bring peace and prosperity throughout the world.

In the end, he crawled out of a hole

Like most tyrants, bullies and thugs, Saddam Hussein, preferred to surrender rather than to resist. In the end, he simply crawled out of a hole. And as he was pulled up into the light of his captivity, he was treated by his captors in a manner that he and his regime denied to their own people: with civility and deference to the rule of law.

The rebuilding of Iraq will now go forward with renewed confidence. Saddam's confederates may still try to spill the blood of others onto Iraqi soil in the hope of demoralizing and destabilizing the coalition forces and the governing Iraqi council. But with the abject vanquishing of the tyrant, the new Iraq will rise faster. And with the image of a new Iraq taking clearer shape on the horizon, the sun will shine more brightly on the wider Middle East.

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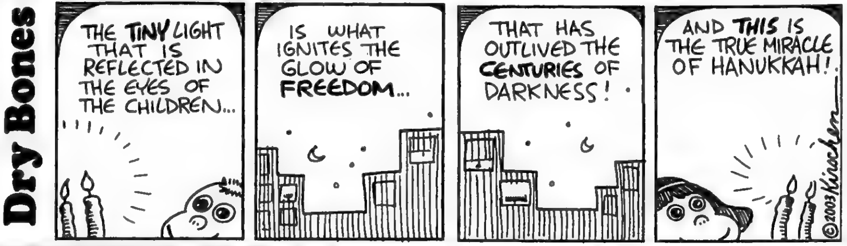
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We owe Rabbi Plaut

I was deeply saddened to learn that Rabbi Gunther Plaut is not well enough to continue writing his *CJN* column ("Rabbi Plaut retires his *CJN* pen," *CJN*, Dec. 11). He always had something worth saying, and he said it well.

In his writings, Rabbi Plaut was not a confrontational Reform rabbi out to score partisan points for his brand of Judaism. He knew that what unites us as Jews is much greater than what separates us. His columns showed respect and concern for klal Yisrael – the whole Jewish community – whatever individual beliefs or practises may be. When we stood at Sinai, we were Jews, period – not Orthodox Jews, Conservative Jews, Reform Jews or Reconstructionist Jews.

As *The CJN* has pointed out, we owe Rabbi Plaut our gratitude. May God grant him a recovery and good health for the future.

Moishe Neuer
Montreal

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McGuinty a man of his word?

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty's Fiscal Responsibility Act 2003, which he introduced two weeks ago, was quickly given first reading.

Among the many tax-cut cancellations was the cancellation of the Equity in Education Tax Credit (EETC), which, when fully enacted, would have provided more than $3,000 per child tax relief to parents who send their children to denominational schools in Ontario. In effect, the EETC ended the funding of one religion's educational institutions at the exclusion of all others.

McGuinty has not revealed any plan on behalf of his government to end this form of religious discrimination in the province.

To make matters even worse, the EETC was cancelled retroactively to Jan. 1, 2003. All other measures in this new act take effect Jan. 1, 2004 or later (such as change of electrical rates). The effect of this retroactivity will put many families into debt, as they counted on this tax relief when planning their budgets for the 2003-2004 school year.

McGuinty has backed off many of his election promises. Is this how he is showing he is "a man of his word?" What message is McGuinty sending to Ontario's Jewish population? Could this be political payback for many in our community who campaigned vociferously for the Tories and the tax credit in the past election?

Only he knows.

Mark Greenberg
Toronto

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Churchill would roll over in his grave

Jews have become the "canaries in the coal mine" for all democratic liberal societies. Suicide bombs by Muslim extremists are indiscriminate, and the rising fifth column in Europe (and throughout the globe) of tainted, hate-filled Islamic supporters of theocracy, tyranny and *jihad* are looking for the weak underbelly of these western societies.

In large part, these *jihad* supporters are finding weaknesses in three disparate communities: latent and not-so-latent anti-Semites who are savouring the new *de rigueur* public, unapologetic Jew-bashing; the university intelligensia; and poor and not-so-poor disenfranchised immigrants.

Hatred makes strange bedfellows. Western elected officials fear losing an election more than they fear the future that awaits the consequences of the Trojan (Mohammedian?) horse of the Islamic electoral block.

Winston Churchill would roll in his grave if he saw this state of affairs in Europe and the United Kingdom.

S. Gladstone
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Why do they always blame Sharon?

Let me see if I have this straight. Israeli journalist Hirsh Goodman blames Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon for the failure of every democratic initiative designed to end the intifadah ("Israeli journalist slams Sharon's leadership," *CJN* Nov. 27). According to Goodman, Sharon failed to help former Palestinian prime minister Mahmoud Abbas strengthen his grip on power because Sharon did not release more prisoners. So, Goodman says, Sharon's refusal to fully comply with extraneous demands that are not even mentioned in the road map peace plan is far worse than Abbas' complete failure to comply with the first and most basic requirement of the road map. If Abbas had made any attempt at all to rein in terror groups – beyond a feeble ceasefire designed to give the terrorists time to regroup and refine their weaponry – then we might be seeing progress. Instead, some of the prisoners Sharon *did* release have rejoined the terror groups and continued in their attempts to sabotage not just future peace initiatives, but everything Israeli.

Stephen Tannenbaum
Thornhill, Ont.

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Looking for information

I am hoping your readers will be able to assist me with a pictorial history of Toronto's Orthodox rabbinate I'm working on. The goal of this project is to raise awareness about Toronto's outstanding spiritual leaders – some of whom were of international repute – in the Jewish community in general, and in Toronto's Jewish community in particular. I am looking for photos and information of the following illustrious rabbis (their date of death is listed, where known; any photos and/or other contacts will be greatly appreciated):

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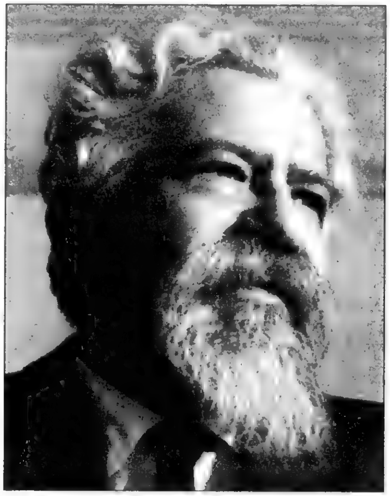
Awe and wonder: Abraham Joshua Heschel on education

By OTTO BARUCH RAND

Although Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel is mostly known as a theologian and philosopher, his vision of education is no less insightful and coherent than his vision of religion and piety. His views on education emerged from his main theological concern – seeking answers to man's ultimate questions.

But Heschel's interest in education was not just an adjunct to his work in theology. As a rabbi and a professor, not only did he consider himself first and foremost a teacher, he was called upon by the highest authorities of his country, including the president of the United States, to voice his views on educational challenges facing American youth.



Abraham Joshua Heschel

Because of his moral grandeur, he was a man presidents and even popes listened to. So did much of the Jewish establishment. He was often a keynote speaker when Jewish education was on the agenda. He spoke with candour and audacity about the failings of religious education in his time. Yet, like prophets in the days of old, he too concluded his chastisement with words of consolation and hope, providing guidelines for a brighter future. Many of his concerns for education are contained in articles collected in the volume *The Insecurity of Freedom*, but they are also an underlying theme in most of his writings.

In perceiving the world, Heschel saw three aspects that command our attention: its power, its beauty and its grandeur. Accordingly, he recognized three human responses to the world: exploiting it, enjoying it and accepting it in awe. While recognizing the need and the right given in biblical commandments to exploit nature and its resources to support life, he lamented that this has become the the modern human being's overwhelmingly dominant approach to nature, to the exclusion of the other two. "Our age is one in which the attainment of power, the utilization of its resources is taken to be the chief purpose of man in God's creation. Man has indeed become primarily a tool-making animal, and the world is now a gigantic tool box for the satisfaction of his needs."

Heschel believed the enjoyment of the world can be attained through love of nature and arts. He worried that young people of his generation substituted enjoyment for entertainment, thus becoming passive spectators rather than active participants in the joy of living. But his major concern was our loss of the ability to stand in awe, to wonder and to discover the sublime.

How can Heschel's concerns affect the education of our children? How can the schools improve on the failings he points out? "Our systems of education," he wrote in *Children and Youth*, "stress the importance of enabling the student to exploit the power aspect of reality. To some degree, they try to develop his ability to appreciate beauty. But there is no education for the sublime. We teach the children how to measure, how to weigh. We fail to teach them how to revere, how to sense wonder and awe… Yet without it, the world becomes flat and the soul a vacuum."

In *God in Search of Man*, Heschel noted that all truly creative thinking springs from the experience of awe. The core of Heschelian education – if I may coin such a term – must then be the development of the students' capacity to wonder and revere. Wondering is the act of seeing wonder – meaning miracles. Does it mean that we must constantly wait for miracles to happen? Heschel's answer is yes, but not for supernatural ones. We witness miracles around us daily. We need only to allow ourselves to recognize them as such. Heschel calls the art of seeing miracles "radical amazement." This refers, he wrote, "not only to what we see, but also to the very act of seeing as well as to our own selves, to the selves that see and are amazed at their ability to see."

The absence of wonder leads to taking things for granted, relying merely on reason to explain everything in the universe, as if reason itself would be a self-developed attribute, a plant that no one had planted. This approach is not only limited, but sinful, Heschel believed. "The surest way to suppress our ability to understand the meaning of God… is to take things for granted. Indifference to the sublime wonder of living is the root of sin." The blessings we recite every morning (*birkot hashachar*) remind us of the miracles of the daily reawakening. When recited by rote, they become another dull moment. When said with intent and comprehension, they open the gates of reverence and set our minds to the task of learning.

Abraham Heschel with his good friend Martin Luther King Jr.

Of course, there must be a balance between using our intellect and appreciating the mystery of the world through wonder. Heschel himself warned: "The sense of wonder and transcendence must not become a cushion for the lazy intellect. It must not be a substitute for analysis where analysis is possible; it must not stifle doubt where doubt is legitimate. It must, however, remain a constant awareness if man is to remain true to the dignity of God's creation, because such awareness is the spring of all creative thinking."

Heschel teaches us that the cardinal requirement for maintaining the dignity of God's creation is upholding the dignity of the human being, young and old, healthy and ill, strong and weak, more capable and less capable. Heschel gave a strong rationale for this. He noted that upholding a child's – or an adult's – dignity is the key to unlocking human potential. The denial of dignity is abuse, because it puts a lock on human potential. This is certainly true in education. The teacher holds both the key and the lock, as well as the decision about which one to use.

"The basic dignity of man is not made up of his achievements, virtues or special talents. It is inherent in his very being," Heschel explained. A teacher must know that every student requires dignity. She cannot withhold it if she wants the student to attain his potential and open his eyes to the wonders of learning. "Great, therefore, must be our esteem for every man!" Heschel once wrote, and he offered Pirkei Avot 4:15 as further evidence – wise words that every teacher, parent and student should internalize: "Let the honour of your disciple be as dear to you as your own, let the regard for your colleague be like the reverence due to your teacher, and let the reverence for your teacher be like the reverence for God." If this value remains unheeded, it will lead to a catastrophe: "Holocausts are caused not only by atomic explosions. Holocausts are caused wherever a person is put to shame," Heschel wrote.

Because of his high regard for teachers, Heschel placed heavy demands on them. "The teacher is more than a technician. He is the representative as well as the interpreter of mankind's most sacred possessions." This places heavy responsibility on teachers' shoulders, and similarly on parents, who, in Judaism, are the primary teachers. It's not only a question of what information a teacher imparts, it's who he or she is. "It is the personality of the teacher which is the text the students read; the text that they will never forget," he said. That is, the teacher is the model that students emulate.

Heschel insisted on dignity and reverence for teachers. At the same time, he recognized it was not enough to demand reverence. It needed to be earned. This is also true of parents. Reverence is not unconditional. Heschel personalized this question: "The problem we face, the problem I as a father face, is why my child should revere me? Unless my child will sense in my personal existence acts and attitudes that evoke reverence – the ability to delay satisfactions, to overcome prejudices, to sense the holy, to strive for the noble – why should she revere me?"

Likewise, we as educators all need to ask why we are in the classroom. Is it only to make a living, to be professional explainers and demonstrators, or is it to fulfil a sacred duty of connecting present and past, of guiding the student to the fountains of meaning? According to Heschel, "everything depends on the person who stands in the… classroom. The teacher is not an automatic fountain from which intellectual beverages may be obtained. He is either a witness or a stranger. To guide a pupil into the promised land, he must have been there himself. When asking himself: 'Do I stand for what I teach? Do I believe what I say?' he must be able to answer in the affirmative."

Heschel deplored the quantitative orientation of education, because it's not the quantity of what is taught that matters but the love for learning. In this assumption, Heschel was criticizing educators who are hung up on achievement testing, because they miss the point. Material learned for exam expires with the exam. "If I understand correctly what goes on in our schools, the sequence seems to call for information to be digested by the students, questions presented by the teacher and answers to be supplied by the student. We evaluate the student by his ability to answer questions rather than to understand problems."

Heschel went further: "Learning, education, must not be equated with a curriculum we complete upon graduation… The meaning of existence is found in the experience of education. Termination of education is the beginning of despair." Heschel considered teaching to be about igniting a flame in students, and the teacher as kindling the spark.

In an address to the Rabbinical Assembly of America in 1962, Heschel told the following story, which uniquely summarizes his view of education:

"A young man once wanted to become a blacksmith. So he became an apprentice to a blacksmith, and he learned all the necessary techniques of the trade: how to hold the tongs, how to lift the sledge, how to smite the anvil, even how to blow the fire with the bellows. Having finished his apprenticeship, he was chosen to be employed as the smithy of the royal palace. However, the young man's delight soon came to an end when he discovered that he had failed to learn how to kindle a spark. All his handling the tools was of no avail."

Otto Baruch Rand was the founding principal of the Toronto Heschel School. He retired in 2001.

Living life, or killing time?

I never watch TV without holding a book. It's an odd habit that I trace to my days as a yeshiva student. At yeshiva, I learned that *bittul zman*, the wasting of time, is a cardinal sin. Time is much too valuable to squander, because it could be used for Torah study and mitzvot. So I learned to take enormous care with every moment, to the point that I rode the bus with a religious text in hand, never to waste time on idle daydreaming. Even now, years later, I am uncomfortable "wasting time" on something as frivolous as watching TV.

Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz in Montreal

Yeshiva bochers are not the only ones concerned about time. Indeed, an entire time-management industry has emerged to help harried businessman schedule more meetings. The realization that "time is money" ensures that the sharp executive will do everything possible to maximize time. And because the technology-enabled entrepreneur is the contemporary hero, the tools of time management have filtered down throughout society. Even housewives and students carry daytimers and Palm Pilots.

But while we've learned how to manage time, we've forgotten why we're doing it. Yes, time is money, but frankly, it's a whole lot more. Time is life. Our lives are made up of a finite amount of days, hours and minutes. And unlike money, time is irretrievable.

Wasting time is aptly referred to as "killing time" because it is truly a loss of life.

But it's not only couch potatoes who kill time. One can kill time while being ostensibly busy. Indeed, some people are "urgency addicts," busying themselves with empty trivialities because they get a rush out of being busy. However, we can fill our calenders with "important" errands and meetings, yet still do nothing of consequence. A busy life is not always a meaningful life.

Benjamin Franklin may have coined the term "time is money," but he also had a spiritual view of time management. (Indeed, part of Franklin's autobiography was translated and included in *Cheshbon Hanefesh*, a popular Yeshiva text). Franklin believed that each morning a person should plan the day while thinking: "What good shall I do this day?" and at night, he should look back and ask: "What good have I done this day?"

Our contemporary daytimers are missing these two questions.

Even if our agendas are full, we still need to find time for the things that count. No matter how busy we are, there are always a few moments to learn, love, grow and care. We can always fit in a call to our parents, a hug for our children, a few words to cheer up a friend. Whether or not we squeeze the important things into our schedules determines if we are living life or killing time.

Jimmy in Geneva: pointing fingers in the wrong direction

Recently, when celebrating the signing of the "Geneva Accord," former U.S. president Jimmy Carter once again demonstrated the skills that earned him a Nobel Peace Prize. His speech was far tougher on Israel – and the United States – than it was on the Palestinians. Unfortunately, beating up your natural allies and buttering up democracy's enemies passes for courage in Carter's amoral universe – and has earned him glory worldwide.

Gil Troy in Montreal

Since leaving the White House in 1981, dialoguing with dictators has become his specialty. His turn-the-other-cheek diplomacy emphasizes reaching out to the world's outlaws – from North Korea to Syria, from Somali warlord Mohammad Farah Aidid to his buddy, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

For Carter, no autocrat is too heinous to woo. In his zeal to show tolerance for the terrible, Carter often disdains democrats. Such moral blindness masquerading as evenhandedness is his defining diplomatic tool. But it's not only morally questionable, it's counterproductive. Rationalizing terror and demonizing settlements only feeds Israeli insecurity and makes peace more elusive.

The most basic tenet in negotiation is that people compromise when they feel comfortable. A good mediator understands both sides' hopes and fears and learns how to satisfy enough of each side's desires without exacerbating insecurities.

Carter carefully soothed the Palestinians. He defined the conflict's "most critical issues" as a moderate Palestinian would, mentioning "border delineations, Israeli settlements, the excessive occupation of Palestinian lands, the future of Jerusalem and its holy places, and the extremely troubling question of Palestinian refugees."

Most Israelis would add terrorism and the Arab desire to exterminate Israel to that list, but Carter rationalized Palestinian violence while limiting responsibility for it by saying: "There are continuing violent attacks by Palestinian terrorist groups and increasingly harsh reprisals from Israel." That is, Israel the country is bad, but only Palestinian renegades are problematic.

Carter also excoriated Israel for "build[ing] an enormous barrier wall on Palestinian land" and ended his speech with two paragraphs attacking settlements – treating them as the main obstacle to peace – while devoting only two lines to the Palestinian need to "renounce violence," despite their decision to derail Oslo by turning away from negotiation and toward terror.

Carter also failed to address the other major Israeli insecurity and the Geneva Accord's greatest weakness. Most Israelis, who have consistently been willing to sacrifice land for peace, don't understand why this plan will work if Palestinians rejected compromise in 2000. Nevertheless, ignoring Arafat's post-Oslo campaign of incitement against Israel, Jews, and Zionism and oblivious to suicide bombs that killed hundreds of Israelis even before Arafat began his war against Oslo, Carter celebrated the days "after the Oslo agreement of 1993, and during and after the Palestinian elections of 1996" as "times when moderate leadership and sound judgment prevailed."

Carter also burnished his credentials as Europe's favourite American by claiming "the lack of real effort to resolve the Palestinian issue is a primary source of anti-American sentiment throughout the Middle East and a major incentive for terrorist activity." Yet, Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden made it clear in his 1998 fatwa declaring war on America that he cared more about the loss of Spain in 1492 to the "Crusaders" – meaning Christians like Carter – than about the loss of Palestine 50 years ago.

Tragically, Carter missed an important opportunity in Geneva. Having spent so much time building credibility with the Palestinians, he could have confronted them with uncomfortable truths and pushed for a true peace. Instead, he preferred to preserve his popularity in the Arab world.

Carter remains a shrewd politician and knows his constituency well. It includes the perverse essayist in the *Montreal Gazette* who recently reached back to Baruch Goldstein's murder of 29 Muslims in 1994 – roundly condemned by most Jews – to explain that "the Istanbul bombers" of two synagogues "have evened the score at last."

Carter's constituency also includes suburbanites who live in gated communities to protect their possessions but begrudge Israelis a security fence to protect their lives. It includes Canadian leaders who get angrier at Israel for warning about threats than they do at Hamas recruits planning to export their violence to North America. It includes Americans and Canadians who would scoff at uniting their own countries, but demand that Israelis and Palestinians ignore their respective national dreams to live in an absurd one-state entity.

Sadly, today's topsy-turvy world offers no Nobel Prize for truth-telling and few kudos to democracy's defenders. Carter the peacemaker should know what Israelis have tragically learned – that only honesty, clarity, and mutual respect can bring a true peace.

Chanukah and the memory of things past

Lucky George Santayana. The Spanish-born American philosopher and poet entered popular consciousness with his pithy statement about knowledge, the past, and the present. "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." Particularly around the time of Jewish festivals and holidays, with their injunctions to remember and learn from the Jewish past, Santayana's dictum gives a modern edge to the ancient practice of recollecting and retelling.

Sara R. Horowitz in Toronto

But memory is a tricky business. Our recollection of things past is always mediated and given shape by the present. Even when looking back on our own lives, current concerns determine, in large measure, what we recall and how we recall it. If this is true for personal memory, it is doubly so for the kind of memory Santayana was talking about – a distant past that is given meaning over time. But as events shift, so does our relationship to the past.

Take Chanukah, for example. Mindful of Santayana, we might ask: by remembering the events the festival commemorates, what unwanted repetition of the past might we avoid? Where do we see ourselves in the story of miraculous oil, Jews versus Syrian-Greeks and zealots (or Maccabees) versus hellenized Jews?

A distinguished Jewish historian once devised an intriguing parlour game: after retelling a holiday story, participants would choose characters they identified with and explain why. Not surprisingly, regarding Chanukah, traditional Judaism identifies with the Maccabees, both in their fight against overwhelming external forces and in their struggle with internal erosion.

Many contemporary interpretations link the hellenized Jews of yore with assimilated Jews of today – Jews who jettison tradition and culture, refashioning themselves as culturally neutral Canadians in order to "belong." In this light, one of the lessons of Chanukah would be to imitate the zealots – to retain Jewish names, languages, texts and traditions – unlike hellenized Jews, who turned to idolatry and gymnastics.

But the extreme and mutually exclusive positions of zealot and hellenist are not the only choices. Suppose we substitute "integrated" for the loaded term "assimilated" to describe the majority in our community. With the exception of a small number who actively resist integration, most Jews draw on a cultural mix that leaves them feeling both deeply Jewish and deeply Canadian, regardless of denominational affiliation.

Closer to home, many Jews have grown uncomfortable with zealotry. Most Canadian Jews repudiate extreme and absolute adherents to a cause, particularly those who, presuming divine sanction, fly planes into skyscrapers, detonate explosives at seders and cafés and assassinate the head of the Jewish state.

The Maccabean struggle against the Syrian-Greeks presents easier possibilities, resonating as an archetypal representation of Jewish survival against overwhelming odds. We might also see it as an example of Jewish self-determination, a model both for minority communities in the diaspora and for the State of Israel. And, just as our tradition reminds us that our prototypical experience as outsiders should make us compassionate toward outsiders in our midst, our memory of battling for self-determination might make us affirm it in principle for others as well as for ourselves, both in multicultural Canada and in Israel.

What we call "lessons of the past" solidify in particular places at particular moments. They come under dispute, perpetually revised and revisited. We sometime grow nostalgic for a simpler relationship to the past, with sureties recollected from childhood. But ultimately, we requires a Judaism for adults.

I am not advocating a diminished role for Jewish memory and the Jewish past. To the contrary. If our relationship to the Jewish past is to continue to be meaningful, we must embrace its contentiousness.

Santayana would approve. This highly complex and skeptical thinker strongly identified with his Catholic background – so much so that he lived out the last decade of his life, until his death some 50 years ago, in a convent in Rome. Yet, he observed, "Most conventional ideals, the religious ones included, are not adequate to the actual nature and capacities of men who accept them."

In a dialogic relationship with the Jewish past, we might adopt – at least provisionally – radically different ways of understanding the past, its relationship to the present and its implications for the future. We might come away turning traditional meaning on its head, or reaffirming inherited meanings, or developing more deeply nuanced understandings. In making active our relationship to the Jewish past, we give punch to Jewish continuity and open up new ethical possibilities.

The passing parade...

They died recently, leaving footprints in time…

Nadav Safran, a Cairo-born Middle East scholar, was director of Harvard University's Center for Middle Eastern Studies and the author of three standard texts, *Israel: The Embattled Ally* (1978), *Egypt in Search of Political Community* (1981) and *Saudi Arabia: The Ceaseless Quest for Security* (1985).

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

Lewis Alfred Coser, the founder of Brandeis University's sociology department, wrote two seminal works, *The Functions of Social Conflict* and *Men of Ideas: A Sociologist's View*.

Richard Neustadt, a political scientist specializing in the U.S. presidency, produced two major books, *Presidential Power: The Politics of Leadership* and *Preparing to be President*. He was also a founder of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and advised three presidents.

Carolyn Heilbrun was a Columbia University literary scholar and detective story writer (under the pseudonym Amanda Cross) whose scholarly books included *Reinventing Womanhood* and whose novels ranged from *In The Last Analysis* to *Poetic Justice*.

Bernard Cohn, a University of Chicago professor of anthropology and history, was an authority on India. He wrote *India: The Social Anthropology of a Civilization* and *Colonialism and its Forms of Knowledge: The British in India*.

Edward Teller, a physicist originally from Hungary, was the father of the hydrogen bomb and a member of the Manhattan Project that developed the first atomic bomb. He was allegedly the model for Dr. Strangelove, the mythical character created by Stanley Kubrick for his 1964 film, *Dr. Strangelove or How I learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb*.

Marshall Rosenbluth, Teller's colleague, was a designer of the hydrogen bomb. A University of California professor, he was a specialist in nuclear fusion and plasma physics.

Lyonel Israels, a medical doctor from Winnipeg and a member of the Order of Canada, was instrumental in the establishment of the Manitoba Institute of Cell Biology and the Manitoba Health Research Council.

Allan Erslev, a trailblazer in anemia research, identified a hormone – erythropoietin – now widely used in its synthetic form to treat anemia disorders, and wrote two landmark books on blood diseases, *Hematology* and *Pathophysiology of Blood*.

Werner Goldsmith, a mechanical engineer and a specialist in car crashes that cause head injuries, wrote the classic handbook, *Impact: The Theory and Physical Behavior of Colliding Solids*.

John Schlesinger was an Academy Award winning British movie director whose films ran the gamut from *Midnight Cowboy* and *Darling* to *Sunday, Bloody Sunday* and *Marathon Man*.

Leonard (Buddy) Hackett was a brash standup comedian who appeared on television (*Quincy*), film (*The Music Man*) and theatre (*Viva Madison Avenue!*)

Herbie Mann (Herbert Solomon), a jazz flutist influenced by African and Brazilian music, released the trend-setting fusion album, *Memphis Underground*. **Eugene Istomin**, the pianist, was best known for his performances of the German and Viennese Classical and Romantic repertory. **Rosalyn Tureck**, a harpsichordist and pianist, played an integral role in reviving interest in the music of composer Johann Sebastian Bach.

Walter Taussig was associate conductor of the Metropolitan Opera in New York and an assistant conductor of the Salzburg Festival in Austria. **Arthur Berger** composed works for orchestra, chamber ensembles and piano, taught at the Juilliard School and wrote music reviews for New York daily newspapers. **Michael Kamen**, a composer and recipient of several Grammy Awards, worked on movie theme songs from *Have You Ever Really Loved a Woman?* to *Don Juan DeMarco*.

Warren Zevon, a singer and songwriter, wrote *Werewolves of London*, *Poor, Poor Pitiful Me*, *Excitable Boy* and *I'll Sleep When I'm Dead*. **Herb Gardner**, the Broadway playwright, wrote three high-profile plays, *A Thousand Clowns*, *I'm Not Rappaport* and *The Goodbye People*.

William Steig contributed cartoons to *The New Yorker* for some 60 years, and one of his children's books, *Shrek!*, was turned into an Oscar-winning animation feature. **Jules Engel**, an animator, choreographed the dance sequences in Walt Disney's *Fantasia* and worked on *Bambi*.

Harold Schonberg, *The New York Times*' chief music critic from 1960 to 1980, won the 1971 Pulitzer Prize. "It's not a critic's job to be right or wrong," he observed. "It's his job to express an opinion in readable English."

Gertrude Samuels, a photojournalist whose work was published in *Time*, *Newsweek* and *The New York Post*, wrote two books about Israel, *B-G: Fighter of Goliaths, The Story of David Ben-Gurion* and *The Secret of Gonen: Portrait of a Kibbutz on the Border in a Time of War*. **Colin Legum**, a South African journalist, covered Africa for *The Observer*, a British weekly, from 1951 to 1981. **Irv Kupcinet**, a gossip columnist for the *Chicago Sun-Times,* achieved celebrity status in a career spanning six decades. He was a contemporary of Walter Winchell and Ed Sullivan.

Bernard Manischewitz was the last member of his family to manage his family's kosher food empire, founded by Rabbi Dov Ber Manischewitz in 1888, and sold in 1990. Its products include matzah, gefilte fish, borscht, frozen fish and poultry and wine.

Laurence Tisch, a New York investor, presided over the Loews Corporation, the billion dollar conglomerate of hotels, movie theatres, insurance and cigarette companies and oil tankers. In 1986, he and his brother bought a 25 per cent interest in the CBS TV network.

Eugene Kleiner, an Austrian refugee, was a founder of the Silicon Valley company Fairchild Semiconductor, which revolutionized the U.S. chip industry and was the incubator of such iconic firms as Intel Corporation and National Semiconductor.

William Straus, a refugee from Nazi Germany, co-founded the Straus Family Creamery in California, one of the first certified organic dairies in the United States. He was also a pioneer in land conservation.

Lucille Roberts, an immigrant from the Soviet Union, founded Body Shop, a chain of bargain basement health clubs for women in the New York City area. Its name was later changed to Lucille Roberts.

Abraham Fischler was president of Fischler Diamonds in Antwerp, Belgium – one of the world's largest family-owned diamond-polishing and trading companies – and of the World Federation of Diamond Bourses.

Donald Gratz was the proprietor of Gratz Industries, a custom metal-fabricating business in New York whose clients included some of the most influential artists, architects and designers of the past half century.

Brahm Wiesman, one of Canada's first urban planners, was acting director and director of the University of British Columbia's School of Community and Regional Planning from 1971 to 1987.

Ben Bril, a 12-time Dutch boxing champion who competed in the 1928 Olympics when he was 15, was the youngest person ever in an Olympic boxing competition. A concentration camp survivor, he was subsequently a referee.

Louis Schwartz was a University of Pennsylvania Law School scholar who helped bring about significant changes in the penal codes of 35 U.S. states.

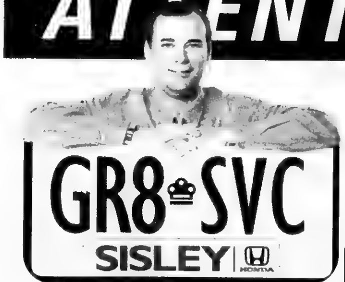
Arthur Kinoy, a U.S. lawyer, filed the last appeal for accused atomic spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, defended the anti-war Chicago Seven activists and was a founder of the Center for Constitutional Rights, a force in the civil rights movement.

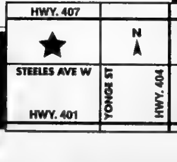
Milton Konvitz, a constitutional scholar, worked with and inspired two U.S. Supreme Court justices, Thurgood Marshall and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and helped write Liberia's constitution. He was a founder of the monthly Jewish magazine *Midstream* and served on the board of the *Encyclopaedia Judaica*.

Lee Kreindler was the founder of air disaster law, and his firm, Kreindler & Kreindler, represented plaintiffs in the 1996 crash of Trans World Airlines flight 800 off Long Island, N.Y., and the 1988 Libyan bombing of Pan American flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. His three-volume treatise, *Aviation Accident Law*, was published in 1971.

Simcha Dinitz was Israel's ambassador to the United States during the 1973 Yom Kippur War and chair of the Jewish Agency from 1987 to 1994. **Moshe Carmel** commanded Israeli forces in Haifa and environs during the War of Independence, edited the daily *Lamerhav*, served as minister of transportation and was chair of El Al Airlines. **David Bar-Ilan**, a concert pianist, was editor of *The Jerusalem Post* and chief spokesperson for Benjamin Netanyahu when he was Israel's prime minister.

Jack Eisner wrote *The Survivor*, a tale of survival during the Holocaust, and created the Holocaust Survivors Memorial Foundation. **Chaim Engel,** an escapee from Sobibor, was the subject of a book and a television movie, *Escape from Sobibor*. **Jannie Brandes-Brilleslijper**, a nurse, was the last known person to see Anne Frank alive in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.





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MDA mission participants see fruit of their labour

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

A group of 15 people from Toronto and Montreal recently came back from a Magen David Adom mission to Israel. Front row from left: Robert Ross, Sandy Galet, Rose Ziner, Dorothy Ross, David Kaminker, Rena Cohen and Sevi Walt. Back row from left: Peter Haberman, David Galet, Brenda Klug, Sydney Klug, Natie Dennill, Jacques Mamane and Joseph Amsallag. Missing is Joseph Bitton, the national president of MDA Canada.

A group of 15 people from Toronto and Montreal who helped raise $111,100 for a mobile intensive care unit (MICU) for Israel recently came back from a Magen David Adom mission to Israel, where they saw the unit being used.

Sandy Galet, mother of four children and grandmother of 12, who organized the fundraising activities for the MICU, was also the organizer of the trip.

"When we saw our mobile intensive care unit at Kiryat Shmona, it was like seeing the baby that we had delivered and now living in Israel," Galet said.

"And seeing the ambulances lined up at their stations and along the streets, we realized why we were here in Israel – to be part of the life-saving process, the most important mission of all."

Galet said Dorothy Ross, one of the tour members, used her winnings from an international competition of Judaica art to purchase an ambulance in memory of her parents.

"Dorothy was especially moved to meet the driver of her ambulance who takes it home everyday," Galet said. "The driver showed the ambulance with pride and pointed out that it had already clocked up 35,000 kilometres and has been involved in several incidents."

While on the trip, the group paid a visit to the Tel Nof Air Force base, where they learned about life-saving procedures and had lunch with the pilots. They had dinner at the Knesset with members of the international Magen David Adom committee meeting. They also attended a standing-room-only concert at the Israel Philharmonic with Israeli singer Achi Noam Nini.

"For us, being in Israel and attending the sold-out concert despite the constant threats of terror, and seeing that Israelis continue to go out and have not given up on culture and the arts despite the threats, told us that nothing is going to hold them back," Galet said.

The group also visited the Blood Donor Clinic in Jerusalem.

"Everyone who visits Israel should consider donating blood," she said. "It didn't take long and it may save a life. And it creates an unbelievable bond with our Israeli family."

ISRAELI MADRICHIM: Associated Hebrew Schools Grade 5 students welcomed Israeli madrichim, sponsored by The Jewish Agency for Israel and the BJE. Students created newspapers headlining Chanukah and the War of Independence and held press conferences with the madrichim who posed as Judah the Maccabi, Yitzhak Rabin, David Ben Gurion and Antiochus. The program allowed students to draw conclusions about the parallel experiences of the Jewish people's quest for independence both 2000 years ago and in 1948.

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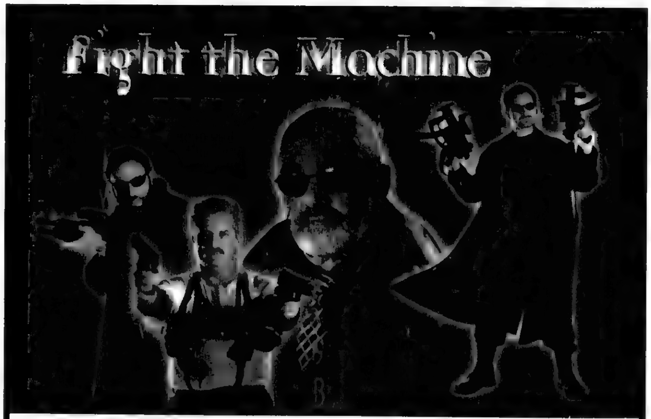

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Associated benefactor recalls a lifetime of giving

'I can't remember how many things I dedicated'

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You could call Nathan Oscar Hurwich "Mr. Generosity."

For more than half a century, Hurwich, 94, was a trailblazer in fundraising for numerous causes in Canada and Israel and received more than 100 plaques and citations.

Although he has been honoured for his exemplary work for United Jewish Appeal, as a top canvasser for the Jewish National Fund and by many other organizations, Hurwich's dedication to Jewish education, particularly to the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto, is legendary.

In 1979, after more than 40 years of support for the Associated, he and his wife endowed the Nathan O. and Roey Hurwich Educational Centre on Finch Avenue, just east of Bathurst Street. Recently, after four years and a $7-million retrofit, the building was reopened as Associated's middle school.

In an interview at Terrace Gardens Retirement Residence, where he and his wife of 72 years have lived for the past four years, Hurwich recalled that when he was 8 years old, he would trudge off to cheder on Simcoe Street every weekday after school and on Sundays. It was called the Toronto Hebrew Free School at the time, and later became the Associated Hebrew Day Schools of Toronto.

"I remember that many times I used to sneak away from cheder to play baseball at the Simcoe Street playground."

Discussing his past involvement with Associated and other organizations, Hurwich said, "I can't remember how many things I dedicated, because it has been in many, many places."

Looking back, "the most important things to me are the Associated and my synagogue, Beth Tzedec," said Hurwich, who is a founding member of Beth Tzedec Congregation and has held almost every office at the shul.

"We have no children," he continued. "I became enthused with the work of the Associated, because I thought it was very important for the Jewish people to have the school, for without the Jewish schools, we have no future."

Arthur Landa, executive director of Associated, said Hurwich is one of the school's oldest alumni. He has served on its va'ad hachinuch, scholarship committee, and board of directors, as well as chair of the membership committee.

Hurwich "has devoted his life to community service in general and to the Associated in particular," Landa said.

"He has no children of his own – the Associated children are his children. To him, they owe their gratitude."

Hurwich said his philosophy is to set an example for others by contributing his own time and money before asking others to give.

Nathan Hurwich

When he was 14 years old, his father became ill, and Hurwich had to leave Harbord Collegiate to help support his family. He went to work for Tip Top Tailors and completed high school at night.

Later, with very little capital, he opened a small automotive jobbing business. He sold the firm and founded Mobile Automotive Products, a manufacturers' distributor that he eventually sold to Acklands Ltd.

In addition to his work with Associated and Beth Tzedec, Hurwich was also co-chair, with Judge Sydney Harris, of the Soviet Jewry Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Among his many awards, he has received an honorary doctorate from Bar-Ilan University for his volunteerism, and Bar-Ilan named an academic chair in community relations in his honour.

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Muslim student criticized for supporting Israel

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

For Sarah Nasser, being an identifiable Muslim who openly supports the existence of the State of Israel has meant getting used to being verbally assaulted.

Sarah Nasser

Outside the conference held by Al-Awda, the Palestinian Right to Return Coalition, at the Ontario Institute of Studies in Education last month, a group of Arab students went so far as to tell her that she doesn't have a right to exist, she recalled.

"I spoke to the police after that incident," the third-year University of Toronto student said.

Nasser, 20, was born in Tanzania and moved to Canada with her parents as a young child. In an interview with *The CJN*, she remembered that Israel and the Jews were always considered to be "at an inferior level" by members of the Islamic community here.

"In my early teens, I started to read history books and began to challenge what was being said in the mosques," she said.

Then, in 1997, while on her way to Mecca for an off-season pilgrimage with her family, Nasser spent a day in Jerusalem.

While travelling around the West Bank and Jerusalem, she said it soon became clear that almost everything she had been taught about Israel was not true.

"I saw that Palestinians had cars and homes and [I realized] that parts of Canada were worse than even the most downtrodden parts of the West Bank," she said.

"It confirmed my views that members of the Muslim community were misrepresenting what was going on."

Even though she rarely signs petitions, Nasser recently added her name to the petition being sent to the United Nations condemning suicide bombing as a crime against humanity.

Nasser, who is an executive for the University of Toronto Progressive Conservatives and a member of the Delta Delta Delta Sorority, said she knows some individuals don't agree with her point of view.

"I'm learning to expect the verbal abuse, but I try not to let it silence me, because then, they've won," she said.

Joseph Berman 'saw *tselem elokim* in everyone'

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

Obituary

Toronto businessman and philanthropist Joseph Berman died recently after a long illness. He was 81.

Berman was born in Elmira, Ont., to a family that included six brothers and sisters, and he grew up in the Kensington Market area of Toronto. He had his bar mitzvah at the Kiever Shul, and later became one of the major donors to its restoration.

Together with Jack Kamin and Eph Diamond, he founded Cadillac Development Corp, which later became Cadillac-Fairview after a merger. The company was responsible for many high rise apartment and commercial projects, including the Toronto Eaton Centre and Vancouver's Pacific Centre.

But he "didn't just build homes, he built neshamas [souls]," said his daughter Shellie Grafstein.

His interest in people, she said, cut across all religious, ethnic and class lines. "He saw the *tselem elokim* [[the likeness of God] in everyone."

When he and his wife, Helen, finished building their new home, she said, their first party was for all the tradespeople who had been involved, from the person who made the drapes to the person who swept the floor.

This quality came out in his wide-ranging philanthropic activities. He contributed generously to educational causes, including the Board of Jewish Education, Yesodei Hatorah, Bais Yaakov and the special education facilities of the Reena Foundation (including its group homes), She'arim Hebrew Day School and Zareinu Educational Centre. He also founded a yeshiva for the deaf and was involved with the Technion and Boys Town Jerusalem in Israel.

In addition, he supported the Jewish Russian community, Ohr Somayach and Aish HaTorah, giving seed money to its Discovery, Common Ground and Common Denominator programs.

He contributed to a research project on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome at the Hospital for Sick Children, and donated a wing at Mount Sinai Hospital.

Berman chaired the United Jewish Appeal campaign, contributing generously himself. As well, he helped support Judy Feld Carr's rescue of Syrian Jews, and contributed a plane to Operation Solomon, the project to bring Ethiopian Jews to Israel.

"He didn't just give financially," Grafstein said. "He gave his time, and his guidance."

He didn't allow his business or philanthropic work to detract from his family, she said.

"He was a great dad – he taught us how to ride bikes and to drive, and helped us with our homework. When he was with us, he was totally with us."

His relationship with his wife, Helen, remained close and romantic throughout the years, Grafstein said. "He left her a note or a poem every single morning."

Berman is survived by wife Helen, children Shellie Grafstein, Evie Garnet, David Berman and Allan Berman. He was predeceased by son Laurie. He is also survived by sisters Brindy Schecter, Ruth Krawsowsky, Marilyn Serota and brother Mo Berman, as well as by 64 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Mock wedding celebrates Diaspora, Israel ties

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

The bride and groom stood under the chupah, surrounded by well-wishers. When the groom broke the glass of wine, the music started up and everyone began dancing a horah.

But this was not a Jewish wedding. In fact, it wasn't a wedding at all. It was a mock ceremony symbolizing the sacred connection between Diaspora Jews and Israel.

The mock ceremony began the evening billed as the Anglo Saxon Golden Exile Diaspora Zionist Party held recently at the downtown Cecil Street Community Centre, formerly the Anshei Ostrovtzer Synagogue. Some 110 people came for the festivities that marked 56 years since Nov. 29, 1947, the date the UN voted to partition British Mandate Palestine into Jewish and Arab states.

The party was organized by the Zionist Leadership Initiative, a group that view themselves as a new generation of Diaspora Zionists, says Benjamin Rubin, an organizer of the party and one of the organizers of the Zionist Leadership Initiative.

"We're a different generation from our parents," Rubin said. "Israel didn't exist when they were growing up. Our parents mostly knew Hebrew from prayer books. They didn't know how to speak it.

"We are much more culturally, socially and experientially connected to Israel. We speak Hebrew. Popular Israeli music is part of our cultural repertoire. Many of us have lived in Israel or spent a significant amount of time there. We feel when we go to Israel that we're insiders."

Rubin said the Zionist Leadership Initiative grew out of a conference organized by the World Zionist Organization in Duck Key, Florida in 2000. The conference drew 70 participants from across North America between the ages of 25 and 50. According to Rubin, a core group within the 20 representatives from Toronto "were inspired to carry on."

As a result of their efforts, the Toronto group launched the New House of Israel Web site, www.newhouseofisrael.com.

"This is an online global think-tank that sparks creative thought about the meaning of the collectivity of Israel, the destiny of the land of Israel and the interpretation of the learning of Israel," said Rubin, noting that the site was formally launched at the World Zionist Congress held in Jerusalem in 2002.

Since then, the Zionist Leadership Initiative has held several events, including A Zionist Debate: Heavyweight Boxing for the Jewish Mind and the Lag Ba Omer 2002 Zionist Vision Speech Contest. The three winners attended the 2002 World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem.

In addition to innovative programming, Rubin said the Zionist Leadership Initiative is pioneering new methods of political organizing and community building through e-mail and Web sites "for a new digitally connected generation."

The group, he said, has been involved in efforts to democratize the Canadian Zionist Federation, calling for elections, which have not been held for a generation.

Upcoming events include a Tu b'Shvat program Feb. 7, 2004, at the Moon Bean Cafe on St. Andrew Street in Kensington Market, and the True North Zionist Conference Festival, a family camp to be held May 28-30, 2004 at Camp George in Muskoka. McGill history professor Gil Troy will be a keynote speaker.

For more information about these events or the Zionist Leadership Initiative, visit wwwzionistparty.com or call 416-929-2919.

Dan Strumpf, left, and Benjamin Rubin, right, hold a chupah over Karen Fainman and Jason Adelman, centre. The four were participating in a mock wedding that symbolized the connection between Israel and the Diaspora. [Barbara Silverstein photo]

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Group bat mitzvah celebrated

By PHYLLIS SHRAGGE
Hamilton Correspondent

ST. CATHARINES, Ont. — Preparation for their group bat mitzvah on Dec. 13 united a group of women with diverse backgrounds in their desire for personal accomplishment, says Denise Newman, president of B'nai Israel Synagogue.

The women committed themselves to diligent study because they wanted to learn and grow as individuals, Newman said in a telephone interview.

When Newman initiated the project in 2002, the enthusiasm was overwhelming. "There was an incredible response."

Newman said she was thrilled when 22 women, ranging in age from 28 to 86, made the commitment to the weekly study sessions, which ultimately ended up being bi-weekly classes.

The majority of the women were in their 60s and they ran traditional Jewish homes, yet they had little or no Hebrew education. Many had to learn to read Hebrew as total beginners, Newman said.

"Their dedication was amazing. These women have always been involved in the Jewish community, but now they have expanded their understanding and appreciation of Jewish life."

Newman did have a Hebrew education as a youth, but she did not have a bat mitzvah.

"It wasn't a given then. As a participant in this b'nai mitzvah program, I am fortunate to have another opportunity to accomplish this."

Rabbi Eliyahu Courante led the classes, with the help of synagogue volunteers. In addition to developing Hebrew-reading skills, studying prayers and the Haftorah, the women learned Torah reading.

The b'nai mitzvah service was the first opportunity for women at B'nai Israel to have aliyot on their own. In the past, a woman participating in a bat mitzvah service could only have a joint aliyah with a man.

Over the past year and half, as the women developed their knowledge of the service, they began attending Shabbat services more frequently, Newman said.

"With knowledge comes understanding, and with understanding there is less confusion. Now the women get more pleasure out of the service because they know what is going on. If they lose their place during a prayer, they can find it again and catch up. Instead of just sitting there, they are singing and participating. I think it brings them back to the synagogue."

Newman noted that last year was the 100th anniversary of the Jewish community in St. Catharines.

"This reinforces the next 100 years. It reinforces that we're here to stay."

In a small Jewish community, it is important to do as much as possible to bring people back to their roots, while at the same time moving forward, she said.

"It's not easy to do. But we must."

The women's commitment to study for their bat mitzvah has set an example for our children and our children's children, she said.

As well, after devoting so many months to preparing, the women have developed a greater appreciation of the work required by their children and grandchildren in preparation for a bar or bat mitzvah, she noted.

"They have so much more to learn than we did. It has created an admiration for our kids."

Calumny of Nazi comparison

MYTH:

Israel is pursuing a policy of genocide toward the Palestinians that is comparable to the Nazis' treatment of the Jews.

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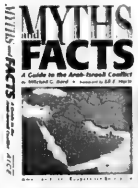
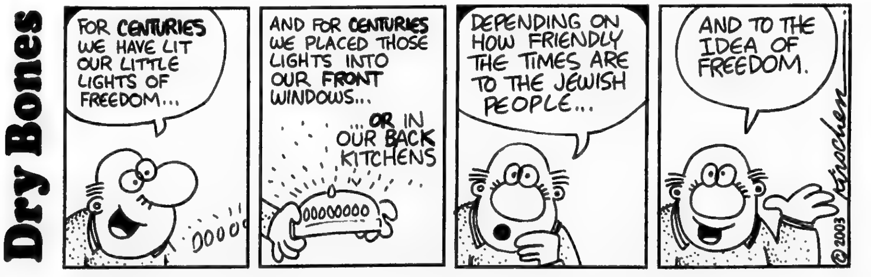


This is perhaps the most odious claim made by Israel's detractors. The Nazis' objective was the systematic extermination of every Jew in Europe. Israel, on the other hand, is seeking peace with its Palestinian neighbours. More than one million Arabs live as free and equal citizens in Israel. Of the Palestinians in the territories, 98 per cent live under the civil administration of the Palestinian Authority (PA). While Israel sometimes employs harsh measures against Palestinians in the territories to protect Israeli citizens – Jews and non-Jews – from the incessant campaign of terror waged by the PA and Islamic radicals, there is no plan to persecute, exterminate or expel the Palestinian people.

The absurdity of the charge is also clear from the demography of the disputed territories. While detractors make outrageous claims about Israel committing genocide or ethnic cleansing, the Palestinian population has continued to explode. In Gaza, for example, the population increased from 731,000 in July 1994 to 1,225,911 in July 2002, an increase of 68 per cent. The growth rate was 3.95 per cent, one of the highest in the world. According to the UN, the total Palestinian population in all the disputed territories (Gaza, the West Bank and eastern Jerusalem) was 1,006,000 in 1950, 1,094,000 in 1970 and exploded to 2,152,000 in 1990.

Since the intifadah, the Palestinian population has continued to grow exponentially, increasing more than 20 per cent just from 1995 to 2,000, when it reached 3,183,000. This increase has been noted to be the result of improvements in income and health services made by Israel.

Source: Myths & Facts Online: A Guide to the Arab-Israeli Conflict *by Mitchell G. Bard, www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org.*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Jewish Life

Beyond the latkes

By RACHAEL TURKIENICZ

Midrashic
Moments

For most Jews living in today's world, Chanukah is a holiday of lighting candles, spinning dreidels and frying latkes. We speak of the great victory of the Hasmoneans and the rededication of the Temple, and we light our candles. We listen to our children sing of their clay dreidels, that simple song where the child must wait until the dreidel is "dry and ready" so it can be taken out to play.

It's no wonder that for the greater part of Jewish history, Chanukah lay quietly as an almost forgotten, minor holiday. Jewish law necessitated that we light candles and so we did. But little attention was paid to Chanukah for centuries. Now suddenly, Chanukah has moved to the forefront of our Jewish consciousness and we celebrate it both privately and communally. What brought about this shift?

The challenge of how to celebrate Chanukah is probably due in no small degree to the fact that we have no anchoring text for the festival. There is no text about it in the Hebrew Bible and no mention of it at all anywhere in the Tanach. Every other Jewish holiday has a text we can study and explore to enrich our understanding.

Chanukah was adrift in a world of ideas.

In our desire to hold on to something concrete, we grabbed hold of the only elements we could find: the candles, the dreidels and the latkes. Sadly, these became the central components of the holiday.

The texts that record the events of Chanukah, the books of the Maccabees, although written by Jewish authors for Jewish readers, were never included in our canon of holy texts. Once these books are included in the Catholic Bibles, they are deliberately ignored by Jewish readers and Chanukah moves farther into the world of the abstract – farther away from any anchoring text.

The problem compounded when Jewish communities throughout history could not relate to the images of the Jewish warriors found within the Chanukah narrative. An extraordinary family that unites the Jewish people into an army and fights off an empire was not a model that spoke to Jewish people living in exile under foreign rule. And then the early Zionists emerged in the modern Jewish world and everything started to change.

To those Zionists who argued for the possibility of a Jewish homeland in Israel, the warriors of Chanukah were not only real – they were inspiring. As Zionism became a reality and the state of Israel became more than a dream, Chanukah grew in significance year after year.

And, as Israel built its army and succeeded in wars where incredible odds were stacked against it, Chanukah became a reality.

In today's world, Jewish communities celebrate Chanukah on a scale unseen before in Jewish history. We are cautiously looking into the books of the Maccabees only to find a description of men engaged in physical battle on the front lines and women engaged in a cultural and religious battle in the cities. We are inspired and uplifted by learning of Jews who stood up to assimilation, reaffirmed their identities and then confronted their enemy. We glow with pride as we sing of their victory.

This year, we will hear our children sing again of their clay dreidels. Let's make sure we also teach them the song *Mi Yimaleil* – particularly the part that says, "For in every generation a hero will arise who can redeem the nation."

Chanukah humour

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

The Jewish
Highway

Chanukah humour? Is this some kind of joke?

Actually, yes. Chanukah may certainly be an enjoyable holiday, but we don't usually associate it with humour. But if you look hard enough, you can find a lot that's funny about the Festival of Lights. Especially if you know where to look on the World Wide Web.

Stop me if you've heard this one: "A woman went to the post office to buy stamps for her Chanukah cards. 'What denomination?' asked the clerk. 'Oh, good heavens! Have we come to this?' replied the woman. 'Well, give me 50 Conservative, 2 Orthodox, 37 Reform and 11 Reconstructionist'" **[www.haruth.com/Jhumor55.html#Stamps]**.

I nearly choked on my chocolate dreidel when I came across "Latke vs. Hamantasch: A Materialist-Feminist Analysis." Penned by Robin Leidner of University of Pennsylvania's sociology department, she tries to settle once and for all, the age-old question: which food is more liberating for women – latkes or hamantaschen. Let's just say that things don't come out to well for our favourite pancake.

"After peeling, grating, frying batch after batch in spitting oil, the cook is exhausted and sweaty, her hair hangs in greasy clumps, her knuckles are scraped raw, her arms sting from the continual splatters of oil. When at last a heaping plate of latkes is ready, she brings it to the table, where every one is snatched up immediately. Stoically, she heads back to the stove to begin frying the next batch."

"[F]or women," Leidner says, "it is clear that hamantaschen offer far more scope for self-realization, egalitarian relations, and social progress than do latkes" **[www3.bc.sympatico.ca/myssiwyg/latkes.html]**.

Are you a bit hazy about what the Maccabees really did 2,000 years ago? Then check out The Absolutely True Story of Chanukah by the late Sam Orbaum, *Jerusalem Post* columnist. **[http://makeashorterlink.com/?I5E7241C6]** Once you know the history, you shouldn't find the Unorthodox Chanukah Quiz too daunting **[www. jr.co.il/humor/chanuka.htm]**. A sample question:

In order to purify the Holy Temple, the Jews had to…

a. Get a good cleaning person who would do floors

b. Get a good cleaning person who would do walls and windows, too (now that's a miracle!)

c. Get some lamp oil.

Finding funny Top Ten Lists on the Internet can be a hit-and-miss venture. But I must admit I cracked a smile when I saw the reasons why Chanukah is unlike that other holiday that falls this time of year **[www.humormatters.com/holidays/Hanukkah/]**:

- Latkes are cheaper to mail than fruitcakes.
- No barking dog version of *I Have a Little Dreidel*.
- There's no latke-nog.

It just wouldn't be Chanukah without Adam Sandler's modern classic *The Chanukah Song*, in which he reminds the world about prominent Jews in movies, music and sports. In the process, he finds some interesting rhymes for the word Chanukah **[www.chanuka.com/songs.shtml]**:

"Put on that yarmulke/ It's time for Chanukah/ Two-time Oscar winner/ Dustin Hoffmanica/ Celebrates Chanukah…"

You can find all three versions of Sandler's song online, along with a video excerpt from *Saturday Night Live* **[http://makeashorterlink.com/?Y3EA211C6]**, in which he appears with the Drei-Dels, the beaming kids' choir from the Sid Jacobson JCC on Long Island **[www.sjjcc.org/newstories/jccsnl.htm]**. But remember that Sandler pushes boundaries and his lyrics aren't always as gentle as *I Have a Little Dreidel*.

Another Chanukah song online is a take on Lou Bega's hit *Mambo No. 5* ("A little bit of Monica in my life/ A little bit of Erica in my life…") It's by "Louis Bagel" and it's called *Matzah No. 5* **[www.geocities.com/Hollywood/Bungalow/4550/matzah51.wav]**:

"I really love that Chanukah – it lasts eight nights./ A little bit of Passover is all right./ A really big bar mitzvah is what I had./ I'm moving to Miami just like my dad./ Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year./ I really like a bagel with some shmeer./ My mother's name is Esther, my dad is Stan./ I like to go and see Barbra Streisand!"

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Clinton urges resumption of Mideast peace talks

By MATT BELLAN
Special to The CJN

WINNIPEG — Former U.S. president Bill Clinton called on Israeli and Palestinian negotiators to resume peace talks in a Dec. 9 talk before a crowd of about 1,600 people at Winnipeg's Centennial Concert Hall.

Clinton, making his first visit to Winnipeg, quoted a statement by the late Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

"Rabin was right when he said: 'I will negotiate as if there were no terror, and I'll fight terror as if there were no negotiations,'" Clinton said.

"That's the way it ought to be done. Delaying everything to death, they'll never resolve it."

Clinton commented on the Middle East peace process during a question-and-answer session after an hour-long speech about "global interdependence."

In that address, part of a celebrity speakers series organized by promoters Marvin Meltzer and Jerry Shore, Clinton called for more international co-operation to solve world problems ranging from Iraq to the AIDS epidemic in the developing world.

Clinton said developed countries such as Canada and the United States can't afford to ignore those problems. He argued that letting Third World and Mideast crises fester will breed more angry people in poorer countries who are more likely to turn to terrorism within and beyond their borders.

"We are interdependent in ways that go beyond economics," he said. "The word 'interdependent' means 'we cannot escape each other.'"

Responding at length to a question about how he thought the Israeli-Palestinian conflict would be resolved, Clinton defended the Oslo peace process that he presided over as president.

"We stumbled along that path with fits and starts for seven years, and it went pretty well," he said, as a large screen behind him projected his image to the crowd. "And finally, I got [former Israeli prime minister Ehud] Barak to accept an offer in 2000 that [Palestinian Authority President Yasser] Arafat turned down – one of the most colossal historical errors in my lifetime."

Clinton said Arafat later acknowledged the peace offer was a good one.

"A year later, after I was gone and an Israeli government wouldn't give it to him, and an Israeli public didn't support Arafat, he said: 'I'm in favour of the Clinton peace plan.'

"Now we have 2,300 dead Palestinians, average age 18, and almost 900 dead Israelis, average age 24, because we are simply denying their interdependence," Clinton added, referring to the intifadah Arafat started after turning down the Camp David peace offer.

Clinton also gave a backhanded compliment to the Israeli and Palestinian moderates who negotiated the Geneva Accord.

"They took my last, best offer and just filled in the blanks," he said of the Geneva document, which offers a detailed plan to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Clinton said the accord, which spells out solutions to such difficult issues as dividing Jerusalem and Palestinian refugees, shows that "Palestinians and Israelis can actually make the decisions on these kinds of issues."

Eventually, he said, "like it or not, they're going to have to share the future. They're going to have to share that small piece of land and Jerusalem. They're going to have to share security responsibilities.

"They're going to have to share economic benefits, and the rest of us are going to have to help them bear the costs of relocating and compensating the refugees."

The Palestinians, he said, will have to give up the idea of an "unlimited right of return," and return to a Palestinian state in exchange for "ample compensation for the refugees."

In turn, Israel will have to stop "expanding settlements" in the occupied territories, give up "most of the West Bank," and compensate settlers forced to leave, he said.

Clinton acknowledged that Israel "can survive" without a peace deal, "because we won't let them die."

But he predicted that Israelis' "lives will be unhappy and insecure and more twisted if they just go on and leave things be."

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Choirs delight Ottawa audience

By DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — When Cantor Benjamin Maissner, the musical director of Lachan, the Toronto Jewish Chamber Choir, met David Malecki, musical director of Ottawa's Musica Ebraica, at last year's North American Jewish Choral Festival in New York, they began planning a joint concert.

The results thrilled a capacity crowd early this month at Agudath Israel Synagogue.

Although each choir sang separately, they came together for a few selections and blended seamlessly, making it difficult to believe they had rehearsed together for only a short time before the performance.

Lachan, now in its 10th season, has performed in concert around the world, including at the Sounds of Healing in Nuremberg, Germany, where it represented Canada at a choral gathering that featured Jewish choral ensembles, primarily from the United States and Israel.

Both Lachan and Musica Ebraica, which was founded in 2001, perform classical and popular Jewish choral music from around the world. At the concert, they performed a diverse program that included two selections by Salamone Rossi, the first major Jewish composer, who lived in Renaissance Italy, and a selection by Sara Shoham, a contemporary Israeli composer. *Ocho Kandelikas*, a lively Chanukah song in Ladino, was written by Flory Jagoda about the Chanukahs she remembered as a child growing up in Sarajevo. The guitar accompanist for that number, Daria Ribar, is also from Sarajevo.

Barbara Kagedan, who founded Musica Ebraica in 2001 with director David Malecki, said, "We had recently discovered that there is a whole world of incredibly beautiful and unusual Jewish choral music, and we wanted both to sing it and to bring it to Ottawa so that others could discover this music, too.

"The music we do comes from all the Jewish traditions: Sephardi, Ashkenazi, Italian, Israeli, North American. Part of what we enjoy so much is the window that music can open on a part of Jewish history and culture."

Musica Ebraica's members come from a wide variety of backgrounds, both Jewish and non-Jewish. Malecki is Polish Catholic.

"It has been extraordinary – especially in the sometimes tense political atmosphere of the last two years – to have this little group where people of different backgrounds come together to sing Jewish choral music and explore Judaism together," Kagedan said. "For me, personally, it has been like a little haven in this very difficult world."

The choirs also performed at the Dec. 4 opening of the exhibit "Ancient Treasures and the Dead Sea Scrolls" at the Canadian Museum of Civilization.

Outgoing senator raps Canadian, Israeli policies

By **JANICE ARNOLD**
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL – Retiring Liberal senator Leo Kolber criticized the Canadian government for having "strayed" in recent years from its support of Israel, and especially since the Conservative government of Brian Mulroney.

Leo Kolber

"Canada's policy on the Middle East in the last few years has wandered off the moral centre of the political spectrum," Kolber said at a B'nai Brith Canada dinner in his honour.

Kolber, a former chief fundraiser for the Liberal party who was appointed to the Senate by former prime minister Pierre Trudeau in 1983, praised former Tory prime minister Brian Mulroney for his "unstinting support of Israel… I have to say that Israel never had a better friend in Canada than when he was prime minister."

Kolber said he believes that under incoming prime minister Paul Martin, Canada will support a Palestinian state, but that its Middle East policy will be "rooted in its historic support of Israel." He was speaking a week before Martin took office.

Kolber was especially harsh on Canada's record at the United Nations.

"In our typically Canadian desire to be all things to all people, we have fallen silent at the UN. We have abstained far too often on issues that have seen Israel stigmatized in the very global forum where it was born."

He accused the foreign affairs department of "Arabist leanings and proclivities," adding that this did not do any good for Maher Arar, the Muslim Canadian who alleges that he was tortured in a Syrian prison.

He also regretted Canada's "muted" response to former Malaysian prime minister Mahathir Mohamad's tirade against Jews in October.

Kolber, however, said he disagreed with many of the Israeli government's policies and spoke of this being "a time of anguish for Israelis and Palestinians alike," deploring "the circle of violence."

He said "neither Palestinian terror, nor Israeli reprisal, is working. Neither will ever achieve its obective.

"The Palestinian terrorists will never succeed in their goal of driving the Israelis into the sea. The Israeli government will never succeed in pacifying a civilian population with tanks, or by building a wall around Israel," he said.

Kolber stressed that those who criticize Israeli policies should not automatically be called anti-Semitic and may, in fact, abhor anti-Semitism.

"I welcome criticism of Israel and, in fact, I'm a critic myself. I think their policy on the settlements leaves a lot to be desired and I think that their reprisals are sometimes overdone," he said.

Kolber sees some promise in the Geneva Accord, the unofficial peace plan proposed by his "old buddy" former Israeli justice minister Yossi Beilin and former Palestinian information minister Yasser Abed Rabbo.

"It needs improvement, but it is a beginning, a step away from war, a step towards peace."

Kolber said the terror must stop before any peace talks are possible, and then Israel must be prepared to concede land, including settlements, for peace.

Kolber said poor living conditions in many Palestinian towns have "led to the death of hope, the birth of despair, and the absence of dignity that leads young Palestinians to embrace terror and become suicide bombers."

At the same time, he blamed the oil-rich Arab states for failing to relieve the squalor. "It is their moral obligation, as peoples of means, to look after their own, just as Jews always have," he said.

Kolber said he was speaking as someone who has travelled to Israel 55 times since the 1950s, who counts senior Israeli figures among his close friends, and whose son, daughter-in-law and three grandchildren live there.

"I want my grandchildren to have the opportunity to grow up in the emotional security of a land at peace with itself and its neighbours. I want them to grow up in a world without anti-Semitism."

Kolber, who received B'nai Brith's Award of Merit, was speaking to close to 600 guests at the dinner, which was co-chaired by McGill University principal emeritus Bernard Shapiro and Robert Panet-Raymond, a senior vice-president of CIBC.

Kolber was right-hand man to the Bronfman family for many years, heading its family trust Cemp Investments and Cadillac-Fairview, its real estate company.

Kolber also expressed deep concern for the rise of anti-Semitism in the world. "We Jews have seldom needed the support of the gentile world in the fight against anti-Semitism more than we do now."

He said that anti-Semitism is linked to the violence between in the Middle East. "We are identifiable as Jews, identified with Israel. In some sense, even a subliminal sense, we are blamed every time [Israeli Prime Minister] Ariel Sharon sends in the tanks."

B'nai Brith international affairs chair Amos Sochaczevski took a harder line.

"Israel is in the frontlines of the battle against the terrorists and their supporters. Whether they are terrorists who drape themselves in explosives, or terrorists in business suits at the UN, they are the enemies of all Western civilization," Sochaczevski said.

"Israel, even when confronted by horrific terror attacks, has preserved all the basic values of democracy and, indeed, serves as a role model for the entire world."

He said B'nai Brith advocates not only for Israel's "right to exist, but Israel's right to defend itself against the onslaught of terror."

Canada's voting "against Israel in the UN over 90 per cent of the time is totally unacceptable," he said. "The silence of some is deafening."

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Don't dismiss the Geneva dissenters

According to Reports

By
PAUL MICHAELS

It would be an understatement to say that the Geneva Accord, officially released earlier this month, received a great deal of media attention – most of it positive.

Many editorials lauded the unofficial peace plan, as this selection of headlines shows: "A tantalizing preview of a Mideast accord" (*Globe and Mail*, Dec. 2); "A fine, unofficial Mideast peace deal" (*New York Times*, Dec. 2); "Blessed are the peacemakers" (The *Economist*, Dec. 6).

Even the *National Post* ran an editorial titled "The deal they love to hate: But despite it all, there may be some good in the Geneva Accord" (Dec. 6). The *Post* wrote: "As we see it, the Geneva Accord is at worst harmless. At best, it might even provide helpful ideas that the 'real' Israeli and Palestinian leaders may want to consider."

The *Post* concluded that "though many of the details of the accord may prove pie-in-the-sky, the basic outline hits the right notes." The *Globe* editorial reached the same conclusion: "[E]very sensible Israeli and every realistic Palestinian knows that a deal much like the Geneva Accord will have to be struck in the end." In short, a two-state solution similar to that proposed in the summer-fall of 2000 and at Taba in January 2001 – and rejected by Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat.

Many newspaper columns on the accord were also positive. In the *National Post*, Dec. 4, "New accords may prove historic" by Neill Lochery was matched by the Dec. 5 *Globe and Mail* column by Shira Herzog, titled "Geneva: the road to peace." The *Globe* followed up on Dec. 9 with Rabbi Dow Marmur's fully supportive piece, "Hope is our only hope." (Only Amir Tahiri's "Wise men' of Geneva strike a blow to peace", *National Post*, Dec. 9, dissented from the virtual consensus.)

Rabbi Marmur railed against Jewish critics of Geneva for preferring to preserve the status quo. "This raises the suspicion that their real aim is to sit out the crisis until the Palestinians get exhausted and accept the harsh terms that are in store for them."

However, those who raise valid concerns about the plan must not be dismissed as hawkish rejectionists.

For example, Yossi Klein Halevi and Michael Oren are among the most astute Israeli analysts, each committed to a two-state solution. But in their Dec.15 *New Republic* article, "Jerusalem Dispatch: Fantasy," they write that the Palestinians must fulfill the "road map" requirement to dismantle the terrorist organizations, and reform the PA leadership, as demanded in U.S. President George W. Bush's June 24, 2002, speech. Otherwise, a Geneva-like vision may, in fact, prove inimical to Israel remaining a state, Jewish or otherwise.

The problem, write Klein Halevi and Oren, is that under Geneva, "the Palestinians get their state first and only later have to prove good faith."

Jim Lederman, the Israeli correspondent for the consulting firm Oxford Analytica, supports the general vision of Geneva. But like Klein Halevi and Oren, he worries about the details. In conversation, Lederman said: "A secular world is asking a secular Israel to come to an agreement with a secular Palestinian government that is unwilling to confront extremist Muslim organizations. That amounts to asking Israel to take a pure risk, not even a calculated risk, and in place of a calculated risk, you may well end up with incalculable damage."

Moreover, well-known members of the Israeli left, such as Yossi Alpher, have raised similar concerns, particularly over Geneva's ambiguity on the "right of return" issue.

Rabbi Marmur may be right that the Geneva Accord has "made it possible again to think peace." But the objections raised by Klein Halevi, Oren, Lederman and others must not be dismissed out of hand.

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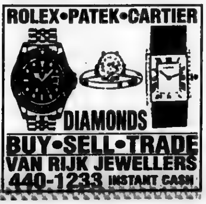

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Dead Sea Scrolls bring Qumran to the capital

By DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — In the week leading up to the Dec. 4 opening of an exhibit on the the Dead Sea Scrolls at the Canadian Museum of Civilization, Ottawans were immersed in lectures, films and programs about the famous artifacts.

Adolfo Roitman, curator of the Shrine of the Book, which houses the Dead Sea Scroll collection at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, spoke to groups of teachers, Christian clergy and members of the public at a variety of venues.

He also spoke at Friday evening services at Temple Israel and at Sunday morning services at a local church. During a Saturday evening talk at Temple Israel sponsored by the Ottawa International Writer's Festival, the *Ottawa Citizen* and the Embassy of Israel, he spoke about "Judaism as a Book-Centred Civilization: The Case of the Qumran Library."

As well, Esther Chazon, director of Hebrew University's Orion Center for the Study of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Associated Literature, spoke at the National Library of Canada on "The Power of the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Mystery of the Qumran Community" in a program co-sponsored by the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Council of the Jacob M. Lowy Collection.

Hundreds also attended the exhibit's opening at the Canadian Museum of Civilization, among them many clergy, diplomats and academics.

The exhibition, titled "Ancient Treasures and the Dead Sea Scrolls," arrived in Ottawa after a version of it appeared in Montreal over the summer. It displays sections from three of the scrolls discovered in a desert cave by a young Bedouin shepherd in 1947: the Isaiah B Scroll, the Community Rule Scroll and the War Scroll. Two of the fragments have never been outside Israel before, and the third has not left since being purchased from an American collector some 50 years ago.

"[These artifacts] illuminate an era of profound importance for human history and for two of the world's great religions, Judaism and Christianity," said Victor Rabinovitch, the museum's president and CEO.

The early relationship between these two religious communities can also be seen in the artifacts on display, including Christian amulets, lamps decorated with Christian symbols and the only archeological evidence of the crucifixion, the Ossuary of Yehohanan, son of Hagkol.

One item, a miniature ivory pomegranate thought to be the tip of a priestly sceptre in the eighth century BCE, is the only known object believed to be from the First Temple.Another, a 2,700-year-old amulet once worn by a Jewish priest, includes portions of the familiar blessing that begins with the words "The Lord bless thee and keep thee" – a prayer still recited in synagogues and churches around the world.

Also among the 100-plus artifacts are everyday objects such as oil lamps, cooking bowls and a women's cosmetic palette.

The exhibition will return to Israel after it closes April 12. In conjunction with the exhibition, there will be a series of lectures by leading specialists, free of charge, on Thursday evenings. Guided tours of the exhibition are also available.

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Cotler, Austin, Saada join PM Martin's cabinet

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Married with four children, Saada came to Montreal as a university student in 1969 and studied linguistics. He has been a teacher, school administrator, translator and government consultant. He was president of the federal Liberals' Quebec wing from 1991 to 1993 and its Quebec director-general before that.

He publicly endorsed Martin's leadership bid last March.

Saada, who has lived on the South Shore for 34 years, has not been active in the Montreal Jewish community, but has been involved in the small South Shore Jewish Community, which was formed eight years ago.

He was one of 13 Liberal parliamentarians who asked the CRTC to deny a broadcast license to Al-Jazeera, the Qatar-based satellite news channel, because of its anti-Israeli content. He was also part of a Canada-Israel Committee-sponsored parliamentary mission to Israel in 2002.

Cotler, 63, is a McGill University law professor with an international reputation as a human rights advocate and Jewish leader. He was first elected in a 1999 by-election with 92 per cent of the vote in Mount Royal, which has the largest proportion of Jews of any riding in the country.

Cotler, who appeared to be a reluctant politician almost from the outset, has been quoted as saying he would not seek re-election after his current term. He clashed early on with former prime minister Jean Chrétien over Canada's Middle East policies and publicly broke with his government when Canada abstained from a United Nations resolution condemning Israel in the early days of the intifadah.

Cotler's relationship with Martin, however, has always been friendly. During the 2000 election, Martin held a press conference at Cotler's campaign office, expressing appreciation that someone of Cotler's stature had chosen to serve the country.

In the last Parliament, Cotler was chair of the subcommittee on human rights and international development of the standing committee on foreign affairs, and a member of the justice committee. Since 2000, he had been special advisor to the foreign affairs minister on the International Criminal Court, of which he has been a leading proponent.

He also shepherded the War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity Act through Parliament.

He was also Canadian chair of the Parliamentarians for Global Action, an international organization, and co-chair of the Parliamentary Human Rights Group, the first ever all-party joint House-Senate human rights caucus.

One of the thorniest issues Cotler will deal with in the justice ministry, should he continue to hold the portfolio after the expected spring election, is same-sex marriages. The Supreme Court is expected to issue a reference on the issue next year. Cotler has told *The CJN* he is in favour of civil marriage for homosexuals, but believes the Supreme Court's opinion should guide legislation.

A senator since 1975, Austin, 71, most recently served as a member of the Senate committees on foreign affairs, and internal economy, budgets and administration. A Harvard law graduate, Austin was deputy energy minister in the 1970s and later principal secretary to former prime minister Pierre Trudeau.

He served in Trudeau's cabinet in the early 1980s in several portfolios, and organized three Team Canada economic missions to China in the 1990s for Chrétien.

Jewish leaders welcome statement by Church leaders on anti-Semitism

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They urged all Canadians to "exercise the greatest diligence on behalf of our Jewish friends and neighbours," and come to their defence when Jews and Jewish holy places are attacked.

Anti-Semitism, the letter said, "has taken many forms, including violence against Jewish persons simply because of their ethnic or religious background, and the desecration of holy places and cemeteries."

The statement was praised by Jewish leaders.

Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Canadian Jewish Congress's chair of religious and interreligious affairs, called it "warm, clear, and [a] forceful declaration."

He said it is all the more remarkable because it was not written at the request of the Jewish community.

"It was spontaneous and from the heart," Rabbi Bulka told *The CJN*. "It shows a genuine concern and affection."

Canadian Jews should applaud the statement and reciprocate by condemning attacks on Christians around the world, said the University of Toronto's Prof. David Novak, an expert in Jewish-Christian relations.

"Both Judaism and Christianity are under attack," Novak told *The CJN*. "Christians now know what it feels like to be a Jew."

He said the church statement is noteworthy because it is groundbreaking in scope and reflects "radically" different Christian attitudes toward Jews.

"There's virtually no anti-Semitism coming from the churches anymore. Anti-Semitism today comes from Islamic and leftist circles.

"When push comes to shove, Christians are the best friends Jews have. So it's in our interest to accept [the statement]."

CJC president Keith Landy also lauded the development.

"Such an effort is an integral part of defending the universal values of human dignity, democracy, pluralism, fundamental freedoms and individual liberty by all those who cherish and share them," he said.

The statement invited all Christians "to become acquainted with our Jewish brothers and sisters and with their places of worship in communities from coast to coast to coast, celebrating all that we share with our Jewish friends and neighbours, and respecting our differences."

The church leaders committed themselves "to demonstrating not only through words but through united action, our determination to confront anti-Semitism on every front.

"This we pledge in the unwavering conviction of the eternal love of Almighty God for all peoples and nations, in the unwavering conviction that we are, Jews and Christians alike, brothers and sisters, children of one God, heirs in faith of Abraham and Sarah."

Meantime, the search for peace in the Middle East will form the backdrop of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which runs from Jan. 18 to Jan. 25.

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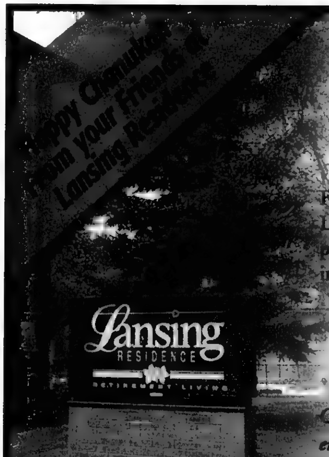

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Day calls on Liberals to support Israel

By PHYLLIS SHRAGGE
Hamilton Correspondent

HAMILTON — Former Canadian Alliance leader Stockwell Day, says the Liberal government should stand up for democracy and support Israel, a democracy in a sea of dictatorship.

Supporting democracy should be a principal part of foreign policy, said Day, foreign affairs critic for the official Opposition.

He spoke recently at Adas Israel Synagogue, at a lecture sponsored by Hadar The Morris Lax Centre, in co-operation with B'nai B'rith Canada, Betar Tagar, Zionist @Mac; and Young Zionist Partnership.

He said that the route towards world peace is paved through the spreading of democracy because historically, democracies have rarely been at war.

As a true friend of Israel, he said, Canada must boldly articulate its support while strongly condemning Palestinian terrorists.

It is time that the Canadian government recognizes the right of Israel to exist without threat as a sovereign state, he said.

Day said the Canadian government has taken some disturbing policy positions, noting that Canada often abstains or votes against Israel at the United Nations.

"Canada continues to permit front groups to undertake fundraising for anti-Israel groups like Hamas, and it seems reluctant to ban terrorist groups like Hezbollah.

"Canada must not tolerate terrorism worldwide and it must not allow terrorist sympathizers within its borders," he said.

The cycle of violence in the Middle East must be broken, Day said.

"But it is not morally equivalent to compare an Israeli soldier or soldiers going after a Palestinian hideaway or bomb-making home, to a terrorist going after a school bus filled with children.

"There is no equivalency between defending your nation and using horrific forces of terror to torture and maim."

There has been a shift in the last 40 or 50 years in terms of who traditionally have been friends of Israel and who are currently friends of Israel, he said.

Organizations and countries that supported Israel in the past often had the strongest socialist policies, he said.

"Leftist groups supported Israel because Israel was always identified as the victim. After the 1967 Six Day War everything changed, because it was evident that Israel was no longer the underdog. Israel was recognized not only for its military accomplishments, but also for its advances in technology, agriculture, and research and in the arts.

"Israel's friends on the left began to dissipate and Israel began to be more and more alone," he said.

The Palestinians became the new victims in need of sympathy, he said.

"However, the concerns of the Palestinians too often have been used as an excuse to legitimize the undemocratic and often violent terrorist acts of certain factions of the Palestinian leadership."

Canada must strictly monitor its millions of dollars in aid to the Palestinian Authority as long as that money goes towards the manufacture of children's textbooks filled with hatred towards Jews, Day said.

He questioned why the Canadian government gives money to the Palestinian coast guard while Canadian national defence is lacking in financial support.

As a democratic country, Canada has an obligation to take a public stand against oppressive regimes that advocate terrorism. The power of the spoken word cannot be underestimated, Day said.

Stockwell Day

We are hardwired for religion, neuroscientist says

By PHYLLIS SHRAGGE
Hamilton Correspondent

HAMILTON — The brain's ability to instinctively seek answers to the things it cannot explain forms the neurological basis for belief systems, says neuroscientist Dr. Sandra Witelson.

The brain is programmed to draw conclusions based on the stimuli to which it is exposed, by "myth-making," or creating stories, Witelson said in a lecture titled "Neurology of Beliefs: Homo Mythopoesis."

The neurological basis of belief systems is similar in all religions, she said at McMaster University on Dec. 1, in the Ben Meyer Memorial Lecture, sponsored by the Herb and CeCe Schreiber Family Foundation, the Jewish Community Centre of Hamilton-Wentworth and Area, and McMaster University.

Witelson is professor of psychiatry and behavioural neurosciences at McMaster and holds the Albert Einstein/Irving Zucker chair in neuroscience. Her area of research concerns the neurobiological underpinnings of the functional differences of regions of the human brain. Her work has addressed dyslexia, the language neural network, sex differences in the brain structure, sexual orientation and the study of the brain of Albert Einstein.

Witelson coined the term homo mythopoesis, meaning "myth-making man," after what she considers to be the defining characteristic of man, the inborn instinct to interpret situations.

She said myth-making, or filling in the gaps where information is lacking, is a personalized perception of the environment and is a general characteristic of the human mind. It is not learned behaviour; it is the way the brain functions.

Studies of people with brain damage have shown that there is a natural tendency to make up stories to account for the stimulation that is experienced. This tendency to make myths is developed by a network in the left hemisphere of the brain, which is important for language.

Witelson said the human mind interprets the environment on a daily basis, in order to fill in the gaps the brain perceives, whether for simple things or for abstract issues like death.

When people are faced with inexplicable events such as personal tragedies, they look for some explanation or rationalization to account for what occurred. This explanation is often tied to a religious belief system, she said.

In an interview with The *CJN*, Witelson said mankind has always made up stories to account for things over which there is no explanation.

"What I'm adding is hard data from the behaviour of people with brain dysfunction who act in a way that demonstrates this tendency."

Referring to how we establish belief systems, she made this comparison: "In science we put forward a hypothesis which is held until there is new data. Then the hypothesis is modified.

"Belief and hypothesis come from the same source, from our need and instinct to interpret… Belief is a solidified interpretation taken on faith."

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On Campus

CHANUKAH AT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE: From left, University of Toronto student Yaniv Tzafir, Eli Savage of Hillel of Greater Toronto, and U of T student Jonathan Levinoff enjoy latkes and jelly doughnuts at a Chanukah party co-hosted by University College principal Paul Perron, Hillel and Rose Wolfe, UC's first distinguished alumna. Rabbi Jason Rosenberg of Holy Blossom Temple also took part.
[Frances Kraft photo]

Ottawa students get funding for Israel advocacy

By ADAM GRACHNIK
Special to The CJN

Compared to the activities of the group Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights (SPHR), pro-Israel advocacy on campus is failing, says the new director of the Jewish Students' Association, Hillel Ottawa (JSA).

Dov Ben-Reuven said setting up tables in university centres is great, but Jewish students need to launch more innovative programs to make Zionism a positive word on campus.

"It's pathetic," he said. "We're failing compared to the SPHR. Zionism is no longer a warm, fuzzy word."

At the University of Ottawa and Carleton University, the SPHR recently erected "apartheid walls" to symbolize Israel's security fence.

In response to such anti-Israel sentiment, the JSA applied for and received a $10,000 grant last spring from United Israel Appeal Federations of Canada (UIAFC) for Israel advocacy.

The JSA has hired 10 students to promote a more positive image of Israel among students at U of O and Carleton. Each student receives $250 up front and an additional $250 if they are asked to stay on for a second semester. They are required to attend training sessions and come up with program ideas.

"It's there for students to be proactive, not reactive – to promote Zionism and all things that have been hijacked on campus," Ben-Reuven said.

He said the grant money would also be used for a variety of other projects, including marketing materials and conferences, and added that there is also a need to get pro-Israel messages into campus newspapers.

Lance Davis, the director of National Jewish Campus Life UIAFC, said other Jewish student groups, such as those in Vancouver, are engaging in similar activities.

"There is an expectation that after [the groups] spend the money, they will provide a solid report on the investment on campus," Davis said, adding that the UIAFC wants to see the programs they've initiated and how they compare to other Israel advocacy programs.

Davis said students at some campuses have set up grassroots Zionist groups, such as the Young Zionist Partnership at York University. The UIAFC has also allocated money for a full-time Israel advocacy co-ordinator at the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University in Vancouver.

The type of programs that will be implemented in Ottawa are still unclear, but Ben-Reuven said the 10 students would not be taking an in-your-face approach.

"We're not going to be setting up blown-out buildings," he said, adding that he wants to educate students through programs such as the Israeli trivia quiz at last month's Israel Day put on by U of O's Hillel.

Davis agrees with that approach.

"Doing in-your-face events is a turn-off for a lot of people," he said. "It's not our job to tell other cultures and religions what's wrong with them."

Ben-Reuven said he doesn't just want his team to limit their message to campuses.

"We can have a lot of influence in the capital," he said. "Think how many MPs there are. Let's say you pick an MP and you don't bombard them [with information], but re-educate them."

Last year, Davis said, eight Jewish student associations including U of O's received $10,000 grants for campus advocacy, but UIAFC did not distribute the same funds this year because some groups were using the money for one event as opposed to a series of events throughout the year.

This year, any Israel advocacy groups can apply for a $2,000 grant for each event they host.

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YFS president-elect cleared of violating spending rules

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Paul Cooper and his slate of candidates for student government, the first ever to be endorsed by Hillel at York University, have been cleared of allegations they violated campaign spending rules.

Cooper, who ran for president of the York Student Federation (YFS), swept last month's elections, with his 31-member Progress Not Politics (PNP) slate winning 27 seats.

The results are not official until they are ratified by the outgoing YFS council, which was set to take place Dec. 15.

The ratification was expected after the YFS elections committee ruled that Cooper's campaign literature expenses represented fair market value. Three committee members voted in Cooper's favour, and one abstained.

The decision was released last Monday afternoon, Dec. 8, after a nine-hour hearing four days earlier.

Three candidates had filed complaints before the election campaign was over.

"We fully expect our slate to be ratified, presuming there's no appeal," said Edward Prutschi, legal counsel to the PNP slate.

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Saddam's capture just first step

BY LESLIE SUSSER
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Analysis

Israelis have a long score to settle with Saddam Hussein: the former Iraqi dictator promised to destroy the Jewish state, fired 39 Scud missiles at Israeli cities during the Persian Gulf War and paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to families of Palestinian suicide bombers.

Not surprisingly, therefore, Israelis were jubilant Sunday at the news of Saddam's capture by American forces in Iraq, a mood reflected by the Tel Aviv stock exchange, which rose more than three per cent on the day.

But seasoned Israeli analysts are less euphoric. While acknowledging a best-case scenario in which Saddam's capture spurs on the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, puts pressure on Syria to seek a peace agreement and enhances Israel's strategic position in the region, they say that much still has to happen in Iraq for that scenario to materialize.

The key question, they say, is whether Saddam's capture leads to a significant reduction in the number of guerrilla attacks on U.S. and allied forces and leads to a more stable, pro-American Iraqi regime.

If that happens, the benefits for Israel could be enormous. But if the attrition and chaos continue, the positive impact of Saddam's capture could dissipate quickly.

On the face of it, Saddam's final, ignominious exit should put more pressure on the Palestinians to seek accommodation with Israel.

The radical Arab forces pressing the Palestinians to reject all peace offers have been weakened, and Saddam's capture further reduces the radical hinterland Palestinian hard-liners look to for support.

It also strengthens America's regional standing and adds weight to the U.S.-sponsored "road map" plan for Israeli-Palestinian peace.

But will the Americans, still embroiled in Iraq, have the resolve to exploit the moment to pressure both Palestinians and Israelis to move forward? Israeli cabinet ministers think not.

On the contrary, they expect American pressure on Israel to ease. Public Security Minister Tzachi Hanegbi, for example, believes the United States will now be "far more confident in carrying out its campaign against the 'Axis of Evil,'" and give Israel more leeway in fighting terror.

Any reduction of American pressure would be a problem, says analyst Yossi Alpher, co-editor of the Israeli-Palestinian Bitterlemons.org Web site and a former senior Mossad operative.

In Alpher's view, the capture of Saddam will only move the Israeli-Palestinian track forward if President George W. Bush follows it up by "knocking some heads together" on both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian divide.

"But," says Alpher, "this is not the direction we are moving in. On the contrary, we are moving toward low-level crisis management throughout the U.S. election period and throughout the crisis in Iraq – and the U.S. is still facing a crisis in Iraq."

In congratulating Bush, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon suggested that Saddam's capture could herald the beginning of the end for dictatorships throughout the Middle East, with major strategic benefits for Israel.

In a veiled allusion to neighbouring Syria, Sharon said, "The dictatorships, and especially those tainted by terror, learned a historic lesson today: the enlightened international community showed that it can defend freedom and defeat terror when it has to."

But the analysts are skeptical about the chances of a democratic Iraq emerging from the chaos, let alone setting off a domino effect of democratization across the region.

Alpher says he does not believe Saddam's capture will have an appreciable impact on the terrorist attacks against U.S. forces in Iraq.

"After watching Saddam on television, my initial sense is that he has been in deep hiding and that he could not have been a major moving force in the guerrilla attacks," Alpher says. "And we all know that a good portion of the elements fighting the Americans in Iraq today have nothing to do with Saddam and the Ba'ath party."

Alpher points out that the Sunni Muslims who have ruled Iraq for 13 centuries are a minority, and even without Saddam to encourage and lead them, they fear that American-style democracy will lead to their removal from power, reason enough to continue a rearguard action to resist democracy.

"It takes a stretch of the imagination [to believe] that Saddam's capture is going to put the democratic domino effect back on track," Alpher says. "That, I don't see happening."

Still, Alpher says he sees major short-term strategic gains for America and Israel. Saddam's capture dramatically enhances America's credibility in the region, and that, he says, "is a boost for American deterrence and, by association, for Israeli deterrence too."

If, despite the questions being raised by the experts, the United States is able, within a year or so, to put into place a genuine, functioning democracy in Iraq, that would send a very important message across the Middle East. There's even an outside chance that a pro-American Iraq might seek relations with Israel.

And that, in turn, would be certain to have an impact on Bashar Assad's Syria. In a recent *New York Times* interview, Assad spoke of peace with Israel as a strategic choice his father had made, and one he intended to pursue.

A democratic Iraq at peace with Israel would give him added incentive. But, say the experts, capturing Saddam is only one step in that direction. There is still a long way to go.

Leslie Susser is the diplomatic correspondent for the Jerusalem Report.

Israelis joyful, Arab world mixed at capture

By DAN BARON
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

RAMAT GAN — After surviving the Holocaust and five Middle East wars, Ze'ev is a hard man to impress. But news of Saddam Hussein's capture Sunday moved the Israeli retiree to tears.

"It is good to see Israel a little bit safer," Ze'ev said in his hometown of Ramat Gan as footage of the Iraqi tyrant-turned-prisoner played on television screens at roadside snack stands.

Ramat Gan, where Iraqi Jewish emigrés settled en masse in the 1950s, was a main target of Saddam's Scud missiles in the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

The capture of the only Arab leader to perpetrate an unanswered strike against the Jewish state created an upbeat reaction in Israel, buoying the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange and resonating at the Defence Ministry.

"The capture of the Iraqi dictator is additional proof that the policies of the free world led by U.S. President George W. Bush are determined to bring to justice all terrorists responsible for killing, destruction and anarchy," Defence Minister Shaul Mofaz wrote in a telegram to his American counterpart, Donald Rumsfeld.

On Sunday, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon also phoned Bush to offer congratulations.

The Arab leaders who still battle Israel were more circumspect.

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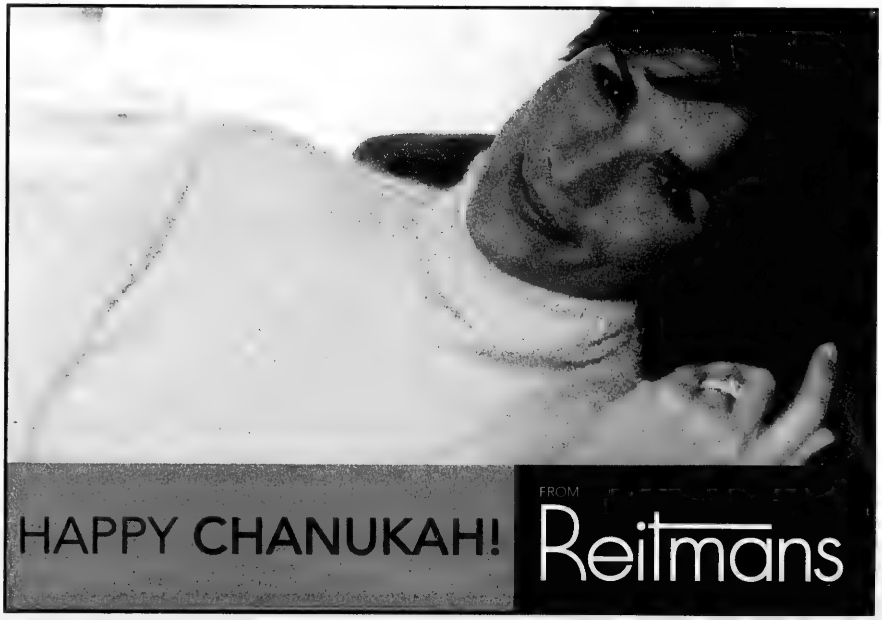
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Saddam's history with Israel

By DINA KRAFT
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV — Spewing anti-Israel vitriol was one of Saddam Hussein's specialties.

Of all the leaders in the Arab world, Saddam seemed to have the most to say against Israel and he seemed to say it the most often.

Now that he has been captured and faces possible trial, experts are asking whether or not the Jewish state will again be his target of choice.

"It will be interesting to see if he chooses to attack Israel this time – not with Scuds, but verbally," said Martin Kramer, a research fellow at Tel Aviv University's Dayan Center. "Historically, when he found himself up against the wall, his usual method was to divert and deflect attention to Israel."

After attacking Israel in the 1991 Gulf War, Hussein became fond of saying that the Iraqi people represented 22 million missiles against Israel.

It was Hussein's rhetoric against Israel that "was the main glue for the Iraqis for developing national Iraqi feelings, and remained so until the very end," said Ofra Bengio, a professor of Middle East history at Tel Aviv University. "Hussein wanted to be able to mobilize the population around Israel as the symbol of evil."

In 1969, soon after Saddam was appointed Iraq's vice-president, the government hanged 17 alleged spies, 11 of whom were Jewish, in what is perceived as Saddam's first message to Israel that he was a force with which to be reckoned.

The animosity continued in the 1970s, when Israel provided covert military training and support for Iraqi Kurds in their struggle against the regime in Baghdad. The enmity intensified in 1981 with Israel's airstrike on Iraq's nuclear facility at Osirak, outside of Baghdad.

Israeli officials defended the strike in the face of worldwide condemnation, arguing that Saddam's regime was attempting to develop nuclear weapons. Years later, some of the same voices that condemned Israel in 1981 said the strike had been the correct move.

Out of all the Iraqi-Israeli recriminations, Hussein was proudest of Iraq's firing of Scud missiles on the Jewish state. Casualties and damage from the attacks were minimal, but the rain of missiles caused Israelis trauma.

For the first time in the country's history, Israel did not strike back when attacked. Instead, the Israelis, many of them survivors of persecution elsewhere, hid in their sealed rooms with gas masks while the government heeded a request by the United States, which was trying to keep intact its alliance with the Arab world against Saddam, not to counterattack.

Saddam's power lay in part in his image and forceful rhetoric, said Bengio, author of *Saddam's World*. Saddam "managed to put Israeli society into a panic for more than a decade. There was no basis for such hysteria, but he managed to do it," she said.

But a serious Iraqi military threat never materialized, she said, because Saddam was on too bad terms with the Syrians and Jordanians to make common cause.

Making Israel the focus of his diatribes was politically profitable for Saddam. Presenting himself as a leader of the Arab world, Hussein could use anti-Israeli sentiment to rally Arabs behind him.

He was seen by many in the Arab street as a hero for taking bold stands against Israel and the United States. While other Arab nations entered into peace talks with Israel and acceded to U.S. pressure, Hussein stood firm with his belligerent stance.

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Israelis joyful

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While Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, a longtime Saddam ally, mulled an official reaction to the news of the capture in Tikrit, Hamas and Islamic Jihad cautioned the West not to rejoice too soon.

"The Americans need to be the lords of the world by eradicating all resistance against them," said Adnan Asfour, a Hamas leader in the West Bank. "I say to the Iraqi people: Observe what the Palestinian people do. Our leaders are assassinated and arrested every day by the Israeli occupiers and that does not stop us from continuing our fight."

In the Gaza Strip border town of Rafah, which sees almost daily fighting between Palestinian gun-runners and Israeli troops, a rally to mark the 16th anniversary of Hamas' founding quickly became a show of support for Saddam.

Children bore posters showing Saddam in better days: uniformed, smiling, an unabashed patron of the Palestinian cause.

Israeli strategic experts agreed that while a quick trial and sentencing for Saddam might calm Iraq, it was unlikely to affect the Palestinian front.

Terrorist attacks against Israel continued even though Saddam's payments to the families of Palestinian suicide bombers stopped after he was deposed in March.

And unlike Saddam, Arafat still enjoys the status of international statesman in most places except Washington.

"What amazes me," said Yuval Steinitz, chair of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, "is that Saddam can now sit in shackles for his support of terrorism, while arch-terrorist Arafat remains free."

Some experts warned of a surge in violence by pan-Arab nationalists keen to show they are not cowed by the loss of a major figurehead.

"Those normal citizens who have taken up arms against the Americans in Iraq, and the Islamist extremists who have flocked to help them, might well put up a last fight," said Jacky Hugi, Arab affairs correspondent from Israel's daily *Ma'ariv*.

The parallels between the Iraqi and Palestinian fronts resonated recently with revelations that Israel was exporting its hard-learned counterterrorist tactics to U.S. forces operating in Iraq.

At least one Israeli analyst said he did not approve of the broadcasting of the videotape of Saddam undergoing a medical inspection after his capture.

"It's humiliating and inappropriate," said Moti Kedar of Bar-Ilan University. "You want to win over the Iraqis, not rub their faces in it."

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Cotler wants Africa on 'Jewish agenda'

By **PAUL LUNGEN**
Staff Reporter

The Jewish community should make the "urgent humanitarian catastrophe" in Africa part of a new "Jewish agenda," says Montreal Liberal MP Irwin Cotler.

Jews should be particularly sensitive to the awful tragedies besetting sub-Saharan Africa, such as the AIDS pandemic and bloody civil wars, said Cotler, who chaired the parliamentary sub-committee on human rights and international development.

"Our own normative ethics – the Talmud – says that whoever saves a single person, it is as if you saved an entire universe," said Cotler, who was in Toronto last week for a Liberal party fundraiser just prior to being named justice minister and attorney general in the new federal cabinet.

The Jewish community should "make [Africa] an issue when we make presentations to the government regarding the public agenda," he said.

"We also know from our own involvement with Ethiopian Jews [about] the crises facing Ethiopia and Africa as a whole."

Cotler said a report released last summer by his subcommittee called on Canada to take the lead in addressing Africa's deteriorating situation.

Most recently, he has urged the Liberal caucus and Prime Minister Paul Martin to make Africa "the most urgent priority for Canadian foreign policy… This is going to be the signature of our foreign policy."

Canada, he said, must press the international community to address AIDS, hunger, poverty, environmental degradation, armed conflict, violations of human rights and pillaging of resources.

Robert Fowler, former prime minister Jean Chrétien's personal representative for Africa and the G-8 summit, told the subcommittee that one in five Africans is currently engaged in conflict, and that nearly half of the 700 million people in sub-Saharan Africa live on less than $1 a day, and two-thirds of the world's 40 million HIV/AIDS victims live in the region.

Cotler said Martin is seeking input from caucus on his first throne speech, and Cotler said he is working to put Africa "on the radar screen."

Cotler said there are several ways Canada can help. First, it could triple its contribution to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, which acquires generic drugs. Canada can also work within global trade rules for the distribution of cheap generic AIDS-fighting drugs, he said.

Finally, Canada could boost its overseas development funding to seven per cent of GNP and press for the creation of a rapid deployment force to prevent massacres in troubled regions, such as the genocide in Rwanda, he said.

Pointing to the civil war in Sudan, where more than two million have been killed, Cotler said Canada can force its corporations to comply with international standards so as not to "facilitate the oiling of the military killing machine."

The Week in Israel

Dec. 8

- The UN General Assembly voted to send the issue of Israel's security barrier to the International Court of Justice. The General Assembly voted 90-8 to have the court address whether international law requires Israel to halt its construction.

Dec. 9

- Prime Minister Ariel Sharon hinted that some Jewish settlements could be evacuated regardless of peacemaking progress with the Palestinians. "Israel may move settlements that are across the Green Line for security without any connection to negotiations," Israel Radio quoted Sharon as telling the Knesset's foreign affairs and defence committee, without providing details.

Dec. 10

- Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom met with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Geneva. The two reportedly discussed efforts to arrange a meeting between Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia.

Dec. 11

- Six Palestinians were killed and 15 injured as a result of Israel Defence Forces operations in Rafah. The six Palestinians died when the IDF returned heavy fire from Palestinian gunmen.
- Three people were killed and at least 30 were injured in a gangland Tel Aviv explosion apparently aimed at killing underworld kingpin Ze'ev Rosenstein, who escaped with slight injuries to his hand and leg.

Dec. 12

- Islamic Jihad and the Fatah-linked Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades both claimed responsibility for an attack that left seven people wounded at Joseph's Tomb in Nablus.

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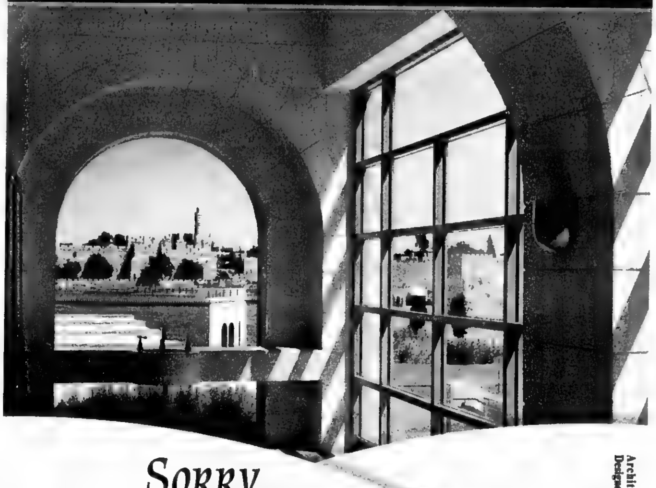

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Canadian linked to Hamas denied bail

CJN News Services

A Canadian with alleged ties to Hamas is being held without bail by Israel on charges of conspiracy to commit murder and receiving illegal military training.

Jamal Akkal, 23, agreed to take part in a Hamas plot to "assassinate a senior Israeli official in the United States and attack members of the U.S. and Canadian Jewish communities," the charges allege.

Jamal Akkal, 23, has been in custody since Israel arrested him Nov. 1 as he tried to leave Gaza for Egypt.

The indictment alleges Hamas member Ahmed Wahabe told Akkal to await approval from senior group officials before carrying out the attacks, but it doesn't say if the approval was ever given.

Wahabe succeeded in recruiting Akkal after one of his relatives was killed in an Israeli army operation and he wanted to get revenge, the charge sheet stated. Wahabe met with Akkal in the Nusseirat camp in October and trained him to shoot an M-16 rifle and to prepare bombs, the military prosecutor charged.

But Akkal's lawyer, Jameel Khatib, denies the allegations, saying Wahabe was Akkal's neighbour.

Khatib, however, admits his client fired Wahabe's gun eight times, saying that is common practice in Gaza. He also said Akkal signed a confession after being deprived of sleep for 20 days.

Israel says Akkal was questioned according to Israeli law and not mistreated, and that its documents tell a different story than the one presented by his lawyer.

They say Akkal admitted meeting with Wahabe, "a senior Hamas terrorist," and agreed to "assist [Hamas] in Canada" by killing a visiting Israeli official. He was also asked to kill Jews, particularly in New York.

Wahabe trained Akkal in the use of an M-16 and instructed him in bomb-making, the documents state.

Israeli officials said such attacks, which Hamas planned to attribute to Al Qaeda, would have marked Hamas' first outside the Mideast.

Lt.-Col. David Binyamin, the military prosecutor, said there is plenty of evidence to corroborate Akkal's confession, including videotapes.

"The plan, as we understand from his statement [to police], was to find a person who looked Jewish by the skullcap or some other defining feature...and then go and attach a bomb to the door of the house [of that person]," Binyamin said.

IAEA chief ElBaradei calls on Israel to give up nuclear weapons

By YOSSI MELMAN

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — The Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Mohamed ElBaradei, has called on Israel to relinquish its nuclear weapons as part of a general peace agreement in the Middle East.

In an interview with *Ha'aretz* – his first interview with the Israeli media – ElBaradei said Israel should follow the path taken by South Africa, the first and only country to get rid of its nuclear cache. Its weapons were destroyed under IAEA supervision in 1989.

ElBaradei also said Israel should join the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

Despite Israel's policy of not acknowledging possession of nuclear weapons, "we operate under the assumption that Israel has nuclear arms. Israel has never denied this," he said from his office at Vienna headquarters of the UN organization.

The senior UN diplomat said the notion Israel is safer today with nuclear weapons than it was 50 years ago is incorrect.

"I am not happy with the status quo, because I see a lot of frustration in the Middle East due to Israel's sitting on nuclear weapons or nuclear weapons capability, while other in the Middle East are committed to the NPT," he said.

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German politicians debate anti-Semitism

By **TOBY AXELROD**
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BERLIN — Seventy years ago, Germany was concerned with its "Jewish problem." Today, Germany is concerned with its anti-Semitism problem.

In a wide-ranging, two hour debate on anti-Semitism in Germany's Parliament last Thursday, legislators agreed that the country must fight antipathy toward Jews both on society's fringes and among Germans generally.

Their solution: education.

The debate, co-sponsored by all the major political parties, was prompted by the recent scandal over an anti-Semitic speech made by Parliament member Martin Hohmann, a member of the Christian Democratic Party.

In an Oct. 3 speech, Hohmann said Jews could be seen as a "nation of perpetrators" because of their actions in the 1917 Russian Revolution. He has since been thrown out of the party.

A recent study by the University of Bielefeld indicates that nearly 70 per cent of Germans say they are tired of being held responsible for the Holocaust and 25 per cent believe that Jews use the history of that period for their own benefit.

It also showed that 25 per cent of Germans have a far-right populist orientation, up from nearly 20 per cent the year before. According to reports, there was a similar increase in right-wing motivated crimes in the past year.

At the debate, some lambasted Christian Democratic representatives for not coming down harder on Hohmann.

Wolfgang Thierse, a member of the Social Democratic Party and the president of the Bundestag, Germany's parliament, said it is important for Germans to fight anti-Semitism because of the country's history and because such hatred "is undemocratic and damages basic human rights."

It has nothing to do with "the passing along of guilt from generation to generation," Thierse said.

Legislator Norbert Lammert said the debate is necessary because "there still is anti-Semitism in Germany," though Germany actually has fewer problems with anti-Semitism than many other European countries.

Many others echoed that last point.

Jewish life in Germany is blooming, said Wolfgang Boetsch, who noted the signing of an official agreement between the government and the Central Council of Jews in Germany as well as the planned construction of a new community centre in Munich.

But "there is also another reality," Boetsch said. "The start of open anti-Semitism. School classes must hear about Jewish culture and life to support this new chapter with our fellow citizens of the Jewish faith."

Volker Beck of the Green Party said many Germans believe Jews are the primary beneficiaries of a compensation fund for victims of Nazi slave labour, when in fact 80 per cent of the beneficiaries are not Jewish.

"Israel has become the collective Jew of the nations," said legislator Gert Weisskirchen, referring to criticism of the Jewish state. While criticism of Israel is legitimate, he said, comparing Israel to the Nazi regime reawakens the "nightmare of anti-Semitism."

Weisskirchen called the demonizing of Israel "the most dangerous development," and said warning signs can be seen in places like Paris, where extremists promote hatred of Jews.

David Harris, executive director of the American Jewish Committee, said those signs are not taken seriously enough.

Testifying in October before the European subcommittee of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Harris said that except for Germany, requests to persuade European leaders to focus on anti-Semitism "had fallen on deaf ears."

At the end of the two-hour debate, legislators voted unanimously to condemn anti-Semitism.

But some legislators were upset that the debate did not explicitly condemn Hohmann and his remarks.

A 27-year-old police officer from Ratzeburg, who attended the session with a group of fellow officers, said the subject of anti-Semitism is often discussed among police "because sometimes we have to deal with right-wing extremists."

Another observer, Christian Cetoyefiz, a high school student, said the debate was "good, because it is important to look into the future and not always at the past."

Several speakers at the session noted the widespread lack of interest among young Germans in Holocaust history. Some resent being reminded of past crimes, they said.

But, Lammert said, "We are responsible for what is learned from the past, and I have no doubt that German youth take that responsibility very seriously."

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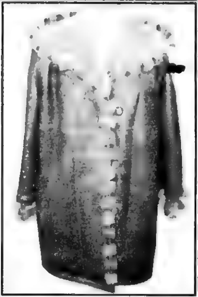

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Chanukah Foods

Life's delicacies should always be *Kosher by Design*

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Suzy Fishbein, author of *Kosher by Design* and co-editor of *The Kosher Palette*, attributes the success of her two books to the fact that she is not a professional cook.

The Long Island wife and stay-at-home mother of four says she is a regular person who cooks in a regular kitchen.

"I like cooking to be fun, and I look for recipes that have maximum esthetic impact with a minimum of fuss. I want to get bang for my buck."

In her new book, she says, "I don't aim for the level of chef. I'm not a chef and no one I know cooks like a chef.

"I'm aiming at people who cook every day – people who want things to look elegant but don't want to spend seven hours in the kitchen."

Her recipes are unusual but easy, she says. "It's not a one-two-three book; there are some longer recipes. They're not complicated, however. No one has to feel intimidated."

At a tasting party she held to test recipes, she invited people to partake in a buffet of dishes and then had them fill out an evaluation form.

Greek tomato-spinach pizza

"I got a number of ideas from my 'guests' and then perfected the recipes. Subsequently, I hired a professional tester for the checks and balances so I was sure how good each recipe really was."

To her family, she says, cooking is about socializing. "We do love going out, but we also love gravitating around the cook. My kids always cook with me; they find it nurturing and exciting. I have the only three-year-old that can tell the difference between flour and sugar."

In organizing her book, she says, she divided it by holiday, and before giving meal and presentation ideas, explained the origin and customs of each holiday.

"Food is so much a part of the Jewish holidays that it enriches the experience to tie the food into the holiday traditions, she says.

"In *Kosher by Design*, we tried to pair foods with the holiday. Any recipe, though, can be used for any holiday, any night, any Shabbat," she says.

For Chanukah, she writes, there is no better way to present a meal than by setting your table aglow with candles. "The incredible variety of candles available can be tailored to fit any colour, scheme or mood."

After explaining how to make each place setting resemble a wrapped present – "this is simpler than it looks" – Fishbein says that "to commemorate the Chanukah miracle of oil, the menu opens and closes with a sizzle."

She offers such recipes as cajun sweet potato latkes, parmesan-crusted grouper, a pasta dish that highlights fried eggplant and a Greek tomato-spinach pizza "that is sure to delight young and old," she writes.

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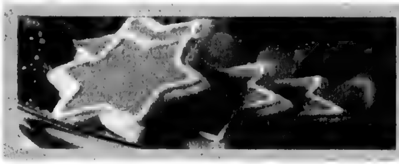

Chanukah Foods

Kosher by Design

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PARMESAN-CRUSTED GROUPER

½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
⅓ cup butter, softened, not melted
2 tbsp. mayonnaise
2 scallions, thinly sliced
2 large or 4 small (1-inch-thick) grouper fillets
1 lemon
freshly ground black pepper

Preheat broiler to high. In a small bowl, combine the Parmesan, butter, mayonnaise and scallions. Set aside. Place the grouper fillets on a lightly greased broiler pan. Squeeze the juice from one lemon over the fillets and sprinkle with black pepper. Broil 6 inches from heat for 10 minutes. Remove from oven. Spread the tops of the fillets with cheese mixture. Return to oven and broil for 2 minutes longer or until the topping is lightly browned and bubbly. Remove fillets to platter. Yield: 4 servings.

RIGATONI ALA NORMA

Asian eggplants are light purple, narrow and slightly sweet. They can be found in Asian markets or at upscale supermarkets. They are not as bitter as their American counterparts, which makes them perfect for this recipe. It is important to salt the eggplants; this drains them of water and keeps the eggplant slices from soaking up the olive oil or becoming soggy. As a point of interest, most people think eggplants are a vegetable. However, they are a fruit, in particular, a berry.

6 medium Asian eggplants, unpeeled and cut into ½-inch-thick slices
salt
1¼ cups or more olive oil, divided
freshly ground black pepper
4 large cloves garlic, roughly chopped
2 (28- to 32-oz.) cans whole plum tomatoes, drained and chopped
1 tbsp. sugar
3-4 fresh basil leaves, chopped
1 lb. rigatoni, uncooked
fresh basil leaves

Lay the eggplant slices in a single layer. Lightly salt both sides. Cover with paper towel and let sit for 20 minutes. Press on the paper towel occasionally to soak up the water.

In a large pan, heat 1 cup (or more) of olive oil over medium-high heat. Make sure you have at least an inch of oil so it will cover the slices of eggplant and eliminate the need for flipping each piece over. When oil is very hot, carefully add the eggplant in batches and fry until golden on both sides. Drain and transfer to a paper. Season generously with salt and black pepper.

Place the ¼ cup oil in a large pot. Add the garlic and sauté until golden. Add the tomatoes and any accumulated juices. Add the sugar and simmer about 15 minutes; the sauce will thicken. Add the basil and simmer 3-4 minutes longer.

While sauce is simmering, prepare the pasta according to directions until al dente. Drain, reserving 1 cup of the pasta water in case the sauce needs a little thinning. Toss the pasta with the eggplant and sauce. Garnish with fresh basil leaves. Yield: 6-8 servings.

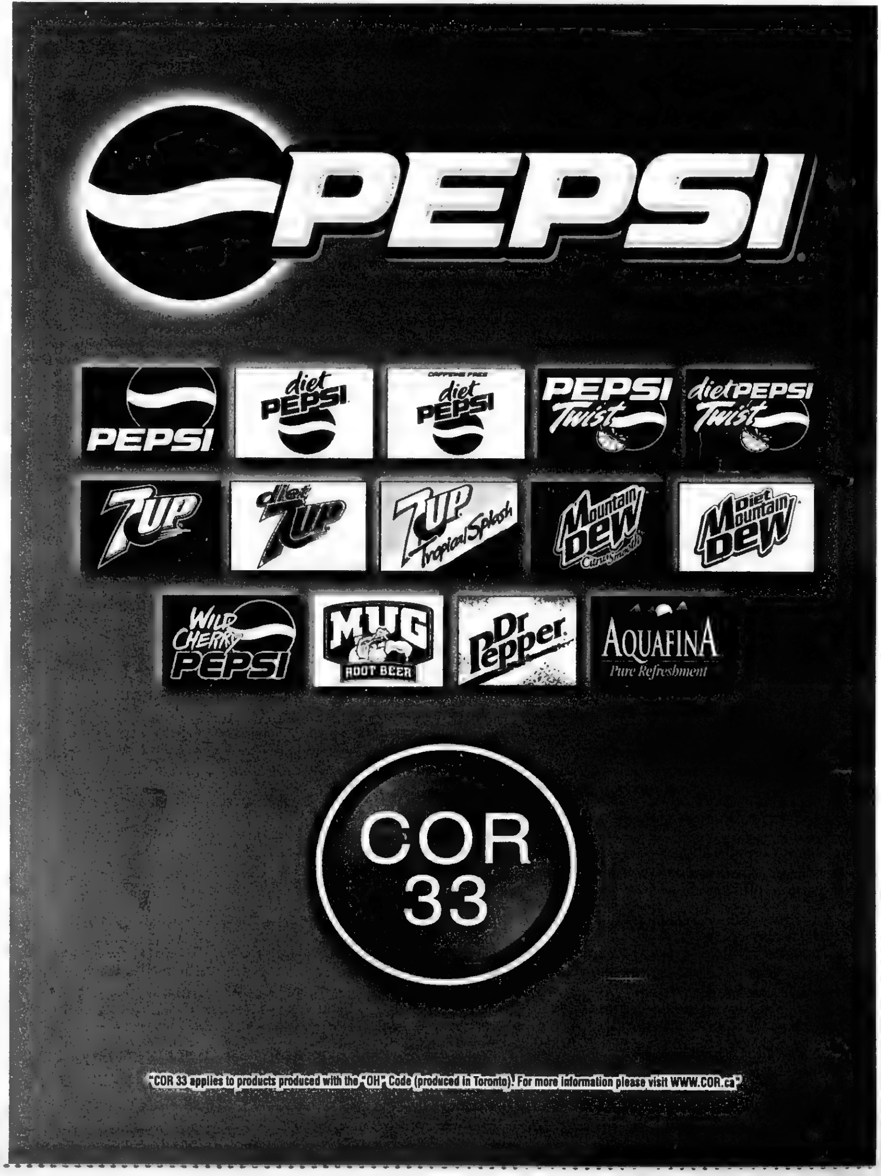
GREEK TOMATO-SPINACH PIZZA

¼ cup olive oil
2 cups chopped onion
3 garlic cloves, minced
3 (10-oz.) boxes frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
2 tsp. dry oregano
½ cup chopped fresh basil
½ tsp. freshly ground black pepper
15 oz. ricotta cheese
10 sheets phyllo dough, thawed
¼ cup (½ stick) butter, melted
4-6 fresh tomatoes, evenly sliced
1½ cups grated mozzarella cheese

Preheat the oven to 400. In a skillet, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic; sauté about 5 minutes or until onions are translucent. Add the spinach and sauté until all excess moisture has evaporated. Add oregano, basil and black pepper. Mix well; remove from heat. Mix in the ricotta cheese; set aside.

Grease a large jelly roll pan (the kind with a small rim). Lay one sheet of phyllo in it; the phyllo may be just a little bigger than the pan. Brush the sheet of phyllo with melted butter. Top with the second sheet of phyllo and brush with melted butter. Repeat the process until all 10 sheets are buttered. Roll the ends of overlapping phyllo onto itself to form the "pizza crust."

Using a spatula, spread the spinach ricotta mixture in an even layer over the phyllo. Arrange the tomatoes over this layer. Sprinkle with the mozzarella. Bake 25-30 minutes or until golden brown. Yield: 12 servings.



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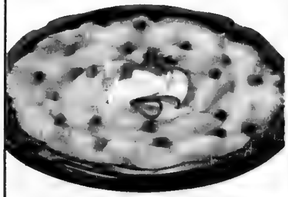

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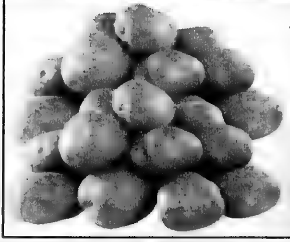

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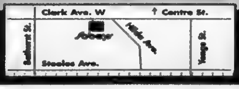
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Snack program geared to serving kids healthy food

By **CAROLYN BLACKMAN**
Staff Reporter

Students at Pineway Public School have discovered that there is more to snack food than chips and candy.

The students are learning first-hand about the value of good nutrition, thanks to volunteers on the National Council of Jewish Women's food for learning committee.

Every morning at recess, the volunteers provide a nourishing snack to the 125 children – they speak more than 100 languages – who have signed on to the program,which is funded jointly by NCJW and the school.

Committee members Marcy Fish and Ellen Erenberg said they try to provide reasonably priced, easy-to-prepare snacks such as half of a multi-grain bagel, cream cheese and a mandarin orange.

Two or three times a year, they said, they also serve a vegetable and dip platter to each class.

"It is our way of introducing new foods to these students. We're always amazed that the kids like it so much they come back for more broccoli."

Erenberg shops for the snacks, and two different volunteers go to the school every morning to serve it.

"It is a wonderful project," she said. "There has been research done on children's learning habits, and it has been discovered that major learning is done in the morning. If students have not had breakfast, they learn less."

Fish added, "The City of Toronto recognized us with a certificate of recognition for outstanding community service, and the teachers have commented that the children's behaviour has changed for the better since the snack program was implemented."

The volunteers were touched when one class wrote that they enjoyed "the colourful and healthy foods. As you know, most of our classmates come from Asia and we cook the vegetables for a long time. Now we [have a better way to prepare] our food. This way, we can make our family and friends healthier."

Also at Pineway, NCJW has established a reading program, Reading Angels, in which volunteers spend one hour a week reading and writing with individual students, many of whom are struggling to learn English.

"When students improve their reading skills, their self-esteem goes way up. One child was a behavioural problem at the beginning of the year, but as his reading improved, he became a different child," Fish said. "Our volunteers bond with their 'students' and they feel rewarded as they watch them learn."

Children have the right to proper nutrition and the right to learn to read, Erenberg added.

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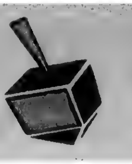

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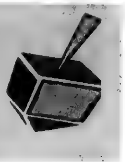

Latkes: the ‘in’ food, not only at Chanukah

By SUE EPSTEIN
Special to The CJN

To most Jews, Chanukah means latkes. A short while ago, kasha was becoming one of the “in” foods in America. Now there is another “in” food – latkes, the quintessential Chanukah dish. Latkes are getting attention everywhere. They’re showing up not only in books, magazines and newspapers, but also in restaurants and catering operations.

They are served as hors d’oeuvres, as side dishes and as appetizers. They are being made with ingredients such as truffle peelings, fresh spinach, finely diced carrots and red peppers or smoked salmon. North American hostesses are passing tiny latkes around on silver trays at cocktail parties with sour cream and caviar.

It seems the world is discovering what we Jews have known for ages – the delicious temptation of latkes. The sizzle of Chanukah begins and ends with potato latkes.

The key to making latkes is to use potatoes that are high in starch and low in moisture, like russet potatoes.

The second most important thing is to have your oil hot. If it is not, your latkes will soak up a lot of oil and most likely stick to the bottom of the pan.

Let the oil heat until heat until ripples begin to form, but don’t let the oil smoke. The potato mixture should immediately begin to fry when you add it to the pan.

When the latkes are golden brown, remove them from the pan and drain them on crumpled paper towels. To save cleanup time I like to place several thicknesses of newspaper on my kitchen counter then cover that with crumpled paper towels. The reason for crumpling the paper towels is so that the latkes don’t sit on the greasy paper and re-absorb the oil.

You can make the latkes ahead of time and store them in a single layer, covered, on a baking sheet. When you are ready to serve them, uncover and reheat in an oven that has been preheated to 350.

POTATO-VEGETABLE LATKES

An excellent way to use up leftover mashed potatoes and vegetables. You can use any vegetable you choose.

1 large egg, beaten
2-3 cups leftover mashed potatoes
salt and pepper to taste
2 tbsp. finely chopped onion
1 cup chopped cooked leftover vegetables (green beans, spinach, cabbage, carrots, etc.)
1 cup or more seasoned breadcrumbs
oil for frying

Add the beaten egg to the leftover mashed potatoes. Add the salt and pepper, onions and vegetables. Form little cakes about 2 inches in diameter. Roll in bread crumbs and fry in oil until the outsides are crispy and brown. Serves 6.

MIXED VEGETABLE LATKES

You can substitute any cooked vegetables you have on hand in these latkes. They are good served with mushroom sauce.

½ cup chopped onion
½ cup chopped celery
½ cup grated carrots
2 tbsp. butter or margarine
½ cup cooked green beans, coarsely chopped
½ cup cooked or canned green peas, chopped or slightly mashed
3 eggs, beaten
salt and pepper to taste
4 tbsp. flour or matzah meal

Saute onion, celery and carrots in butter or margarine for 10 minutes over low heat. Add green beans, peas, eggs, salt and pepper and flour or matzah meal. Mix well and drop by heaping teaspoonfuls into hot oil. Batter will be a little stiff. Fry until browned on both sides and remove to crumpled paper towels to drain. Makes 12 latkes.

SWEET POTATO LATKES

2 eggs, beaten
1 tbsp. dark brown sugar
1 tsp. apple pie spice or cinnamon
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper
4½ cups shredded sweet potatoes, divided
½ cup matzah meal
oil for frying

Puree eggs, brown sugar, apple pie spice, salt and pepper in food processor until smooth. Add 2 cups sweet potatoes and pulse-puree for 15-20 seconds. Transfer mixture to a medium-sized bowl and stir in remaining sweet potatoes and matzah meal.

Put about 1 in. oil in a large, heavy skillet. Heat oil over medium-high heat. Form ¼ cup mixture into pancakes and gently slide into oil. Let cook 6-8 minutes or until golden on one side. Turn pancakes and continue cooking for 6-8 minutes longer or until golden. Drain on crumpled paper towels. Makes 16 latkes.

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What to do with the leftovers after the party is over

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

What do you do when the office Chanukah party is over and you still have plenty of potato pancakes or scads of sandwiches?

There are people who'd appreciate the leftovers, but you have to know where to find them – and quickly, because perishable food deteriorates.

Second Harvest, a self-described "perishable food recovery program," serves 141 different food programs in the Greater Toronto area, according to "food raiser" (not fund raiser) Kate Thrasher. Of those programs, at least seven request kosher food.

Second Harvest drivers pick up and deliver perishable food to places like community kitchens and shelters.

Food should have been stored properly and not be past its expiry date, said Thrasher. To facilitate matters during the holiday season when there are a lot of pickups following office parties, Thrasher suggested calling three or four hours ahead (preferably the morning of the party), and having food packaged and ready to go.

A recent survey of Second Harvest agencies indicated their need for food has increased by an average of 23.8 percent over the past year, she said.

Jared Bensky of GMB Culinary Productions often takes leftover food to a homeless shelter. "If the host or hostess doesn't want to take all the [usable] food home, we'll never throw anything out," he says. "We like to give back to the community."

He said he also works closely with Mazon Canada: A Jewish Response to Hunger. The organization collects and distributes money to organizations that provide food. Its Web site includes a list of such organizations across Canada, where people can donate perishable and non-perishable food items. The list can be found at www.mazoncanada.ca/wheretodonate.html.

The native men's residence Na-Me-Res – with which Ve'ahavta has teamed up for its Street Help program – also accepts perishable food, both for residents and for homeless people who receive soup and sandwiches from the Street Help van. "I think we use everything that comes in," said kitchen manager Francine Mendoshkin.

Chai Tikvah, a home for people with mental illness, accepts kosher food only, said Margalit Meidan, senior counsellor. "It's very much appreciated by the residents."

To donate perishable food in the Toronto area, contact:

Chai Tikvah 416-665-0482,
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Jessica Greenberg tackles Richler's Jacob Two-Two

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

After four years of studying acting in New York City, and performing off-Broadway, Jessica Greenberg is back in Toronto, appearing in *Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang* at the Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People(LKTYP).

Greenberg, a Thornhill resident, plays Emma Richler and Emma's alter ego, The Intrepid Shapiro, in the action-packed musical about Jacob's encounter with the Hooded Fang and his escape from Slimer's Island.

Directed by Allen MacInnis, and featuring Yanick Allwood as Jacob, the show runs at LKTYP until Jan. 4 and marks the 25th anniversary of the classic Mordecai Richler musical at the theatre.

Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang has not only been acclaimed by the critics but it's also a hit with its target audience – children.

The cast performs the show at LKTYP as well as in schools, where question-and-answer sessions follow the play. At the sessions, the children's excitement is palpable, Greenberg says.

"The best feeling is to see a child I've never met get excited about the show."

Greenberg regrets that she can't see the show – "a fantastic, wonderful play," she says – from the audience's point of view. "Sometimes I'm sad I can't go out into the audience and watch."

Greenberg's background includes acting, singing and dance, a solid foundation for a thespian. She started acting while in elementary school and at age 14 performed in amateur productions of the musical *Gypsy* and the drama *The Children's Hour*, for which she won an award.

A participant in competitive gymnastics until she was 16, she majored in dance at the Toronto performing-arts high school, Earl Haig Secondary School.

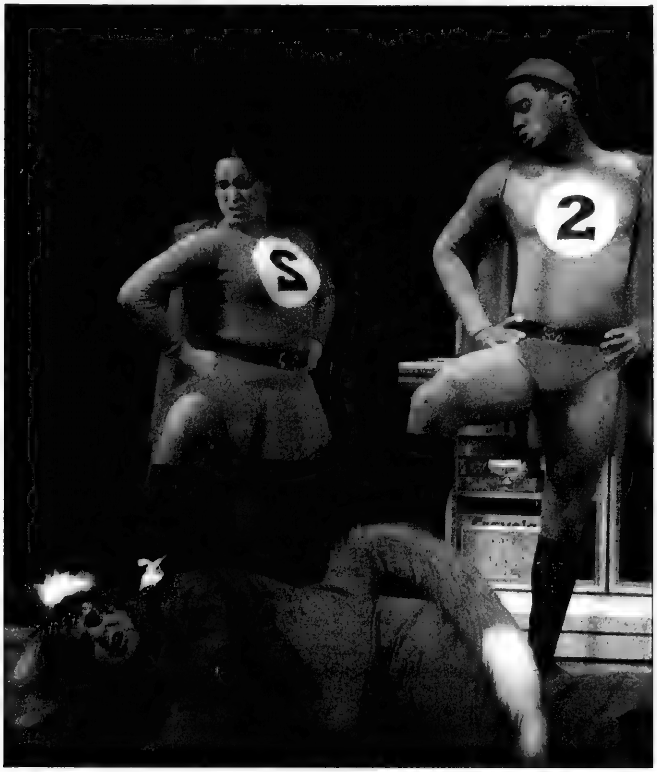
While at Montreal's McGill University, taking political science and women's studies and performing in university productions and musical theatre in Montreal, Greenberg got serious about acting. "After my third year, I decided to focus on my career as an actor," she says.

She went on to study acting at Circle In The Square Theatre School in New York City, where she appeared off-Broadway.

About living in New York for four years away from her family, the 20-something actor says,"It was an unbelievable life experience, interesting and at times very alienating."

She also spent a summer as an apprentice at the Actors Theatre of Louisville, Ky., which is known for producing new American works.

Greenberg is not the first in her family to be bitten by the theatre or performance bug. Her father, Joel, a theatre professor at the University of Waterloo, is an actor and writer. He recently founded the Toronto theatre company, Studio 180. Her mother, Phyllis Angel, a trained singer, is a cantor at Congregation Darchei Noam.



Jessica Greenberg, top left, as the Intrepid Shapiro with RyanField, right, as Fearless O'Toole and Bruce Dow, on floor, as Louis Loser. *Jacob Two-Two Meets The Hooded Fang* runs until Jan. 4. **[Tom Sandler photo]**

Growing up, Greenberg attended Darchei Noam's supplementary school, whose original classes took place in the Greenbergs' basement. When the school outgrew the basement, it moved to another location.

Now that Greenberg is back in Canada – she says that New York City is not a place she wanted to settle down in, although she would be happy to return if she got an acting job there – she hopes to keep auditioning, keep acting, and eventually work in different theatres across the country. So far, her Canadian appearances have been limited to Toronto, Montreal and Waterloo.

"I'm young, I don't have family ties holding me and I think it would be great to do some travelling,' she says.

Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang runs until Jan. 4. For tickets, call the LKTYP box office at 416-862-2222. Schedule and on-line tickets at www.lktyp.ca. Ticket prices range from $18 to $28.

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Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

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The ensemble performs *Verklarte Nacht, Op. 4 (Transfigured Night)*, famous as music and as a ballet of great romance and poignancy; and other works including *Ode to Napoleon Buonaparte, Op.41,* which focuses on **Byron's** angry diatribe against Napoleon. Owing to the date of composition and the fact that **Arnold Schönberg**, a Jew, was forced to leave Austria in the 1930s, the piece is generally considered to be directed at Adolf Hitler.

Actor **Paul Soles** reads excerpts from the composer's critical writings; and the **Rheostatics** perform Schonberg's ironic, amusing and suggestive *Brettl-Lieder* (*Cabaret Songs*), which are regarded as his most lighthearted works. Adults $30. Glenn Gould Studio, CBC Building, 250 Front St. W. Monday, Jan. 5, 2004, 8 p.m. 416-205-5555.

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Names In the News: David Mirvish received an award for tourism excellence this month from the Tourism Industry Association of Canada for his contributions to the industry and the central role Mirvish Productions played in helping Toronto recover from the SARS outbreak… After attaining a physics degree from the U of T in 2000, **Lauren Segal** turned to singing opera, and has garnered very good reviews so far in a variety of roles including that of Fenena in **Giuseppe Verdi's** *Nabucco.*

Earlier this month the mezzo-soprano was honoured with a Jeunes Ambassadeurs Lyriques 2003 award in Montreal… Yes, that's local theatre impresario **Ross Petty** playing the role of evil stepmother Prunella Depraved opposite **Don Harron** as Cinderella's kindly father Baron Hardup in Petty's own production of the family musical *Cinderella*, at the Elgin Theatre until Dec. 30 (189 Yonge St., 416-872-5555)… Producers of last year's parody CD album *Goys and Dolls* have come out with a new one, *Say Oy Vey*, about two Jewish star-crossed lovers who find romance at the bridge table, much to the consternation of their grown children. Musically based on *Cabaret*, the production features such lines as "Welcome to Beth Emeth's bridge night!" sung to the tune of *Wilkommen*. www.sillymusic.com.

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Seasonal Chorale Music: Among the winners of the **Toronto Amadeus Choir's** 17th annual Christmas carol and Chanukah song-writing competition are 14-year-old **Cassandra Luftspring** and her mother **Felice Luftspring** of Thornhill, whose joint Chanukah composition, *Light of God*, won in the child category; and 17-year-old **Laura Silberberg** of North York, whose Chanukah composition *New Music for Ma'oz Tzur won* in the youth category.

Both Luftspring the younger and Silberberg are past winners in the competition and both expect to attend the festive concert "Rejoice!", at which the choir performs the 14 winning compositions. Amadeus Choir, with Bach Children's Chorus. $25 to $35. George Weston Recital Hall, Toronto Centre for the Arts. Saturday, Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m. 416-870-8000 or 416-872-1111. www.amadeuschoir.com.

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Arts in Brief

- **Aviva Chernick** sings with the **Chris McKhool Jazz Quartet**. Fox & Fiddle, 535 Danforth Ave. (near Carlaw, Pape subway). No cover. Sunday, Dec. 21, 8:30 p.m.
- CBC Newsworld offers a repeat broadcast of **Carol McNeil's** Gemini-nominated interview with **Judy Feld Carr** on the secret rescue of the Syrian Jewish Community. Sunday, Dec. 28, 10 a.m. on CBC (in Toronto Channel 6) and 7 p.m. on CBC News Sunday (Channel 26).
- **Anima**, a Vancouver-based medieval music duo consisting of **Janice Hill** (voice) and **Pat Unruh** (vielle, a stringed instrument akin to the violin), play Sephardi songs on a new CD, *La Rosa Enflorece*, with guests **Douglas Hensley** (oud, setar) and **Peter Maund** (percussion). www.members.shaw.ca/anima.

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At the Galleries

- Works by the **Willowdale Group of Artists** are on view at the Markham Theatre Art Gallery, 171 Town Centre Blvd., until Sunday, Dec. 28.
- "The Family", an exhibition of new paintings by **Martin Hirschberg**, includes recent acrylic portraits of *Uncle Max*, *Sweet Ida* and *Big Rosie*. Blue Dot Gallery, 55 Mill St., Distillery District. Until Jan. 2004. 416-487-1500.
- "Preoccupied With My Father," a show of paintings, drawings and a little verse by **Simon Schneiderman**, is on view at To Go Café, 1133 Yonge St. (at Shaftesbury) until Feb. 5, 2004.

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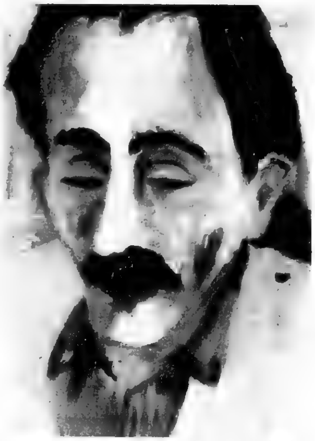

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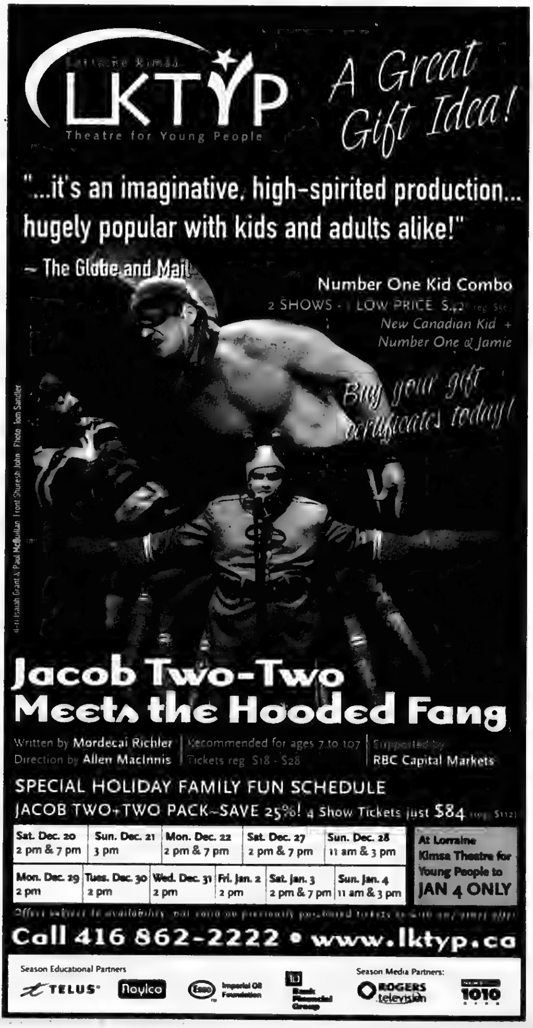

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Arts & Travel

Robert Lantos opts for intelligent films

By DAVID SILVERBERG
Special to The CJN

It's refreshing to hear one of Canada's most accomplished film producers admit that love, not money, drives his projects.

While Hollywood aims for box office bonanzas, Robert Lantos opts for serious films that are as intelligent as they are adventurous.

"I need to be challenged," Lantos, 53, said on the phone from New York, where he was opening his latest film, *The Statement*, directed by Canadian Norman Jewison and starring Michael Caine.

"I know serious films can be an uphill battle, but I do it for love."

His latest project is an ideal example. After reading Brian Moore's book *The Statement* seven years ago – he calls it "a compelling page-turner" – Lantos was determined to bring the story to the screen.

He said he was drawn to the tension boiling inside antagonist Pierre Brossard, a war criminal on the run in France. Particularly poignant for Lantos was the Holocaust thread, which weighs on Brossard's guilty conscience.

But the producer is quick to point out that *The Statement* differs from Holocaust-themed movies such as his Genie Award-winning *Sunshine*.

"This is relevant today, with rampant anti-Semitism in France," he said.

"As a filmmaker, it's a privilege to do something about what disturbs me the most, and anti-Semitism is foremost on that list."

Already, Oscar buzz is swirling around the film, particularly Caine's excellent portrayal of a man darkened by his past but motivated to survive by any means necessary.

"[Caine] found a way to make Brossard human," Lantos said.

Lantos was also able to attract other veteran talent to the film. Besides Jewison and Caine, it includes Stratford regular William Hutt, Alan Bates, John Neville and Charlotte Rampling, who is wonderful as Brossard's wife.

Working with top-notch people is nothing new for Lantos.

Robert Lantos, left, with Michael Caine.

After shaping Alliance Communications – which later merged with rival Atlantis – into one of Canada's leading film and television companies, he teamed with premier Hollywood North directors such as David Cronenberg (*Crash*, *eXistenZ*), Denys Arcand (*Stardom*) and his most frequent filmmaking partner, Atom Egoyan (*Ararat*, *Felicia's Journey*, *The Sweet Hereafter*).

A glance at Lantos's production credits — which also include *Black Robe*, *Exotica*, *Whale Music*, and *Joshua Then and Now* — show that he tends to be involved with films you won't see featured on *Entertainment Tonight*.

A Lantos film is either so unusual it attracts eyeballs through sheer originality, or it's so honest that critics can't help but stick their thumbs way up.

The wider industry has also taken note of Lantos' achievements — five of his films have won Genie Awards, and *The Sweet Hereafter* was nominated for two Academy Awards. The quirky *Crash* also garnered appeal overseas by winning the Special Jury prize at the Cannes Film Festival, and other Lantos films have been lauded with European film awards.

The Jewish community also appreciates Lantos's contributions, as exemplified by a Maccabi Canada dinner in his honour at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto in October. An ardent Maccabi supporter, Lantos played water polo on the Canadian championship team and represented Canada at the 1969 Maccabiah games.

Before the black ties and business handshakes, the Budapest-born Lantos studied film at McGill University. At 24, he founded the Montreal-based distribution company Vivafilm, and produced his first film, *L'Ange et la Femme*, four years later.

When he founded Alliance, the arts community welcomed a strong and dedicated presence. Focusing on both film and television, the company produced such iconic shows as *North of 60*, *ENG* and *Due South* (he later reunited with star Paul Gross in the curling comedy *Men With Brooms*).

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Post *writer pens pregnancy guide for party girls*

By DAVE GORDON
Special to The CJN

Not all women can talk openly about morning sickness, but not all women are Rebecca Eckler.

Using a youthful, first-person writing style, the popular reporter has revealed many personal details about herself in her quirky *National Post* column since the paper's launch five years ago. So it came as no surprise when she was quite candid with *Post* readers about what it's like to be pregnant.

But her fans are in for more.

Disheartened by the advice she found in many pregnancy books, which she felt weren't written for modern women, the 31-year-old first-time mom decided to write her own book about her experiences.

To be released this May, *Knocked Up: Confessions of a Party Girl on Perrier* is a diary that boldly covers everything from conception to the many ups and downs of pregnancy.

"Basically, it's the truth about what being pregnant is really like," says Eckler, who gave birth to her daughter Rowan in October.

She said that when she first found out she was pregnant, she was wholly unprepared for the ordeal, especially since it was unplanned.

"Once I knew for sure, I was in shock. I'm still in shock. The whole thing is still so surreal," she says.

While reading up on maternity life, she discovered some books were preachy, to the point of being off-putting.

"They make you feel awful if you dare have a sip of Diet Coke. *Knocked Up* is more of a book that shows me trying to fit pregnancy into my life as opposed to my life ending because I'm pregnant. My book is more like, 'God I had such a bad day. I had a Diet Coke. Sue me.'"

One bit of advice that made her particularly resentful said women should throw out their tank tops because a mother-to-be isn't going to want to look at her arms.

"Screw that! Why should being pregnant stop me from wearing what I want? Pregnant women these days still want to have a fun life, dress well, look good and don't want the pregnancy to change their lives entirely," Eckler says.

The only way to get through pregnancy, she writes, is to have a bit of a sense of humour about it. "Some of the things that happen to a woman's body are so horrific that you can only laugh about it. I had morning sickness for the first three months, but at all times of the day. Shiny hair? I don't think so. That glow? Nope."

Eckler cautions that there are so many things that occur to an expectant mother that few people really know about until it's too late.

"Cravings totally took over my life for the first six months. I just kept eating. Oh, and don't even get me started on the hormones!"

And being pregnant was both the best of times and the worst of times, she says.

"Everyone leads you to believe that pregnancy is the most wonderful thing – the books do too – but that's only because the end result is so amazing. Yes, the end result is amazing, but those nine months were the longest, worst nine months of my life."

For the first three months, Eckler was a little superstitious that something would go wrong, and so she kept mum about the big announcement.

As a reporter, Eckler, the self-described "party girl," has garnered assignments that allow her to hobnob with celebrities, rub elbows with trendsetters, and attend killer parties.

While still partying, she had to come up with various excuses for her friends as to why she wasn't drinking. She used all the classics: not feeling well, having to get up early and being on medication.

"It was so difficult because I would still go out to bars with friends and everyone was like, 'You're not drinking! What's wrong?'"

But she thinks most of her friends suspected anyway. As for the Perrier in the book title, the beverage became her preferred social drink while pregnant.

Rebecca Eckler

Now that the secret – and the baby – are out, having Rowan is "the most amazing thing," Eckler says.

"It puts things into perspective, that a career is not the be all and end all."

Asked whether her daughter will grow up under a microscope, with a famous mom writing about her, Eckler says, "I promise to stop writing about Rowan by the time she can read."

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Documentary compares conflicts in Jerusalem and Belfast

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Jerusalem and Belfast share at least one sombre, unsettling similarity.

Both cities have been, and still are, torn by endemic violence and terrorism born of religious and national conflicts.

Wailing Walls, a TVOntario film being aired Dec. 24 at 10 p.m., is narrated by Israeli journalist Yehuda Litani.

The juxtaposition is interesting. Litani is an Israeli who has come to Northern Ireland to study the forces of hatred and fear that convulse his own country.

As he discovers during his journey of enlightenment, the parallels between Northern Ireland and Israel are disquieting.

Both sides cling to myths to bolster their historical claims. Both have been shaped by pain. Both have no alternative but to share the land.

And in each instance, the absence of mutual trust is palpable, and the enemy is faceless.

Judging by Litani's encounters, Protestants are more likely to sympathize with Israel than Roman Catholics.

"We feel we're in the same situation of the Israeli people," a Protestant man says.

Given Litani's belief that the peace process in Northern Ireland is more advanced that it currently is in Israel, he concludes with the succinct observation that while Jerusalem is still "a slave to its past," Belfast is actively trying to break free.

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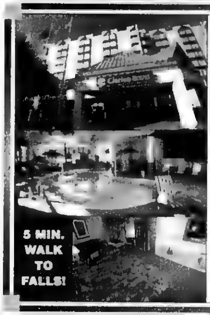

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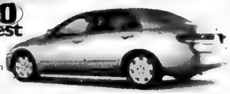

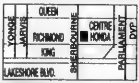

'I do it for love,' Robert Lantos says about filmmaking

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But being a CEO and chairman took its toll, and Lantos sold Alliance in 1998 to make films with his new boutique production company, Serendipity Point Films.

Lantos said the corporate life was never the path he wanted to take. "I don't want to spend my life being a CEO. I want to have fun making movies I believe in."

On the advantages of working with Serendipity rather than the larger Alliance, Lantos said, "For one thing, there are no more shareholders, so that's saving a headache. And there's less administration with running a company of 12 people rather than 600."

To those wondering why a producer, working mostly behind the scenes should be praised for his contributions, consider Lantos's analogy. "I'm captain of the ship. First on board, last one off," he said.

After securing the rights to a novel, a producer may dedicate years to developing a screenplay and attaching key actors to a project.

"It's a long process of seduction... And then I have to attract financiers," Lantos said.

But for him, it's all worth it.

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An intimate evening with Sky and Jordan

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Throughout their recent two-hour concert at the Toronto Centre for the Arts, singer/songwriters Amy Sky and Marc Jordan were able to convince each person in the packed hall that they were getting a private show.

The husband and wife duo, who headlined "The Evening of Music and Song" sponsored by Temple Har Zion, chatted casually and shared tidbits from their lives with the audience.

They also sang songs together – Temple Har Zion cantorial soloist Tara Abrams shared the stage for one number – and individually in an intimate "living room"-style performance.

Funds raised from the concert are earmarked for Temple Har Zion's capital campaign.

Dan Goldberg, vice-president of the 32-year-old temple, said it's raising funds to build and grow in order to accommodate the increasing needs of its members and the communities it serves, such as the Interfaith Mosaic and the Out of the Cold program.

During the concert, Sky, a Toronto native who graduated from the University of Toronto's faculty of music, and the New York-born Jordan, whose father was once a part-time cantor at Holy Blossom Temple, performed songs that reflected different aspects of their lives.

Sky said she wrote *Ordinary Miracles* after she and Jordan became parents. The simple, poignant lyrics about children's various stages of life really hit listeners, especially parents, in the heart.

Another of Sky's hits, *I Will Take Care of You*, about a mother and daughter, spoke to anyone with aging parents.

Leading into *Living in Marina Del Rey*, Jordan said many of his lyrics revolve around male loneliness and despair. Men don't talk to other men, he said, and often lead isolated lives.

Many people might be surprised at how many familiar hits have been penned by both Sky and Jordan.

Sky, whose songs range from jazz to contemporary pop, has written or co-written songs for such singers as Anne Murray, Melissa Manchester, Diana Ross and Olivia Newton John. Jordan also wrote Elton John's hit *Rhythm of My Heart.*

Singing her own songs that have become hits for other singers is much like wearing someone else's evening gown, she said. It looks beautiful, but different, on each woman.

Sculpting nature's beauty an inspiration

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Canadian sculptor and teacher Ruth Devor, who has exhibited at numerous group and one-woman shows throughout North America, recently opened her own gallery, The Sculpture House Gallery and Studio in Thornhill.

Devor's sensuous stone and bronze miniatures and large-scale sculptures are displayed in the attractive setting, where she also holds sculpting classes.

"My love affair with sculpting began over 35 years ago and has spanned several continents," she said.

"I've gained a tremendous sense of fulfillment and self-expression through carving and sharing my passion for this exciting medium with students."

Devor said sculpting nature's raw beauty continues to be both an inspiration and a very spiritual and humbling experience.

"I've carved in magnificent exotic stone from around the world, each unique in their colouration, veining, deposits and density, and each is a challenge."

Born and raised in St. Catharines, Ont., she moved to Toronto in the early 1960s and began taking art classes at the Artists' Workshop and the Toronto School of Art. In 1980, she worked at the Art Institute in San Miguel, Mexico, and for two summers in Pietrasanta, Italy, where she worked on a commission.

Her works have been exhibited in many Canadian cities, as well as in Florida, New York and Pennsylvania. Many are also in private and corporate collections.

She has tried many different mediums, including drawing and working with clay and plaster.

"I love working three dimensionally. When I was introduced to stone, I fell in love with the medium."

Devor, who works with marble, alabaster, limestone and granite, has taught at libraries, schools and the Royal Ontario Museum.

She said the comments from students "encourage me to continue to introduce others to this wonderful art form."

Devor also enjoys speaking to groups and organizations, and demonstrating the carving process. "It fascinates people,"she said.

"I seem to have this great need to create beauty in spite of the fact that my journey through life has often been very difficult. I've come a long way from that shy, small town girl from St. Catharines and I am profoundly grateful for the talent the universe has bestowed upon me."

Devor's work ranges in price from $45 to $18,000. The hours of The Sculpture House Gallery, located at at 23 Thornheights Rd. in Thornhill, are Wednesday, 5-9 p.m., and Sunday, 2-6 p.m., or by appointment.

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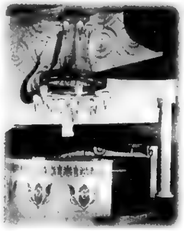

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Mediator uses skills to build bridges between groups

By CYNTHIA GASNER
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Toronto-based mediator, psychologist and lawyer Barbara Landau says she uses her expertise in family law and conflict resolution "to build bridges of understanding" between Jews, Muslims and Palestinians.

Co-chair of the Canadian Association of Jews and Muslims, a group formed in 1996 by an Iraqi Jew and a Pakistani Muslim and became more active after 9/11, Landau facilitates dialogue groups for Jews, Muslims and Palestinians in Toronto.

There are some 30 participants, Jews, and Muslims mainly from Pakistan, India and East Africa, in the association's groups in Toronto. There are few Arabs and no Palestinians in these groups, Landau says. She also helps co-facilitate a separate Jewish-Palestinian dialogue group, and she organizes interfaith holiday celebrations.

The goal of her efforts with the Jewish/Muslim dialogue groups in Canada, she says, is to engage more Jewish people who are interested in meeting with Muslims to try to build peaceful relations in Canada.

She recently received the John M. Haynes Distinguished Mediator Award in Orlando, Fla., "for her far-reaching academic, professional and humanistic contributions to the field of mediation," at the annual conference of the Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR), a non-profit organization representing more than 6,000 mediators, arbitrators, educators and other conflict resolution professionals.

In 1999, Landau participated in a Compassionate Listening trip as part of Mideast Citizen Diplomacy, a mixed-religion group of North Americans that included two Palestinian-Americans. The Americans and Canadians travelled to Israel, the West Bank and Gaza.

Landau was accompanied by her husband Sy and their daughter, Niki. Both are professional mediators, trainers and authors. Their son Daryl is also a mediator, trainer and author. "We are known as the famous Landau clan of mediators," Barbara says jokingly.

Referring to the trip, she spoke of Gene Knudson Hoffman – "our spiritual leader – and we adopted her belief that 'an enemy is one whose story we have not heard.'"

The task of the Compassionate Listening group, she says, "was to listen to the underlying humanity in the stories, to listen as if what the person said might be right, that is without judgment or contradiction."

This process has a transformative effect on both the person being listened to and the listener, she adds.

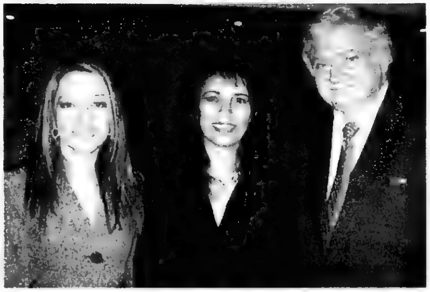
The biggest problem in the Middle East, she says, is that they are attempting to make peace from the top down. "I can't imagine that the process can be successful because you need to build trust between citizens for them to have the confidence to make peace."

She suggests "a multi-track approach" in which citizens engage with each other and with business and community organizations, coming together to meet each other to build relationships. "This puts a human face on the others."

Landau is a past president of the Ontario Association for Family Mediation and was the first Canadian member of the board of the Academy of Family Mediators (now ACR).

She received a PhD in psychology at the University of Michigan, an LLB degree at the faculty of law at the University of Toronto, and a LLM at the faculty of law at Osgood Hall Law School, York University. She practised family law until 1995.

For more information on Canadian Association of Jews and Muslims, call 416-391-3110 or e-mail barb@coop-solutions.ca or shahidakhtar1@rogers.com.



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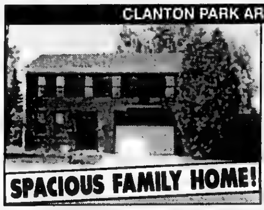

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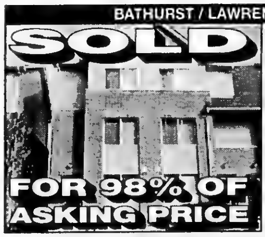

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SHIMKOVITZ, Reuben. On Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003 at his residence. Dear husband of Helen, loving father & father-in-law of Bernie & Heather, Mark & Robin, Rena & Evan Bramson. Beloved grandfather of Daniel, Justin, Jesse, Erin, Cole, Cali & Laine. Devoted brother & brother-in-law to Judy & Izzie, Jack & Randi and Henry & Carol. Interment at Lodzer Centre Section of Pardes Shalom Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

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Beijing staggers the imagination

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

BEIJING — China's sprawling capital Beijing, population 12 million, is one of those rare cities that stagger the imagination.

A metropolis of broad avenues and bustling traffic that is gearing up to host the 2008 summer Olympics, greater Beijing is monumental in scale, twice as big as Israel proper.

And the historic sights within its borders, from the Forbidden City and the Summer Palace to the Great Wall and the Temple of Heaven, are richly satisfying and memorable.

The Forbidden City, which the Chinese call the Palace Museum, is probably Beijing's number 1 attraction, a world cultural heritage site.

The imperial residence of two dynasties of emperors, the Mings and the Qings, the Forbidden City is so named because it was closed to the public for about 500 years until 1925. Even today, some of its buildings remain off-limits to visitors.

Spread over a garden-like setting of 72 hectares and surrounded by a moat, the Forbidden City is unique by virtue of its unchallenged status as China's biggest and best-preserved ensemble of medieval buildings and statuary.

The vast complex is divided into two parts: the outer court, which mainly served as an administrative centre where the emperor received officials and foreign dignitaries, and the inner court, the domain of the emperor, his family, his concubines and his retinue of servants.

From the Hall of Mental Cultivation to the Palace of Earthly Tranquility, the buildings are all painted in the traditional royal colours of red and yellow.

The brass statues of scowling dragons, purposeful tortoises and graceful cranes, which were used as giant incense burners, leave an impression of strength and power. A huge bronze vat, placed in front of the Hall of Great Harmony, still bears the scratch marks of an Anglo-French army that ransacked the grounds in the 19th century.

Yu Hua Yuan, the expansive imperial gardens, is filled with flower beds and rockeries and dotted with stately pines and cypresses.

Tiananmen Square, which can accommodate one million visitors, is adjacent to the Forbidden City. At one end is a gigantic portrait of Mao Zedong, who proclaimed the People's Republic of China in October 1949.

The square is ringed by a medley of grand buildings, from the Great Hall of the People to the Museum of the Chinese Revolution. Souvenir hawkers pester tourists and Chinese boys fly kites.

Tiananmen Square's most prominent structure is Mao's grandiose mausoleum, where the great man lies in state in a sarcophagus. I lined up for 20 minutes, along with hundreds of Chinese admirers, to catch a fleeting glimpse of Mao. His waxen features were unreal as he lay quietly in repose.

The Forbidden City, a world cultural heritage site. [Sheldon Kirshner photos]

As they waited patiently to enter the hushed mausoleum, Chinese men and women broke out of the line to buy bouquets of flowers in Mao's honour.

Inside, a sign warned: "Be quiet and do not talk."

After filing past the illuminated corpse, its cheeks dimpled and its dyed black hair neatly combed, I was funnelled into a gift shop carrying an array of cheap Mao memorabilia and trinkets. What would Mao think?

The Summer Palace, in one of Beijing's northwestern suburbs, strikes a completely different note. Set on tranquil Kunming Lake, the palace is a magnificent outdoor museum of classical Chinese architecture and gardens.

From the Hall of Benevolence to the Hall of Jade Ripples, the buildings bespeak grandeur and elegance. Perhaps the most impressive sight is The Long Corridor. More than 700 metres in length, it is decorated with some 8,000 lively paintings inspired by Chinese folktales, novels and landscapes.

But the palace, originally built in 1750, is also a powerful reminder of the domination China once endured at the hands of foreign powers. Razed by marauding French and British soldiers in 1860, it was rebuilt six years later, only to be ravaged again in 1900 and renovated after the 1949 revolution.

The Temple of Heaven, enclosed in a park in Beijing's Chongwen district, is almost 600 years old.

Its most outstanding building, the Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests, certainly stands out. Covered with glazed blue, yellow and green tiles, symbolizing heaven, earth and morality, it is 38 metres high and 24 metres in diameter and is supported by immense pillars.

Dragon scowls in the Forbidden City.

The Ming Tombs, found at the foot of Mount Tianshoushan, contain the remains of 13 emperors and such burial objects as precious stones, silver dishes and gold buttons. Only three of the tombs, the oldest of which dates back to 1409, are accessible.

The interminable Sacred Way, which leads to the tombs, is ethereal. The path is flanked on both sides by mature weeping willow trees and by a stately procession of Ming officials, warriors and beasts – horses, camels and dragons – hewn from marble stone.

The Great Wall, a bulwark against invading armies that was constructed over the course of 2,000 years starting in 221 B.C., and the only man-made object visible from space, traverses 6,350 kilometres across northern China.

The most intact section, in Badaling, was restored in 1957. On bright days, from its parapets and ramparts, there are scenic views of thickly forested mountains. But when I was there in early November, the weather was miserably cold and foggy, and the steps were treacherously slippery.

The full blast of winter greeted me when I toured one of Beijing's famous *hutongs*, the congested back alleys synonymous with the city's past.

Bundled up against the chill in the seat of a pedicab, my guide and I were driven to Liulichang Street, a veritable mecca of Chinese antiques, paintings, arts and crafts, calligraphy, curios, second-hand books and stationery.

Wangfujing, one of Beijing's busiest shopping streets, is the polar opposite of Liulichang, a cluster of brightly-lit name-brand stores, dazzling malls and, off on the side streets, smoky kebob joints redolent of China's far western Muslim provinces.

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Playboy model leads team to women's football championship game

By MARVIN GLASSMAN

Special to The CJN

MIAMI — Anita Marks may want to be known for her accomplishments on the field rather than her undeniably striking good looks.

But last year, the 32-year-old Jewish quarterback took matters into her own hands by catering to some age-old male chauvinism. Marks posed nude in *Playboy* magazine as a way of generating more attention for her sport and for herself.

Not surprisingly, she received lots of attention this year – but not just for her photos. This season, her passing, running and scrambling helped her Florida Stingrays reach the Women's Professional Football League championship game with a 9-3 record. Along the way to the title game, the Stingrays routinely mauled opponents by scores of 87-0 and 84-6.

Mark's passing arm connected for many touchdown passes of 50 yards or more. Her ability also to run the ball coupled with a tight defence led the Stingrays to their outstanding record.

"This season was even more satisfying than last year when I played for the Miami Fury. This is a national league of the best women players in the country. We lost a few times and knew that to win, we all had to play our best," said Marks.

Anita Marks

In the championship game, played in Kenosha, Wis., the Stingrays were on the receiving end of a 53-12 whipping by the hometown Northern Ice in a game plagued by fumbles, interceptions and -6 Celsius temperature at game time.

"None of us played well, but I have to congratulate the Northern Ice for their great victory. Like everything else, I view this as a learning experience and we can only get better next season," said Marks.

Marks is savvy and does not fit the stereotype of the coddled athlete who has to be guided throughout her career. When not playing football, she works in Miami as a radio sports talk show host, though she aspires to be a television commentator covering NFL football.

Her idea may not be far fetched. "Anita's understanding of football is better than most men," said Liz Bartolo, owner of the Florida Stingrays. "She understands all the sophisticated run and pass plays, the Xs and Os that have made a difference to our team."

Marks is aided by great team work from her teammates, which include two other Jewish players. One is 27-year-old Allison Katz from Detroit, a huge football fan all her life who spent much of her adult life serving in the Navy.

"We don't think of Jewish women as serving in the Navy. Being in the navy matured me and in many ways, because you have to be physically fit to serve, it prepared me to play football," Katz said.

The other Jewish player, 23-year-old Melissa Green from Detroit, is a marine biologist. "I love to play and be fit, which is a must and challenge in football, but this is scary for my mother. I think she prefers I was in another sport, but I love playing football too much to do anything else," Green said.

The women football players have to be tough as nails to rebound from injuries. Over the past three years, Marks spent more time in the hospital than most women her age. In 2000, Marks suffered a major knee injury that sidelined her for the season. Two years ago, she had reconstructive surgery on both knees. Considering that her pay is way below CFL and NFL standards, at $500 (US) a game, another athlete might have retired under the same circumstances.

"I love what I do. If I can be an asset to my team, I will play. I am not a quitter," said Marks.

She has been rewarded with endorsements for many products, including one that also has Miami's other Jewish quarterback, Jay Fiedler of the NFL Miami Dolphins, as a spokesperson.

Born and raised in Miami, Anita's parents, Ned and Minnie Marks, were divorced when she was young.

"She took after her father, even though she lived with me. Ned was a star football player with the University of Miami Hurricanes in the late 1960s," said her mother.

Marks bears a strong resemblance to her father, who died of a heart attack in 1997. She played high school football and was the quarterback for the women's intramural flag football team at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

After graduating with a degree in broadcasting, Marks worked as a sports producer on television stations throughout Florida, but was eager to play football again.

"I love the game. This is not a tomboy thing. My mother was concerned in high school that I wouldn't have a date if I continued to play, so for a few years, I listened to her."

"Now I am an adult, and I feel the same way about the game now as I did years ago. People will accept me the way I am. If they don't, that is not my problem," she said.

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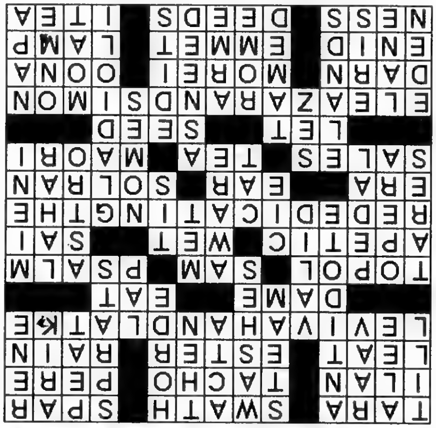

BOWLING CHAMP: Hyla Rubenstein, 50, displays some of her bowling medals, including her most recent gold that she won at the recent Special Olympics 10-pin bowling tournament in Mississauga. Last year, Rubenstein, who has been a Reena Foundation client for more than 20 years, won three golds at the 10th annual Canadian Special Olympics Summer Games in Prince Albert, Sask.

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Cuckoo, which has been shortlisted for the Journey Prize, is the first in this very delightful collection of award-winning short stories. (An earlier collection, *Talking to the Enemy*, won first prize in Jewish fiction from the Jewish Public Library in Montreal.)

NON-FICTION

- ***The Lights of Hanukkah***, by Barbara Rush, Stewart Tabori & Chang, $32, HC.

This remarkable gift book features more than 60 beautiful, unusual menorahs from various countries, reaching back nine centuries. Includes the story of Hanukkah, commentary, prayers and songs.

- ***Army of Roses***, by Barbara Victor, Rodale, $38.95, HC.

Yasser Arafat coined the term "Army of Roses" to describe the female Palestinian suicide bombers he encouraged to follow that route in order to attain equality with men. This inside look at the lives of these women prior to their decision to blow themselves up is chilling and heartbreaking, and describes the brainwashing techniques employed to produce a death-cult society.

- ***Mordecai & Me: An Appreciation of a Kind***, by Joel Yanofsky, Red Deer Press, $34.95, HC.

"Witty, serious, and touching, *Mordecai & Me* is the biography of an obsession. This book reminds us why Mordecai Richler aroused more complicated reactions than any other Canadian of our time." –Robert Fulford

- ***Never Again?***, by Abraham H. Foxman, HarperCollins, $38.95, HC.

This important book by the national director of the Anti-Defamation League is a wake-up call to Jews and all who cherish freedom and democracy, saying action must be taken to protect our society from a recurrence of fascism and unspeakable horror.

- ***Confronting Jihad***, by Saul Singer, Cold Spring Press, $23.95, SC.

In this engaging collection of insightful columns and editorials by a *Jerusalem Post* columnist, the main theme is the world situation after 9/11, and in particular, the struggle of the Jewish state.

- ***The Inexhaustible Wellspring***, by Dr. Heszel Klepfisz, Devora Publishing, 32.95, HC.

"As a person who is dedicated to all the elements of the shtetl, I am delighted about Dr. Heszel Klepfisz's book, since it is a beautiful and accurate description of shtetl life. Its descriptions of vital communities, family life, education and the beauty of the Jewish soul will captivate the reader." –Prof. Yaffa Eliach.

- ***A Dear Son to Me***, by Adin Steinsaltz, Israel Institute for Talmudic Publication, $19.99, HC.

A wonderful anthology of speeches and articles by the renowned Rabbi Steinsaltz, the collection is divided into four categories: To the Jewish People, In the Land of Israel, In Communities the World Over and To the Individual.

- ***Levinas, Judaism, and the Feminine***, by Claire Elise Katz, Indiana University Press, $34.95, SC.

In this original and profound interpretation of Emmanuel Levinas' work, Katz focuses on her understanding of the role of the feminine in the philosopher's attitude toward ethical responsibility.

YOUTH

- ***Adam & Eve's First Sunset: God's New Day***, by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, Jewish Lights, $27.95, HC.

A lovely, unique story about the first day in the lives of Adam and Eve. Gorgeous, vibrant illustrations by Joani Keller Rothenberg. (Ages 4 and up)

Recommended Reading is compiled by Atara Beck of Israel's Judaica Centre.

Apple Cinnamon Latkes

1 large egg
1/3 cup water
3 tblsp. sugar
3 medium, peeled apples, quartered
1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 cup flour
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 cup vegetable oil for frying
1/2 cup cinnamon + 1 tsp. sugar for garnish

Use metal blade in processor bowl. Add egg, sugar, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and water. Process until well mixed. Add half the apples. Pulse 2 or 3 times. Add remaining apples and flour. Pulse several times then process 15 seconds.

Heat oil in pan. Spoon 1/4 tblsp. batter for each pancake, into frying pan. Fry until edges are brown on both sides. Remove and drain on paper towels. Sprinkle the cinnamon/sugar mixture over the warm latkes. Yield: 4-6 servings.

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By MIRIAM PORTER

Chanukah reminds me of miracles. We know the story of the Maccabees: there was only enough oil to burn for one day and miraculously it lasted for eight days. Jewish homes around the world celebrate Chanukah by lighting a chanukiyah and to commemorate the "miracle of lights."

In Jewish tradition, light symbolizes Torah, and the candles we light reflect a miracle greater than the burning oil: the survival of the Jewish faith for 3,000 years. As Jews, we have struggled to maintain integrity and observance and resist assimilation in a dominant non-Jewish culture.

As I prepare my own chanukiyah and rush around shopping for presents for my family and friends, I wonder how many of us stop to think about miracles. They are around us every day and we can see them through the positive changes in our own lives, though sometimes we have to look harder. As 30-somethings, my peers and I are constantly distracted by the grind of daily life: demanding jobs, relationships, children, financial concerns and so on. We have hectic schedules that don't allow us time to stop and watch the natural miracle of the sunrise or the leaves falling from the trees.

I try to see the miracles in my life. This past month, one of my best friends married her soulmate after dating and searching for years. Another friend who was having problems becoming pregnant gave birth to a beautiful healthy baby girl. My parent's house was severely flooded and there was a lot of damage, but luckily no one was injured. This Chanukah, I am going to Israel for the first time, after trying to arrange a trip for years.

Miracles bring joy, faith, hope and spiritual growth to our everyday lives. As individuals, we generate new strength when necessary, defy logic and refuse to give up on personal struggles. It is this same strength and the refusal to surrender that have kept the light of the Torah and the lamp of the commandments from becoming extinguished.

This Chanukah, I am going to take the time to appreciate the extraordinary miracles in life. I would suggest you do the same. Chag Sameach!

Miracles are all around us, we must open our eyes to see them. — Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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(Answers to the crossword are on page 50.)

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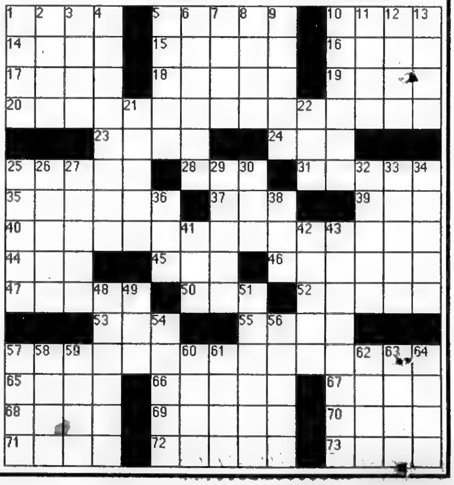
Across
1. Olympian Lipinsky
5. Cutaway made by a scythe
10. Mast appurtenance
14. Astronaut Ramon, z"l
15. Meter starter
16. Father in France
17. Slowly, in Hebrew
18. Compound such as ethyl acetate
19. Pluvium or geshem
20. Two names for a Chanukah treat, joined by conjunction
23. "There Is Nuthin' Like a ___"
24. Sup
25. Fiddler on the Roof star
28. Goldwyn or Uncle
31. Thila, as the 23rd
35. Gorilla facial spasm?
37. "You're all ___!" (you're wrong!)
39. Miss ___-gon
40. _____ Temple, activity that culminated in first Chanukah
44. Epoch
45. Otic organ
46. Shlomo retreated?
47. Soupy _____
50. Herbal or iced
52. Whale Rider native
53. Tennis referee's term
55. Germ of a plant
57. Two Maccabees, with conjunction
65. Mend, as with socks
66. Hebrew for 'teachers of'
67. Eugene O'Neill's daughter
68. Oklahoma city
69. Ant
70. One was lit that burned for eight days
71. A loch
72. The Maccabees performed great _____
73. Willow genus

Down
1. Cultivate
2. Away from windward
3. Hunger, in Hebrew
4. Remedy for a poison
5. Type of engine
6. Laves
7. Compendium of laws
8. In those times
9. The Golden ______
10. Small herring-like fish
11. Bog material
12. Sharon's nickname
13. Descartes
21. Having legal force
22. Two lengths in a pool
25. Scale base weight
26. Aida
27. Treadle
29. In the know
30. Bumped into
32. Houston player
33. To the mountain, in the Hebrew of Modin
34. First of several demeanors?
36. French abbreviation that follows a firm's name
38. "... ___ of thee, sweet land of ..."
41. Leopard
42. Greek provinces
43. Floral arrangement flowers
48. African ruminants
49. "___ you!", says he who disputes a statement, a bit chafed
51. ______ be (when necessary)
54. Domesticated
56. Emends
57. The Garden of ____
58. Kent's friend at the Daily Planet
59. Greek goddess of strife
60. Upstate New York city
61. Weapon in France
62. Castle surrounder
63. "This one's ___", lunch offer
64. California valley



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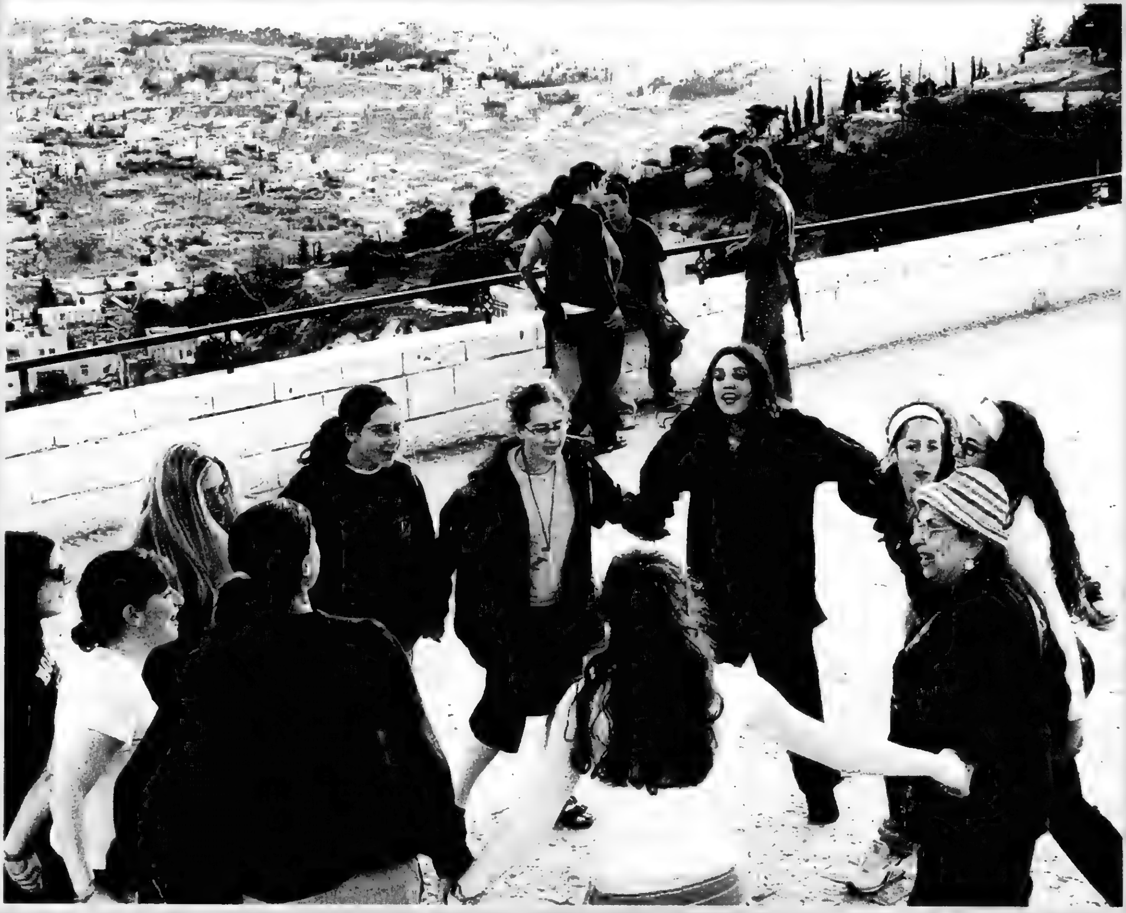

[Jesse Gold photo]

They have reason to dance

EDITORIAL

The young women in the accompanying photo have every reason to dance. They are in Jerusalem, obviously happy, overlooking the Old City and its environs, experiencing first-hand the indescribable feeling and great excitement of simply being there. They were fellow travellers in this year's March of the Living, and now, likely to be friends for the rest of their lives.

The photo is fraught with significance.

It is a public statement of celebration in and on behalf of Jerusalem. In a year when such public celebrations were few, this one was like dew to parched earth. It was Yom Ha'atzmaut and time, once again, for Jews from the Diaspora to show the people of Jerusalem that the peoplehood that binds us is real.

In addition, the circle of dancers is trans-generational. The teenagers hold fast and lovingly to their chaperone-mentor, who is perhaps also a Holocaust survivor. The circle of hands connects one to the other, much like the forged iron links of a chain.

As well, as we can see in the background of the photo, there is still the need, alas, for the ubiquitous presence of security. Israelis and Jews are targets.

But still the girls are dancing.

And so should we as a result.

Chanukah, whose first candle we light tomorrow night, is an appropriate occasion to remind us that we should all be "dancing." For, despite everything that has happened these past three years, and continues to happen, we do indeed have a great deal to celebrate.

We need hardly remind our readers that Chanukah is the holiday of the underdog, of the courageous few against the vastly outnumbering forces of the many. Jews have always been outnumbered, but we have never stopped dancing.

That is part of the miracle of Jewish history, a miracle, of course, that we acknowledge in the special prayers and blessings of Chanukah.

We hope our readers enjoy the eclectic selection of features that we have assembled this year. We urge you to read them all in between dances.

Chag Urim Samayach.

The Canadian Jewish news

Beyond Mrs. Maccabeus

By RAHEL MUSLEAH

Each Chanukah we glorify brave Judah Maccabeus
Who had the courage to defy Antiochus, and free us,
Yet it is not fair that we should forget
Mrs. Maccabeus, whom we owe a debt.
She mixed it, and fixed it
She poured it into a bowl
You may not guess, but it was the latkes
That gave brave Judah a soul.

One of my daughter's favourite Chanukah songs, a parody to the tune of *O Chanukah!*, extols Mrs. Maccabeus as the culinary power behind her sons' victory. The ingenious woman, according to the lyricist, Ben Aronin, wrote portions of the Torah into the latkes, fried them until they shimmered/they simmered; they absorbed the olive oil/and "made the Syrians recoil."

Despite its obvious fiction, Mrs. Maccabeus might be the only woman most children – and adults – connect with the Chanukah story. And whatever combination of activism and spirituality she infused into the comfort food she allegedly invented, few of us really take her seriously.

Our feminist connections are solid on Purim, whether you name Esther or Vashti as heroine of choice. Passover conjures up a bevy of role models: Miriam; Shifrah and Puah, the midwives who saved the Israelite boys; Yocheved, mother of Moses, Aaron and Miriam; and Pharoah's daughter. Rosh Hashanah retells the story of Sarah and Hagar, and of Rachel weeping for her exiled children. On Sukkot, we invite our foremothers alongside our forefathers as *ushpizin* (guests) in the sukkah. But Chanukah is the holiday of maleness: of warriors, battlefields and military might, of the High Priest Mattathias and his five sons, most notably Judah. Could it be that Chanukah doesn't have women to emulate?

So it was that as I played around on the Internet one day, I came across an intriguing Chanukah custom. Among the Jews of Tunisia, Rosh Chodesh Tevet, which falls on the sixth and/or seventh night of Chanukah (depending on whether Rosh Chodesh is one or two days), is celebrated as Chag Habanot, the Festival of the Daughters (called Rosh Hodesh el Bnete in Judeo-Arabic).

According to Rabbi Herbert Dobrinsky, author of *A Treasury of Sephardic Laws and Customs*, mothers bake honey cakes and give gifts (often jewelry) to their daughters, men give gifts to their fiancées, and all participate in a festive meal, a seudah, *l'zecher ma'aseh ha-gevurah shel Yehudit* – in remembrance of Judith's acts of bravery.

Hmm, Judith. I am pretty well-versed in the lore of biblical women, but Judith only floated around the periphery of my radar, historically murky, shadowed in anachronism. When I turned to the Book of Judith in the Apocrypha (writings not chosen for the biblical canon, including the books of the Maccabees), I found a story rife with historical inaccuracies, filled with elements of other biblical tales.

Briefly, the plot is as follows: King Nebuchadnezzar of Assyria (in reality, he was the Babylonian ruler who destroyed the First Temple) orders his general, Holofernes, to conquer the land of Judea. Holofernes besieges the city of Bethulia and cuts off its water supply. Judith, a pious, wise, rich and beautiful widow, promises to save the city with the help of God.

Judith removes the sackcloth she has been wearing for the three years and four months since her husband died, prays to God, dons her finest attire and jewels, and goes to the enemy camp. She tells Holofernes that God has sent her to grant him victory. He invites her to a feast (shades of Esther), and she meets him at his tent on the night of Rosh Chodesh Tevet. She pretends to seduce him, plying him with wine and salty cheese – to make him drink even more – until he passes out. Then she lops off his head with his sword (shades of Yael and Sisera), gives it to her nameless maid – who carries it back to Bethulia in a food bag – and orders the townspeople to attack the Assyrians. Judith leads the victory procession to Jerusalem, sings a song of praise with tambourines (shades of Miriam and Deborah); never remarries, though courted by many; sets her maid free, and lives to the age of 105.

So what does this have to do with Chanukah? There is no mention of Antiochus or a single Maccabee. Lori Lefkovitz, academic director of Kolot: The Center for Jewish Women's and Gender Studies at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia, traces the link. In the talmudic tractate Shabbat, the discussion of the three mitzvot incumbent on women (lighting Shabbat candles, going to the mikvah and taking challah) diverges to ask whether women are also obligated to light Chanukah candles. Yes, says Rabbi Joshua ben Levi, "because they participated in the miracle of Chanukah."

"That's it. Period. It's an enigma," says Lefkovitz. Several competing explanations developed, she explains. One grafts the story of Judith onto the Maccabean victory. Another explanation focuses on the talmudic tale of the daughter of a priest who, before the Maccabean revolt, decried the custom of the Greek governors who had the "right of the first night"

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Judith is a favourite of artists from Caravaggio to Botticelli

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with all brides. On the day of her wedding, the woman stripped herself naked in public, scandalizing her father and brothers.

"You object to my appearing naked," she exclaimed, " but not to the governor's sleeping with me?"

One tradition names the woman as Hannah, daughter of Mattathias and explains that her actions shocked her family into avenging the humiliation, spurring the Hasmonean revolt.

Judith is a favourite of artists, from Caravaggio's horrific in-the-act portrayal to Botticelli's paragon of chastity and peace and Cristoforo Allori's femme fatale, beautiful yet heartless. In a recent exhibit at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Museum in Manhattan, "Biblical Women in Contemporary Art," Julie Dermansky crafts Judith out of welded steel, showing an X-ray of her arms and hands through a light box. How strong do you have to be to decapitate a general? Judith has a broken wrist.

Yet Judith has not stuck in Jewish consciousness, and it's no wonder. It's not just the story's fictionality and circuitous connection to Chanukah that has probably deterred us, but the violent action at its core.

"Not too many women see themselves cutting off someone's head. We don't read the story and say, 'Hey, I can do that!'" says Emily Taitz, author of *The JPS Guide to Jewish Women*. Nor, I imagine, do most men enjoy envisioning a fellow male's decapitation, enemy or not. Ouch.

The violence barely draws a ho-hum from most adolescents today, says Marga Hirsch, a Jewish educator in New Jersey. Hirsch adapted the concept of Chag Habanot into an oral history project in which kids interviewed female relatives to uncover examples of heroism in their own families.

"Compared to the video games in which they explode people regularly, chopping off someone's head is small dice. At most you might get an 'Ugh' from a 12-year-old girl, but mostly they say, 'Good move!'"

Sure enough, when I did ask my 15-year-old daughter, she was hardly perturbed by the gruesome details.

"Judith's story fits in with the larger constellation of stories that acknowledge women's heroism and sexual power, including Tamar, Yael, Esther, Delilah," Lefkovitz explains. "The bedroom is the battlefield where women win."

It's important to remember Judith's bravery, initiative, intelligence, loyalty, friendship and faith, but "to do so unselfconsciously is problematic," she warns. "The story takes sex out of the realm of pleasure to the realm of dangerous power. Judith's beauty, charm, allure, attractiveness and magnetism compete with reason. We should celebrate Judith's presence in our mythology, but expose what's right and what's insidious about the story."

"Women couldn't face military opponents in the same way a man could," says Rabbi Jill Hammer, senior associate at Ma'yan: The Jewish Women's Project in Manhattan. "Sexual power was the power they had, so that's what they used."

The message for boys as well as girls, says my sister Flora Yavelberg, mother of three sons and Judaic studies teacher at Solomon Schechter of Essex and Union, N.J., is that because women couldn't fight openly, they had to manipulate. For that deceit to be eradicated,

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A GROUP HUDDLE NEAR JERUSALEM: This group of teenagers on the 2003 March of the Living share a happy moment in Israel. [Jesse Gold photo]

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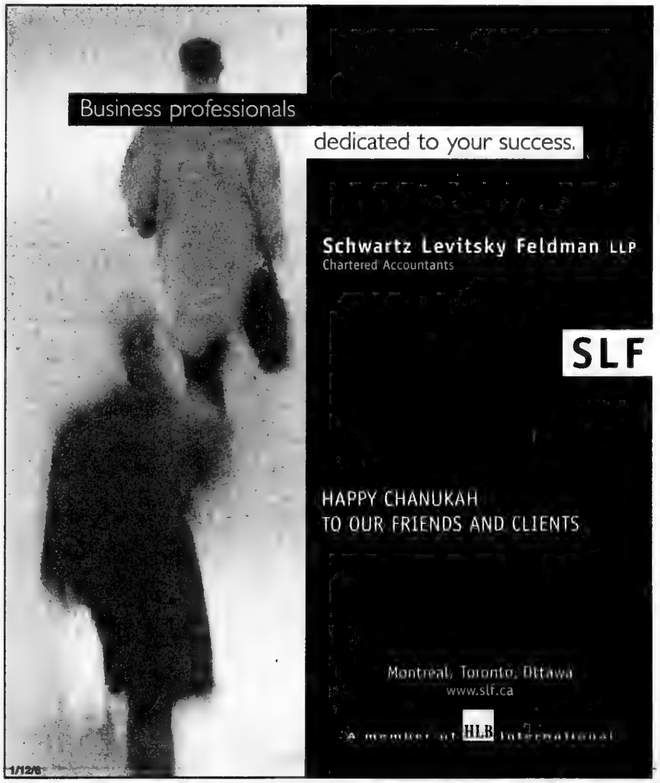

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KAYAKING WHERE? This hardy sportsman is kayaking down the Jordan River during a competition that was held last winter. The Jordan is normally a gentle stream. Last winter's rains swelled its banks.
[Isranet photo]

Sing of Judah and his mother

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men and women must have equal power. Judith won't displace Judah, she adds, so Chanukah will still have plenty of male heroes.

Tamara Cohen, consultant and former program director for Ma'yan, grapples with whether Judith, warrior and avenger, is a good role model for Jewish women raised to be "nice."

"Sometimes I can achieve a lot using my co-operative and friendly approach, but I know that I have shied away from direct conflict," Cohen writes in Ma'yan's publication, *Journey*. "I was raised to do good, but I was not raised to rid the world of evil. The two are deeply related, but they are not the same."

Especially in these days of violence, she says, Jewish women need to "figure out how to take increasingly bold action to defend our principles and further our vision of justice."

Whatever ambivalence Judith evokes, both Ma'yan and Kolot hope to restore and highlight Chanukah's feminist overtones.

Ma'yan's guide to an updated celebration suggests story, craft, song and candlelighting activities; reading, acting and discussing Judith; writing an ethical will; and sharing women's art and recipes.

Kolot commissioned Bonna Devora Haberman's Mistabra Institute for Jewish Textual Activism at Brandeis University Women's Studies Research Center to create a Chanukah performance piece. The institute, which brings texts to life through creative methods in order to challenge contemporary ethical concerns, focused on the tension between the militaristic and the spiritual (the miracle of the light) interpretations of Chanukah.

"In exile, stripped of power, the Jewish people was rendered 'female,'" Haberman says. "The Zionist rediscovery of Chanukah – conquering the land, reclaiming control over sacred space – rendered us 'male.' We want to articulate an understanding of Chanukah that retains our connection to the land alongside a spiritual identity."

Other women's customs that have sprung up around Chanukah are worth noting. As on Rosh Chodesh, women don't work while the candles are burning. ("When I talk about this custom, someone invariably says, 'No wonder the candles are so small!'" says Lefkovitz. Oil and wicks make the lights burn much longer.) Among Judeo-Spanish communities in years gone by, the Shabbat of Chanukah was known as Shabbat Halbasha, the Shabbat of clothing the poor. People brought clothes to the synagogue to be distributed on Rosh Chodesh Tevet, an unambiguous, genderless custom we can all adopt. Some communities serve dairy foods and cheese in commemoration of Judith's victory.

And what a phenomenal victory it was. The last verse of the Book of Judith reads as follows: "No one ever again spread terror among the Israelites during the lifetime of Judith, or for a long time after her death."

And they lived happily ever after. Amen. So dig into those latkes, sing of Judah and his mother, and remember Judith, too. We could surely use an end like that to terror today.

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Hell week, and it's only getting worse: letters from IDF training

By AVI YUFEST
Special to The CJN

To my friends and family,

I apologize (oops, there's 20 pushups) for the mass e-mail, but time is of the essence on the weekends I have off, so unfortunately there is no time to personalize all the e-mails. I'm still alive after the first week of pre-basic training and still hanging in there (we already had one quitter) and things are going well. I'm sore in about 10 different places, and I have a slight limp for now, but so far, so good. I'll do my best to recount the past week.

A Canadian writes home

On Sunday, we went through the induction centre, where we were photographed, dental x-rayed, fingerprinted and given our dress uniforms that we wear off the base. Doctors double checked all the soldiers to make sure there were no mistakes in our initial examinations. Later that night, we were transported north to our base in the Galilee district of Israel. (If you are looking on a map, it's right beside the Sea of Galilee, sometimes called "the Kinneret.")

We did a little running around that night from 11 p.m. to midnight, just to get a little taste, and then were shown to our rooms. The following day we were woken up at 7 a.m. for breakfast, then we did more running. Tuesday we were given M-16's, Wednesdays we went to the firing range, and Friday we were allowed to go home for the weekend (so here I am).

The training itself is very difficult. We are constantly running and doing pushups. We must run at least 20 to 30 times a day, even if it's just for short bursts of 30 seconds or so. If you make a mistake, pushups. If you laugh at something, pushups. If you say something stupid, pushups. If you are late, pushups… you get the idea. I've done more pushups this week than I had done in my entire life up to now.

When we arrived at our base, we were given kit bags with our combat uniforms, our helmet, our vests, jerry cans, etc. My clothes were too small, so when our *samal* (sergeant) asked who needed to exchange uniforms, I said I did. When he gave me the bigger size, I thanked him – which led to 20 pushups. There is no "thank you," "please," "excuse me," or "sorry" in the Israeli army, so those words are no longer in my vocabulary. This may also explain why Israelis have a reputation for having less-than-perfect manners.

After the firing range, we had to clean our guns and present them to our *mefaked* (squad commander) for inspection. I missed cleaning out the sight – 20 pushups. Other guys who had residues in the firing mechanisms were given 50 pushups. I have an old M-16 that is probably from the Vietnam War-era. When the Arabs attacked Israel on Yom Kippur in 1973, the United States immediately sent over boat-loads of weapons. There wasn't any time for bureaucracy. My gun still has a "Property of the U.S. Government" engraving on the side of it.

We have already been taught how to totally dismantle an M-16, then clean it and put it back together. At the end of training, one of the tests will be to do this blindfolded and within five minutes. Not a difficult task – it will just require some pushups.

At the range, my gun was not calibrated, so all my shots were high and to the left, but they were all together. The commander said the shots were accurate and wanted me to calibrate the gun this weekend and shoot it again next week to see if I'm accurate again. They want the accurate shooters to becomes snipers. I'm not too interested in that, so I hope I'm not forced into it. Yesterday, we were interviewed by the company commander. He said he wants the foreign soldiers to go into the paratroopers branch of our brigade. I told him I would love to, so we'll see where I go when I get to my home base in three weeks.

My squad was very fortunate to get the coolest, most laid-back *mefaked* around. He pushes us, but only as much as he knows we can handle for now. We can make jokes sometimes and we can make mistakes – he knows we are rookies.

He told us about how his parents fled Ethiopia in 1984 and walked 200-plus kilometres to a neighbouring country before Israel brought them over in a mass exodus of Jews. He is in a specialized paratrooper brigade and the last thing in their training is a 90-kilometre march with all their gear. He told us that when he was doing his march, he felt the way his parents must have felt years before, and it made him understand the hardships they had to go through to give him a better life. He knows how it is to be in a place where you don't speak the language very well and where you are considered an outsider at first.

My brigade will have to do a 65-kilometre march at the end of our training next year, and I'm not looking forward to that. We did a three-kilometre march on Wednesday to the firing range, and I was beat. The gear is heavy as hell. The vest, helmet, full jerry cans, jacket, gun, clips, bullets, heavy boots – it all adds up. Some of the stronger guys have to carry a stretcher, a very heavy radio and a larger jerry can in case people need refills. It's pretty intense.

Avi Yufest

The food here is not as bad as I thought it would be. Sometimes it is just junk, but yesterday, for example, we had shnitzels with pasta – not bad. Yesterday, I was also assigned to kitchen duty for the latter half of the day, which is actually a blessing in disguise because you don't have to run and there isn't much work to do. And while you aren't working in the kitchen, you can sit in the kitchen courtyard and eat to your heart's content.

In the mornings, we generally are up at 5 a.m. for some running before breakfast. Orthodox people are permitted to pray right before breakfast while the rest of us clean our barracks. A lot of guys have started praying this week for the first time ever, just to get out of cleaning up. I'm still cleaning every day, though. I figure that if I have to stand in front of God one day and explain to him that the only reason I prayed was to get out of scrubbing a toilet, I can't imagine he'd be too impressed with me. If I do pray, if should be for a good reason.

Two nights ago, my squad had guard duty for the barracks. It was kind of pointless, because they didn't give us loaded magazines until yesterday. I got the worst time: right in the middle of the night at 3 a.m. Everyone had to guard for half an hour, and at the 20-minute mark, you had to go wake up the next person. The length of guarding will, of course, increase over time. You can't talk on the phone, sit or read while guarding, only drink (and nothing alcoholic), so it can get boring. I would walk up and down the halls and when I

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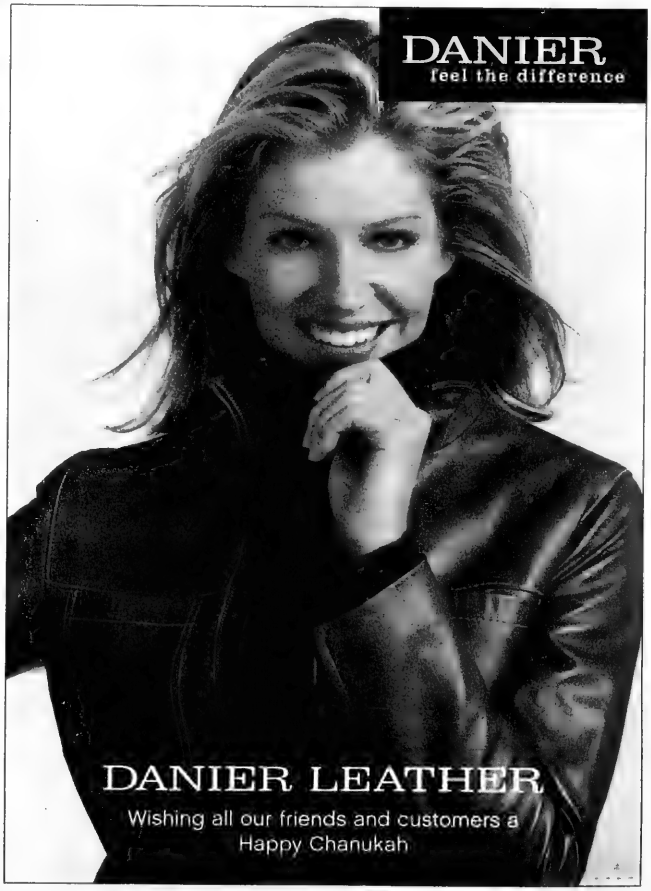
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‘I am very proud that the army instills morality’

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reached the entry way outside, I would throw my gun at my hip, bend my knees, and start spraying the courtyard with fake bullets like Rambo. (You gotta have some fun when you can, otherwise things can get pretty boring.)

On another note, there is this incredible and very stupid divide between the Russian soldiers and the western soldiers. They really don’t like each other and yesterday a fight almost broke out. As a Canadian of Russian descent, I get the best of both worlds: the Russians like me because I speak the language (and I’m getting much better at it, by the way – they all say I speak very well) even though I was born and raised in Canada, and the westerners like me because I’m one of them. There are tons of Russians. I know them better than the American, British and French soldiers do, and they are good guys. They are very helpful when I don’t understand something in Hebrew (which happens a lot), and they are generally very friendly. They respect the idea that someone came from Canada to defend Israel.

Trust me when I say that the French, the Russians, the Israelis, the South Americans, etc. all think Canada is paradise, and listening to some of the stories they have to tell me about where they come from, it really is a paradise. Many people, without even visiting Canada, pine to live there, just because they hear only good things about it. When they finally met a Canadian, it seems that all their pre-conceived ideas about Canada and its people held true. I’m glad I was able to live up to all that.

Anyway, I’m back home until Monday. I wish I had some pictures to send. I’m still working on it, but I will send some soon of me in uniform with my gun. I’m getting a cellphone this weekend, so if anybody is interested, I’ll be more than happy to give you the number. All incoming calls for me are free, so it makes more sense to have people call me than vice versa.

That about covers it for now. I’ll try to write next time I’m free, but it will be getting more difficult, because people are going to start losing their weekends when they make mistakes, so it’s possible I may be one of them.

Until next time,
Avi.

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Two weeks later...

Hello to all.

Two weeks at the base and I’m back home relaxing and recovering. There certainly is much to recover from and much to tell, so I hope you all have a coffee handy because this one is going to be a marathon.

For the life of me, I can’t imagine how CNN, BBC, CBC, etc. can question the Israeli army’s morality. When guarding a base, there is a whole process you must go through before you can even shoot at an approaching suspect. I guarantee you will not find this in any other war zone. When a guard sees someone coming toward his position, he has to yell in Hebrew, “Stop.” If there is no response, he has to yell, “Stop, identify yourself.” If there is no response and the figure is still coming toward him, he must then yell in Arabic, “*Wakef walla ana watuchka,*” which means, “Stop, or I’ll shoot.” If there is still no response, he needs to radio the dispatcher so his superiors are aware of the situation. Then he has to cock his weapon so the person (or persons) hear that he is for real. If the figure continues to approach, the soldier must shoot into the air. If they still come toward him, once he sees them more clearly, he must shoot them in the leg. If they are on heroin, or have super strength, and a bullet in the leg doesn’t stop them and they continue to approach, only then does he have the right to shoot to kill. If a soldier does not follow these rules to the letter, he faces a court martial.

I have yet to hear any stories about other armies in the world who put their own soldiers in such danger just to ensure that innocent people are not killed during wartime. While I believe the formalities take too much time and expose soldiers to unnecessary risk by allowing a potential terrorist to come closer to them, I am very proud that the army instills this morality into all its soldiers. It’s a shame the major news outlets don’t mention this in their stories about Israel.

My first weekend on the base was not as bad as I thought it would be. Special food is made for Shabbat and people are generally in a better mood than during the rest of the week. The observant soldiers really lighten up the atmosphere because of the euphoric effect Shabbat has on them. Breakfast was optional on Saturday morning, so I took the time to catch up on my sleep.

The days leading up to the weekend were exhausting. On Thursday night/Friday morning, I drew 10 hours of guard duty: 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the bunker (really an ammunition depot), 12 a.m. to 2 a.m. at the western lookout and again there from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. I was lucky enough to have a partner with me all three times, because doing it alone would have been brutal. We are allowed to sit for 10 minutes out of every hour, and without someone to talk to, it becomes very easy to fall asleep. As I mentioned in my last letter, we are not allowed to talk on the phone or read or listen to the radio or do anything else while on guard duty, just sit for 10 minutes an hour. I am not looking forward to the times I’ll be guarding alone.

To add to my exhaustion, on Wednesday we had a day out in the field camping and training. It was an incredible experience, but it did not give me much time to rest. On Wednesday morning, we hiked 2 kilometres

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'We were camping in a field where cattle graze'

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to our campground and had begun to set up camp. Before I got going on the tent, I was selected to clean up the area where the food would be kept. For some reason, we were camping in a field where cattle graze, so there were mounds of cow dung everywhere. There I was, a *kravee* (combat soldier) in the Israeli army, scooping cow crap with a shovel – not a great start, to say the least. After an hour of that, I was finally allowed to set up my tent. My tent partner, who was also shoveling, was absolutely no help. I had to set the thing up by myself, and it was not my best work. To make matters worse, our tent had huge rips in it, so if it were to rain, we would be screwed. Of course, it rained. I was anticipating a cold night.

After the tents were set up, we did some field exercises, which were arguably the most painful things I've ever done. We started with field rescues of other soldiers, so the scenario was that one person was shot and the other guy had to carry him to safety. My partner weighed about the same as me (190 pounds) so I slung him on my shoulders and carried him on my back. I don't think it was the most comfortable of positions, because he was swearing in Russian using words I've never heard before. After I carried him, we switched. The weight wasn't tough, but my height proved to be difficult. He handled me well. I was impressed.

After that, we did crawling exercises, and this is where the pain began. We first had to crawl over rocks that were not bigger than an average fist, but there were hundreds of them, so when you drag your body over them, needless to say, it hurts. After doing that a few times for a few hundred feet, we were then made to crawl through thorn bushes. Some people couldn't do it because of the pain, but most did. My legs and arms were so scratched up that after that exercise, I felt numb from all the pain. A few nights ago I was getting undressed for bed, and I noticed my knees and legs have hundreds of scab marks from the thorns, and even as I write this, I can look down at my hands and see dozens of scabbed scratches.

> ***'My legs and arms were so scratched up... I felt numb from all the pain'***

When night fell, we did a simulation in which we snuck up on a mock terrorist position. Our company commander took our platoon down the hill about 300 feet and we had to crawl back through thorn bushes and lots of rocks to a glow stick at the top. If he saw you, he would send you back to the bottom to do it again. Tito from South America tried to make a run for it near the end and the commander tackled him into the thickest thorn bush in the field.

When I was crawling up the hill, I stopped to look down and realized that we were crawling through an area of cow dung. To make matters worse, the hill we were crawling up had also been used as the company toilet for the past several hours. Well, a soldier's gotta do what a soldier's gotta do, so we crawled through each other's urine and through the cow manure until we finally reached the top – sore, bleeding, bruised, and stinky.

When we were finally allowed to go to sleep, we were told we had to wear all our clothes and our boots. I didn't want to sleep in my bag with all my disgusting clothing and boots, but if I didn't, it would have been too cold. In the end, I compromised: I was in the bag but my boots were hanging out. Not that I was going to get a lot of sleep anyway, because our company commander woke us up two hours later for a simulation in which our camp was under attack. Everyone ran out of their tents and took positions around the camp. Then, we were on the ground once again, crawling through thorn bushes, rocks, cow defecate and human waste. More simulations followed of people being shot and us having to carry them to safety. All this while we were half asleep. The company commander and squad commanders were yelling and going crazy. It really felt as if we were under attack – only minus the bullets.

On Thursday, we went to the firing range again. My gun is still shooting high, but at least it shoots straight now. The commander was impressed that I got all my bullets into the target's head, even though I was aiming for its body. We did some more exercises, this time in camouflage, so we all had to take mud and cover all exposed skin. It was hilarious to watch the pretty boys cringe at the idea.

The food in the field is offensive, to say the least. Every meal is the same: bread, canned tuna, canned meat (called *loof* in Hebrew), a tomato and an apple. Breakfast, lunch and dinner, we ate *loof*. I can't eat that dog food, so I survived on tuna and bread for my time out there. I kept dreaming about the day I'll be sitting in a nice sushi bar eating tuna the way it was meant to be eaten.

On Tuesday, we toured a number of bases in the north: one tank base, one artillery base and one combat engineer base (combat engineer is a fancy title for people who like to

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‘Before bedtime...we got to see the more human side of our slave drivers’

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blow stuff up). The tank base is situated at the Israeli, Syrian and Jordanian border and is the first line of defence against an attack. Literally 100 metres away is an Unwanted Nobodies (UN) base that is there to “monitor” the peace.

The combat engineers did a few demonstrations for us with explosives. They detonated a few bombs, the largest being 2 kilograms. That bomb was absolutely deafening even from our safe position a good 150 metres away. It really makes you think about those 30, 40- or even 50-kilogram bombs the terrorists use and the devastating effect they have. We were told a 50-kilogram bomb could lift a tank right off the ground.

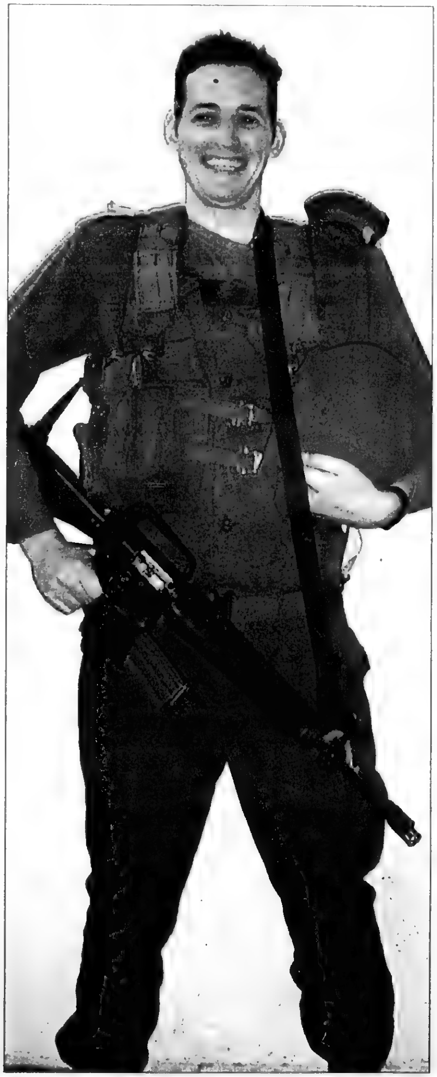
On Wednesday evening was our graduation ceremony from pre-basic training, so all morning and afternoon we had to practice marching in formations for the big event. My group had only been there for 3 weeks, but other groups had been there for months learning Hebrew at the base. All their parents came out to see them graduate, so we had to impress. I must have stomped my feet at least 10,000 times in unison with the other soldiers and my soles were in pain that night.

Before bedtime, our commanders spoke to our squads privately in an attempt to break down the distance between recruits and leaders, as is customary in the Israeli army. They wished us all good luck, gave us advice, pointers and opinions. It was at this time we got to see the more human side of our slave drivers. They are all very nice people and I’m honoured to have known them and to have trained under them, even if it was only for 3 weeks. I learned so many combat skills and now I’ll spend the next 4 months honing them and learning even more.

That about covers my situation up to date. Until next time,
Avi

P.S. The army has confirmed which unit I’ll be serving in. I’m going to paratrooper school!

(The author left Toronto for Israel just after Rosh Hashana.)



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Sensing the anguish in Kafka's Prague

By BARUCH COHEN

"Had one to name the author who comes nearest to bearing the same kind of relations to our age as Dante, Shakespeare and Goethe bore to theirs, Kafka is the first one would think of." — W.H. Auden

"…he gave shape to the anguish of being human."— Kafka biographer Ernst Pavel

After spending a week this summer in Prague, Kafka's birthplace, I returned to my home in Montreal, where my books on the city and its Jews lay on the table, just where I had left them.

This past July 3 marked the 120th anniversary of Franz Kafka's birth. Kafka, the modest, shy, extraordinary writer who explored the deepest mysteries of life and the destiny of his people, is, in today's Prague, almost only a name on a café bistro sign. There is also a small store dedicated to him, called the Kafka Museum, which has a few pieces of Judaica and a few books about his writing. But nowhere in the city where Kafka lived and wrote is there a meaningful memorial to this greatest of 20th-century writers.

The son of Herman and Julie Kafka, Kafka was born on July 3, 1883. He died June 3, 1924, at age 41, and was buried in his native city. About 100 mourners attended the funeral. His closest friend, Max Brod, delivered the eulogy. It is well known that in his will, Kafka ordered Brod to destroy his manuscripts after his death. But after much thought, Brod decided to ignore the will and published all of Kafka's manuscripts in his care. In 1937, Brod wrote the first in-depth biography of his writer friend.

Kafka received his doctorate in jurisprudence in 1906, and worked first at a private insurance company. He never looked upon literature as a career, though writing was fundamental to his life. In his diaries of 1910-1913, he wrote: "At this moment, I have a great need to root out my anxiety by describing it completely, and as it comes from the depths of my being to transfer it to the depths of the paper."

We learn details about Kafka's life from his writings, such as the unique works of fantasy *The Metamorphosis*, *The Great Wall of China*, *In the Penal Colony*, *The Trial* and *The Castle*. In these and in his other works, we sense his feelings of estrangement, guilt, anxiety – feelings that are symptomatic of his era, our modern age and my own life as a Romanian Holocaust survivor. I sense that he was engaged in an unending quest, experiencing seething anxiety at the realization that neither his problems, nor the world's, could be solved.

Indeed, Kafka's writings offer no satisfactory answer to man's plight. His greatness lies not in his descriptions of quandaries and obstacles, but rather in his portrayals of situations in which the main characters – seemingly normal and innocuous – are never released, never freed from their burdens. His subjects draw on the loneliness he felt within his own family, the misunderstandings between him and his father, his isolation as a member of the Jewish community and his consequent moral and religious exile.

In his diaries, he wrote, "My principle was to walk, to dress, to wash, to read, above all to shut myself up in my room, in the way that caused me the least trouble, and demanded the least courage."

As a Holocaust survivor, I can relate to these words. Kafka gave shape to the anguish of being human. I, too, expected life to provide decency and trust between human beings, but the world offered something entirely different: struggle, conflict and war.

Although the word "Jew" does not appear in any of Kafka's books, he was very much a

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The clock tower of the 16th-century Jewish town hall of Prague. Inset, Franz Kafka.

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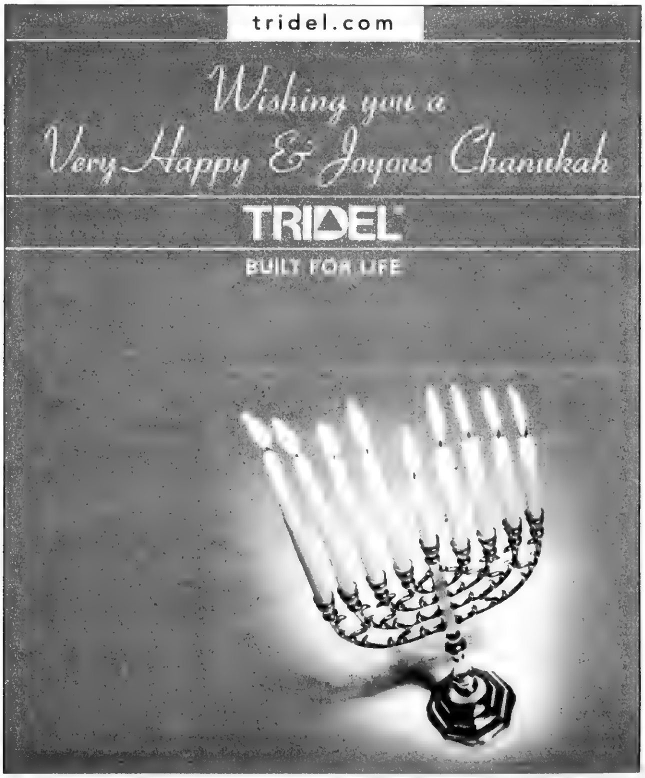
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Kafka's views on religion were controversial

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Jewish writer. Unnamed threats, which end in judgment and executions, fill his riddling stories. We do not know the identities of the accusers and accused in his tales, but we do know that fewer than 20 years stood between Kafka's apocalyptic fantasies and the Nazi takeover of Europe.

The character "K" in *The Trial* can only be a Jew – he is a wanderer, hunted despite his innocence, consumed by anxiety, turning his intelligence and his emotions against himself with a painful, overheated imagination. Kafka was among the first modern writers who, out of the ashes of his own assimilation, sought to reconnect to his people.

Kafka's views on religion were controversial. It is no wonder that his works have provoked so many different reactions. Religiosity without any institutionalized religion is problematic, but Kafka shared his approach with other Jewish intellectuals of his generation, including Brod, Hugo Samuel Bergman, Gershom Scholem and Martin Buber. Scholem, who illuminated Kafka's work by applying kabbalistic interpretations to it, regarded Kafka as a distant inheritor of ancient mystic thought, and saw the influence of the Bible and the *Zohar* (Jewish mysticism's key text) on his work. I consider Kafka's writing a kind of profound, intimate prayer.

> ***I felt I'd meet Kafka whenever I turned around a corner***

While I was in Prague, I felt a certain sadness. But there were times when I felt uplifted, strolling on the same narrow lanes where Kafka once walked. I could feel myself walking alongside him. At those moments, I had a kind of revelation about the place, and could understand how those streets, wrapped in so much Jewish mystery and magnificent architecture from the Middle Ages could give birth to Kafka's work. There is, I think, something medieval in the horror of Kafka's writings.

Walking along the narrow streets of the Old Town, I felt I'd meet Kafka whenever I turned around a corner. I remembered the words of literary critic George Steiner, who said, "Kafka's nightmare vision may well have derived from private hurt and neurosis. But that does not diminish its uncanny relevance… Kafka was in a literal sense a prophet. He saw, to the point of exact detail, the horror gathering."

I was under the illusion that I would be able to recognize particular locations, such as the castle, from Kafka's descriptions of them. In fact, the Prague Castle is a vast complex of buildings. Seeing the landmark today, packed with tourists, I found it hard to imagine Kafka's mysterious edifice, with gates and watchmen, locked with an infinite number of bolts.

In the Old Town Square, I visited one of his family's apartments, which is now a museum. As I visited places from his life, it seemed to me as if he would emerge from one of the buildings to join me on my stroll.

On Kafka's birthday, I paced up and down Maisel Street, sensing that Kafka was with me, the remnants of his depressing childhood reminding me of my own. It was my last day in Prague. It saddened me to leave and not take more of the city with me besides the street name, the gloomy store, the shabby exhibition on his anniversary, a few books, all in Czech, displayed on a hidden stand. The Franz Kafka Society was closed for vacation in July and August.

A few hours later, I turned back and visited, for the second time, the Alfred Kohn gallery, which has a permanent exhibit on Kafka's Prague. In his paintings, Kohn focused almost exclusively on motifs from Kafka's Prague ghetto, creating many variations of the most prominent images – the Old-New Synagogue, the Old Jewish Cemetery, Joseforska Street (now Siroka Street), Maiselová street, the cemetery, the tombstones around the grave of the Jewish town's mayor, Mordecai Maisel (1526-1601). His subjects often complement each other, forming a panorama of picturesque corners. Kohn died in Prague on April 3, 1953 at the age of 85.

There are few other memorials to Kafka in Prague. Regrettably, the so-called "Kafka Museum" does not offer the visitor more than a small number of pictures and books. It was a poor contrast to a superb exhibition I once attended on Kafka at the Leo Baeck Institute in New York in December 1969.

None of the exhibits I saw in Prague suggested the majesty of the city's history. One of the oldest cities in Europe, Prague

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'In my memories now... Kafka the friend, the Jew and his life'

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was a bridge between the East and the West. Its Jews were not only merchants and middlemen but also bearers of culture. Jewish tradition expressed itself in a variety of forms – rabbinism, mysticism, rationalism, modernism – and Jewish creativity flourished there. The Old Jewish Cemetery, established in the 15th century, holds thousands of graves. On its gate is written "The House of Life." The gravestones remain crowded against one another, and among them is the resting place of the famous 16th-century sage, the Maharal of Prague, Rabbi Judah Loew. The New Jewish Cemetery, located outside the Old Town, is part of the recent, emerging history of Prague's Jewry, reflecting the threads of assimilation and the horrors of the Holocaust. It contains, among thousands of graves, Kafka's final resting place.

My stroll gave me a sense of the historic richness of Czech Jewish communities. Some of this richness is displayed in the Maisel museum, which houses textiles, portraits, silver and manuscripts representing eight hundred years of Bohemian and Moravian Jewish life. The museum was reconstructed in 1894 in a neo-Gothic style. It is said to have been built on the site of a house where Rabbi Loew – who fashioned the legendary man-monster, the Golem, from the mud of the Vltava River – once taught Kabbalah.

The large, rich archives of the Jewish Museum, the core of which is its collection on the Prague Jewish community, were re-constituted after the liquidation of 153 Czechoslovakian Jewish communities during the Nazi period.

I also visited Prague's synagogues, attending services at the Spanish Synagogue and the Old-New Synagogue. The Maisel Synagogue, a famous tourist site, was originally built by a rich businessman, Mordecai Maisel, and had been a private prayer house in the 1590s. It displays fine-wrought Torah shields, pitchers (ritual wash basins), spice boxes, candlesticks, menorahs and numerous other precious items of Judaica. It is a fine museum, worth seeing again and again.

My attention was focused on a handwritten manuscript, dated Oct. 30, 1944, by Frantisek Bass. It reads:

I am a Jew
I am a Jew, a Jew I shall remain
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I will not give up my nation,
I will fight always
for my nation, on my honor
I will never be ashamed
of my nation, on my honor
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I shall always be oppressed
I shall always live again!

As I flew back to Montreal, I thought about the sad remnants of Prague from the Nazi period, and the suffering and the destruction of the "old-new" Jewish community's life. Not only Jewish lives, but much valuable reference material, were destroyed. Documents that could have aided future researchers were destroyed by Nazi barbarism.

In my memories now, I carry with me not only Kafka's Prague, but Kafka the friend, the Jew and his life. I carry with me the image of the Jewish town hall with the Hebrew letters on its clock. At home in Montreal, I shall go back to Kafka's books to read, again and again, his letters and diaries, which represent his will, his everlasting monument.

In Prague, I saw only a few of the many things I had wanted to see. Yet even that little bit was overwhelming.

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Chanukah, Italian-style, in Jerusalem

By BATSHEVA POMERANTZ
Israel Press Service

The warm glow of the Chanukah candles commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple after it was defiled by the Greeks in the second century BCE.

Almost 2,000 years later, in 1952, the rededication of a beautiful Italian synagogue took place in Jerusalem. Located in the city's centre, the reconstructed shul is adjacent to the Museum of Italian Jewish Art, which has, among its Judaica, a fine collection of Chanukah lamps.

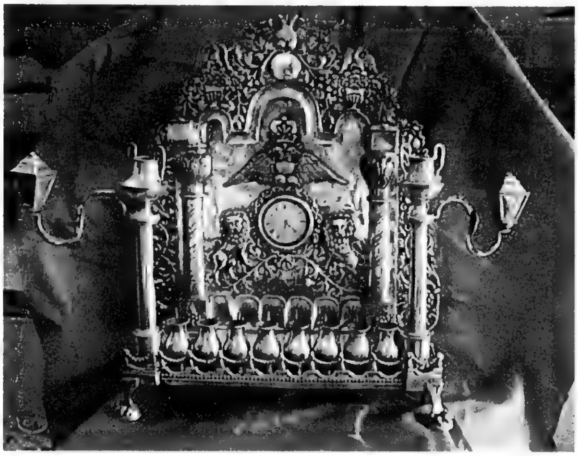
Polina Levy Eskenazi, the museum's educational director, explains that the Italian Jewish community is among the most ancient communities, dating back to the Second Temple, with similar customs to ancient Israel.

"Neither Ashkenazi or Sephardi, the Italian Jews have their own customs and prayers."

The Italian synagogue is used on the Sabbath, holidays and for family celebrations by Jerusalem's Italian community. Its items of furniture and the beautifully embroidered textiles for the Torah ark and scrolls transport visitors to another era.

During Chanukah, a large brass chanukiyah from the museum is placed in the synagogue for the kindling ceremony. The lamp, which has twisting branches and petal-shaped holders for the glass vials containing the oil, was donated by members of the small town of Casale Monferrato and resembles the original menorah from the temple.

The synagogue itself is from Conegliano Veneto, a village near Venice, and closed its doors after World War I when only seven Jews remained in the community.



A unique silver chanukiyah, which was owned by an Italian family but made in Poland, has small, removable urns for oil and a clock embedded in the center, probably as a reminder of when to light the chanukiyah.

In 1918, Rabbi Aaron Deutsch, a chaplain in the Austro-Hungarian army (which had captured Conegliano), was looking for a place to hold Yom Kippur services and heard about the synagogue. He obtained the keys, crossed the portals through dust and cobwebs, and stood amazed at the splendour of the place. Word spread and Jewish soldiers flocked to these services, making a fitting finale for the glorious synagogue.

About 30 years later, Italian Jews in Israel, wishing to continue their tradition and to rescue items of Judaica remaining after the Holocaust, negotiated with Italian authorities. As a result, the Conegliano synagogue was dismantled, packed up and sent to Jerusalem in 1951. At the dedication and first prayer service in 1952, an elderly Jew could hardly hold back his tears – it was Rabbi Dishon, formerly known as Rabbi Deutsch.

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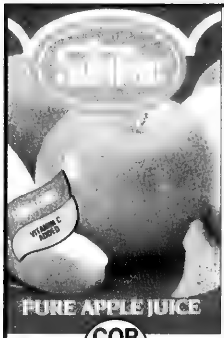

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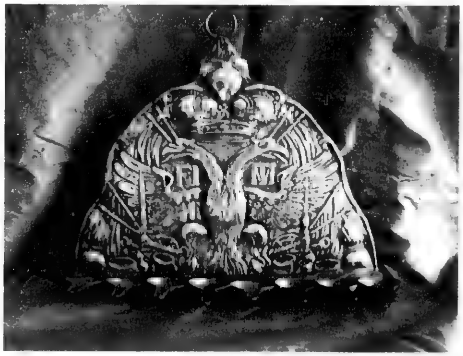

An 18th century brass chanukiyah from the Museum of Italian Jewish Art in Jerusalem, currently on loan to Israeli President Moshe Katzav, was made from the helmet of a soldier serving in the Austro-Hungarian army.

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Altogether, the Italian community in Israel was able to bring 40 holy arks, many artifacts and two synagogues from Italy. (The other synagogue is housed in the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.)

Chanukiyot, although similar in their general features, differ in style and materials used, and are influenced by the folk art, architecture and even the military history of the community.

A fascinating lamp from the museum, currently on loan to the official residence of Israeli President Moshe Katzav, is a brass lamp made from the helmet of a soldier who served in the Austro-Hungarian army. The pointed back is engraved with the symbol of the eagle and has the initials MT and FI for rulers Maria Theresa and Frederick I, dating the lamp to the 18th century.

Another original Italian chanukiyah is a 16th century brass lamp from Florence. Influenced by Renaissance architecture, it resembles a 14th century castle, with turrets and a high lookout tower.

One unique silver lamp, owned by an Italian family but made in Poland, has small, removable urns for oil and a clock embedded in the centre, probably as a reminder of when to light the chanukiyah. The lamp has two tall vessels, shaped like street lanterns, for the shamash, which were probably used during the year as Shabbat candlesticks.

The Museum of Italian Jewish Art can be found at on the Web at www.jija.org.

A young boy lights a brass chanukiyah with twisting branches and petal-shaped holders, which was donated by Jews from Casale Monferrato. The annual lighting of this chanukiyah in the Italian synagogue is a rare example of putting a museum piece to use.

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From the Black Sea to the Holy Land

By JUDITH ARONSON SHAHAR

Little attention has been devoted to the subject of Jews who left Europe after World War II and were interned in British detention camps in Cyprus.

Their plight began in the summer of 1946, and for many, it was a difficult and harrowing experience.

After World War II, the Zionist organization in Romania was active, trying to recruit young Jews to immigrate to Palestine. Their efforts relied on emissaries from Israel (shlichim) who came specifically to inform us about our prospective homeland. At a meeting in northern Romania, Zionist delegates from different towns gathered. I was a representative, along with two others, from the Zionist training camp in the city of Ploesti, where I went in the spring of 1947 as a member of the socialist Zionist youth movement, Hashomer Hatzair.

My group lived on a farm where we worked during the day and then sang Zionist songs and danced the horah in the evening. The experience was meant to prepare us for kibbutz life in Palestine.

> ***Arriving in Cyprus, we were checked and sprayed with disinfectant by the British***

At the end of December 1947, the Haganah undertook an intense operation to get 15,000 refugees from all over Romania to emigrate. We were supposed to embark in two large American ships: the Pan York and Pan Crescent, stationed in the Black Sea port of Constantsa.

Anna Pauker, a Jew herself, was a Romanian government official at the time. But she and other officials were not sympathetic to our cause. The government suddenly changed its mind: the emigrants would be allowed to leave as agreed, but the embarkation could not take place in Romania.

The Bulgarian government, which had always been friendly toward our aspirations, permitted the two American ships to dock in the port of Varna.

We travelled to the Black Sea in railroad cattle cars, lying on hard floors, trying to stay comfortable. When we finally reached the Black Sea, a number of Bulgarian Jewish youths joined us.

The embarkation took 2½ days to complete. The passengers came on board organized in groups of 50, each group with its leaders, doctors and nurses. We were each permitted to take only three changes of clothing. With a knapsack on my back and a small case containing my documents and photos, I started my journey to the Holy Land.

As the ships set sail from Burgaz, Bulgaria, to an uncertain future and perhaps dangers ahead, the 15,000 passengers burst into an emotional *Hatikvah*. The ships were very crowded, each of us pressing into shelf space where goods were supposed to be stored for shipment. Out of Bulgarian territorial waters, we soon arrived at the Dardanelles. From afar we could see the city of Istanbul sparkling with thousands of lights, an astounding sight.

The Jewish Agency, pressured by the British government and the tense situation in the Middle East, agreed to a British-proposed compromise that the two big ships should be diverted. Soon after the ships passed through the Dardanelles, the British naval presence of three destroyers and two battle cruisers escorted our ships to the Island of Cyprus. We, the refugees of the Pan Crescent and Pan York, became interned in British detention camps.

Arriving in Cyprus, we were checked and sprayed with disinfectant by the British, who took my documents and never returned them to me. I was left only with my photos.

The 15,000 passengers of the Pan Crescent and Pan York joined thousands of other refugees, most of them released not long before from Nazi concentration camps and now held as prisoners in Cyprus.

The camps were divided into two blocks: "summer camps" at Caraolos and "winter camps" at Dhekelia and Xylotimbu. I was interned in "winter camps" #65 and #67. Each month, the British allowed 1,500 Jews to enter Palestine, 750 from camps in Europe and 750 from the Cyprus camps.

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Our struggle has not ceased

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The camps in Cyprus were depressing: prisons with ugly huts and tents, surrounded by barbed wire and watchtowers. Nothing green grew there. Only sand could be seen. The camps were situated along the shore, but nobody could go swimming. From time to time, a number of young men escaped at night, through a tunnel that was dug under a hut with the exit outside the camps. They were picked up by the Greek Cypriot underground and the Haganah, and they were brought safely to the coast of Israel in small boats.

On May 14, 1948, we heard an announcement on the radio: our homeland was declared an independent state. With tears in our eyes, we danced till late at night. We were a free nation. But emigration from the camps continued to be restricted.

During the time I spent in the camp, a teacher from Lithuania showed me how to extract threads from a mattress and knit a beautiful tablecloth using needles made out of wire. I started a tablecloth with six stitches and finished it with 1,500 stitches. I donated that beautiful tablecloth to the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre – my only souvenir from the camps – and it is on display in the museum.

My turn finally came to take a course given by the Haganah. The British thought we were doing exercises. But a few days after starting my training I contracted malaria. British soldiers drove me to Famagusta Hospital. A huge gate creaked behind me and I was out of the camp. I looked through the Jeep's windows to see the fields, the sea, free people… and the desire for freedom grew in my heart.

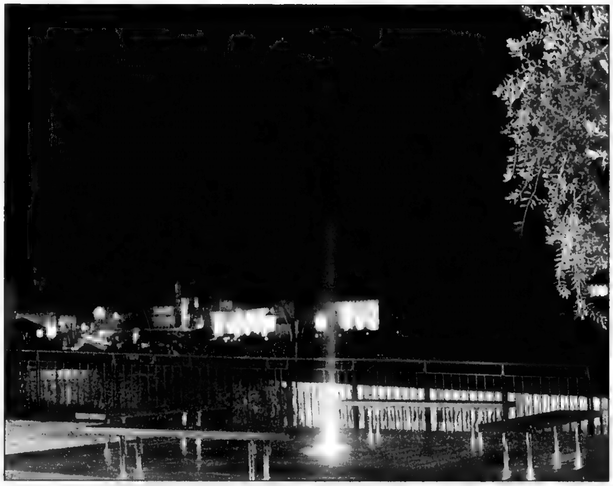
After a few days at Famagusta Hospital, I was transferred to Nicosia Hospital for further treatment. A British Jewish doctor, a woman by the name of Gordon, treated me with quinine, and in a week I was well enough to return to the camps. In the hospital, I was emotionally stirred by the patients who suffered from depression: from Nazi concentration camps to the Cyprus camps was too much for many to deal with.

I was weak after my bout with malaria, and the British allowed me to leave the camps. On Oct. 27, 1948, I embarked on the ship Hatikva, and in a few hours, I arrived in the port of Haifa. A feeling of happiness overwhelmed me. I was like a bird set free. I thrilled to touch the holy earth. The land of our forefathers spread out before me. It was a miracle to finally arrive at my cherished destination.

The last group from the Cyprus camps disembarked in Israel in February 1949. Thirty-nine illegal immigrant ships, more than 52,000 refugees, were interned in the Cyprus camps from August 1946 to May 1948 when the State of Israel was proclaimed. The camps were forgotten, but in 1970, the bodies of 100 children who had died in the camps were brought to Haifa to be buried in the hills of Mount Carmel.

Our struggle today has not ceased. Jews from Israel and all over the world have to be united, fighting for freedom. Israel is our homeland forever. The holy earth is wed with the blood of our children. I pray for peace.

Judith Shahar lives in Montreal. In 2001, she published the collection Poetry of a Young Heart.



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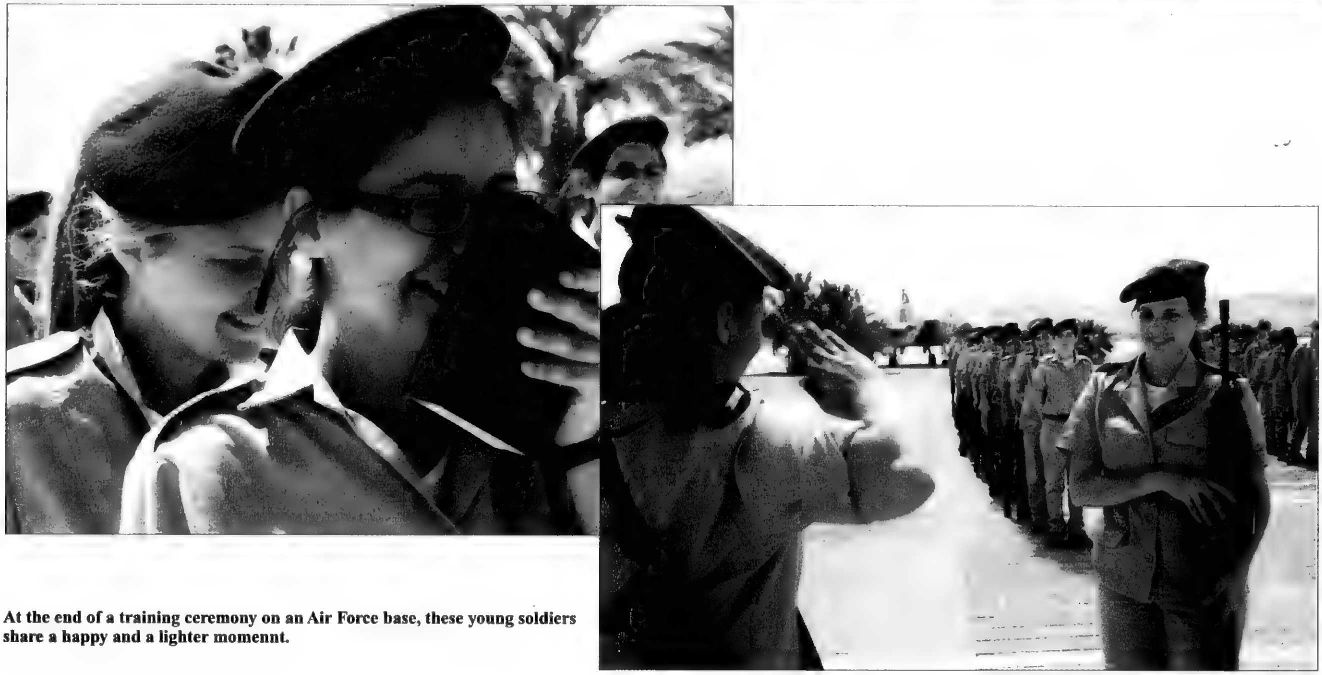

At the end of a training ceremony on an Air Force base, these young soldiers share a happy and a lighter momennt.

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Farm gives teens in distress a bright future

By **SHARON KARON**
Israel Press Service

JERUSALEM — "I came here to get away from the police," said 16-year old N., taking time off from a math lesson to talk about his new life at Sde Bar, an agricultural community that gives youth in distress a new start.

Like many of the teenagers at Sde Bar, he had been a street kid, often eating garbage and stealing to get money for drugs after he ran away from violence at home. A year later, the youth with clear blue eyes and long blond hair is responsible for the two herb and tea hothouses in the fledgling community located in a stunning part of the Judean Desert, 20 minutes south of Jerusalem in the West Bank.

The farm's warm, nurturing atmosphere has had a miraculous effect, transforming kids with notable police records into productive, responsible adults whose lives have meaning and direction.

"There are no bad boys, there are only boys to whom bad things happen," says Yossi Sadeh, the founder of the community who is known as "Abba" (dad) to many of the 100 young people he has "adopted" since he first began his heroic rescue mission in 1994.

"In Sde Bar, home, warmth, love and understanding are key words. I try to serve as a beacon."

It all began one raw, cold winter day when Yossi, 33, who served in a secret, elite commando unit in the Israeli army, noticed three forlorn teenage boys hanging around a park in Jerusalem when he came home from the army for the weekend.

"There was a look of despair about them," says Yossi softly. "I offered them the use of my apartment during the week and said that on the weekend we could be together. They just had to keep things in order."

The homeless, hungry youths jumped at the offer and later brought in two other boys.

Realizing that he could give a home to other such youngsters, Yossi decided to move to a larger house. He found a place in Beit Shemesh and then in Kiryat Arba until the Israel government allocated land (more than 100 dunams) for the current farm in Gush Etzion.

There are only two rules at Sde Bar: no violence and no drugs. "This is the boys' home for life. It is not an institution," Yossi says.

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Yossi's inspiration is Janusz Korczak

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Some of the older boys act as "big brothers" and spend Shabbat and holidays at the farm even after they have been drafted into the army, have left for university or taken a job in the city.

"Conversation is the strongest tool," says Yossi, who uses every opportunity to reach out to the teens, many of whom are withdrawn and distrustful when they first arrive.

Meeting Yossi in the olive orchard in the heat of the day, I hear him respond quietly and firmly to a young man who complains: "I have blisters on my hands from pruning the olive trees. Get someone else to take my place."

"Why don't you go get a drink, then come back," Yossi says without raising his voice. "I'll be there soon. It's a chance to talk. I'll work and you can talk."

A young boy tends goats at Sde Bar.

"I try to understand each boy. I give them warmth and love. A smile is like a piece of candy for them," said the intuitive, self-taught educator.

"I don't get much sleep," admitted Yossi. "Boys frequently wake up at night with nightmares, and I help calm them." Healing emotional scars, including bedwetting, is a primary task.

Yossi's inspiration is Janusz Korczak (1878-1942), the legendary Polish educator whose passion for helping disadvantaged youth prompted him to set up homes for orphans. Korczak believed that children should structure their own world and become experts in matters that interested them. A doctor and an author, he wrote about the rights of the child. Although his fame could have saved him, he refused to abandon the children when the Nazis sent them to Treblinka, and he died with them.

Youngsters at work in one of the Sde Bar hothouses. [IPS photos courtesy of Sde Bar.]

Many of Korczak's progressive ideas have been applied at Sde Bar.

"When a boy first comes to the farm, we try to find what his interests and innate abilities are," Yossi says.

One 14-year-old boy is in charge of the sheep and goats. He takes care of their medical needs and even helps in birthing.

Other youths make goat cheese, including tasty herbed cheese and very fine olive oil. Youngsters are also in charge of the sleek horses and have won medals in competitions, while others built the attractive dining room, complete with an earthen oven.

To improve the quality of the hothouse crops, N. took a six-month course at Hebrew University's faculty of agriculture in Rehovot. A bright boy, he has thrived under the one-to-one flexible system of learning at Sde Bar.

"Sometimes, I learn math for half an hour, and sometimes for two hours," he says.

Six teachers tutor the boys, many of whom come to Sde Bar lacking basic reading and math skills. With personal tutoring and motivation, they move ahead fast.

"I have a good mind and I like to learn, especially literature," says N., his candid sense of self-worth reflecting a 360-degree change since he arrived at the farm. He has already taken several exams toward his high school matriculation.

Many of the young men go on to university, and six of the Sde Bar family have become officers in the Israeli army. Some of the boys have married.

Whatever emotional or practical problems they have, "Abba" Yossi is there for them – to discuss romance, career, or to help negotiate reduced rent for an apartment.

A $1 million-a-year operation that includes four apartments in Jerusalem, Sde Bar is under pressure, funds permitting, to take in 200 more teenagers.

With a success rate of more than 90 per cent, compared to a 60 per cent rate for other programs, the farm has become a model for other initiatives by the Ministry of Education and Department of Welfare, and it has received approval to establish a new farm in the Galilee.

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Book Reviews

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Mordecai & Me by Joel Yanofsky (Red Deer Press)

Mordecai & Me
Joel Yanofsky

Richler & Yanofsky: "Writers should take up a place in our hearts and reside there, impertinent as squatters," writes Montreal journalist Joel Yanofsky in explaining the long-held obsession that prompted him to write *Mordecai & Me: An Appreciation of a Kind.*

Like a nervy young Duddy Kravitz taking on a challenge that many might have considered beyond him, Yanofsky succeeds at capturing the personality of one of Canada's best-loved authors in this quirky and entirely unauthorized biographical quest. Portraying himself as a sort of Woody Allen-type of literary schlemazel, he takes readers on an extensive excursion through Richler's fabled stomping grounds in Montreal, speaking with many people who knew him and presenting a surprisingly lively and riveting portrait.

With infinite chutzpah, Yanofsky cannily weaves details of his own unrealized dreams of literary success with insightful descriptions of Richler's celebrated life and literary accomplishments. In this, he reminds us of Zelig, the nebbish chameleon-like character that Woody Allen once played who was always elbowing into the lives of the rich and famous – only in Zelig's case, it was accidental.

Fortunately, Yanofsky's comic impertinence is easily offset by his strong writerly outlook and an encyclopedic knowledge of Richler's oeuvre. He knows his subject tremendously well, and it shows. Beyond all of the clowning and kibbitzing lies one of the strongest biographical sketches yet to emerge of this improbable literary colossus.

One of Yanofsky's conclusions is that "Mordecai Richler was the most infuriating, the most engaging, and complicated character that Mordecai Richler never wrote about."

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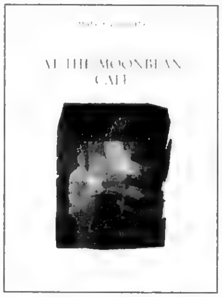
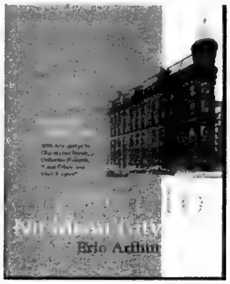
The Five Books of Moses Lapinsky by Karen X. Tulchinsky (Raincoast Books)

Tulchinsky & Lapinsky: Karen X. Tulchinsky lands a knock-out punch with her new novel *The Five Books of Moses Lapinsky*, which conveys the powerful tale of fictional boxer Sonny Lapinsky and his family, set against the milieu of Jewish Toronto in the '30s, '40s and '50s.



This three-generational family story is filled with Toronto lore, from the look and feel of the old Kensington Market neighbourhood to the infamous Christie Pits riot of August 1933, an episode that plays a central role in the Lapinsky saga. Tulchinsky's sure-footed storytelling also encompasses Russian pogroms and diverse scenes of army life in Canada and Europe during the Second World War.

Thoroughly researched and well written, *The Five Books of Moses Lapinsky* is a breakthrough novel for Tulchinsky that has already won much deserved praise. It's entirely understandable why Raincoast Books chose this heavyweight title (nearly 500 pages) to launch its new line of original hardcover fiction.



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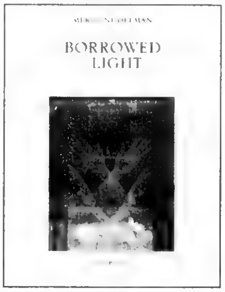
At the Moonbean Café by Malca Litovitz/ Borrowed Light by Merle Nudelman (Guernica Editions of Toronto)

Litovitz & Nudelman: And now for something completely different – two slim volumes of poetry by two Toronto poets. In her new collection *At the Moonbean Café*, Malca Litovitz describes what happens at the usual poetry reading: "We say our poems / then evaporate like the foam on cappuccino." Her book is for readers interested in a more prolonged encounter with her poetry.



Merle Nudelman's new volume is called *Borrowed Light.*

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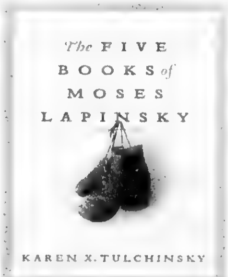
Toronto: No Mean City by Eric Arthur / Documenting a Province: The Archives of Ontario (University of Toronto Press)

Toronto & Ontario: The University of Toronto Press celebrates the heritage of our city and province with two recent lavish publications that will excite all those interested in local history.



When Eric Arthur's *Toronto: No Mean City* first appeared nearly 40 years ago, it instantly became a handbook for the city's nascent conservation movement. It has remained a classic ever since. Arthur, a New Zealand native who arrived here in 1923 to teach architecture at the University of Toronto, saw a sort of civic greatness in Toronto, reflected in its streets, history and buildings, and he taught others to see it, too.

Toronto: No Mean City is a visual compendium of this architectural greatness – much of which, dating from the 19th

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century, has given way before the wrecker's ball. The text reveals a deep knowledge of architecture, classical writers, and the history of Toronto as well as Rome, London and other cities.

The book has been republished in a third edition, with several additional essays by Christopher Hume and others, and a few recently-recovered early photographs added by editor Stephen Otto. It asks a central question: in the age of the megacity, can Toronto still live up to the greatness foreshadowed and promised by its early planners, architects and civic dreamers?

Published to mark the 100th anniversary of one of the province's most important heritage institutions, *Documenting a Province: The Archives of Ontario* at 100 provides a rich sampling of what that facility contains. The large hardcover book offers more than 300 intriguing illustrations of documentary art, maps, portraits, vital documents, photographs, letters and other artifacts, some dating back to the 18th century.

Some of the pictures are worth much more than the proverbial 1,000 words. Consider, for example, George Reid's deeply moving painting "Foreclosure of the Mortgage," in which a distraught family is gathered around the bed of the invalid father as a bailiff reads from a notice of dispossession. Or John Boyd's wonderful photograph of the 1890s, showing a train locomotive stuck in the snow.

Sample documents shown include the birth record for film legend Mary Pickford (born as Gladys Louise Smith in Toronto in 1892) as well as death records for victims of the 1918 Spanish influenza. A letter from WWI soldier Wally Gray to his parents describes his own serious wounds as well as the circumstances surrounding the death of his brother Charlie in a recent battle.

This commemorative volume, which contains a brief text in both English and French, celebrates but a few of the many heritage treasures stored in provincial vaults. This book is an excellent means by which to gain a better sense of what has been preserved for the benefit of all Ontarians.

One of the photos in Toronto: No Mean City is this 1895 building on Bond Street – the former Holy Blossom Temple and now a Greek Orthodox church.

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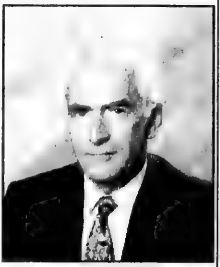

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Cinematic gifts for movie lovers

By LARRY ANKLEWICZ
Special to The CJN

At the end of each year I usually draw up a list of my favourite videos.

This was a bumper year for Jewish videos, both in numbers and in quality and limiting my choice to a dozen was difficult.

I have listed them in alphabetical order and if you wish to purchase any of these titles – they make great Chanukah gifts – it is best to check with your local video store first. If they don't have it or cannot get it, all of these titles are usually available through www.amazon.ca or www.amazon.com:

AMEN

Opening film at the 2003 Toronto Jewish Film Festival is now available on video, but people wanting to purchase it will probably have to do so via the internet. *Amen* tells how religious leaders in Germany and in the Vatican ignored the plight of European Jewry during World War II and how one SS officer tried to appeal to the Church's conscience.

THE BELIEVER

Ryan Gosling gives a stellar performance in *The Believer.*

Powerful drama about a bright Jewish boy who joins a neo-Nazi organization and becomes one of the chief Jew bashers in the group. A 2002 Toronto Jewish Film Festival presentation.

THE BURIAL SOCIETY

Canadian film about a bank employee who steals a large sum of money from a local bank and tries to disappear by volunteering to work in a small town's Jewish Burial Society.

TREMBLING BEFORE G-D

Excellent and thought provoking documentary about the plight of observant Jews who are gay and their desire to remain part of the Jewish community.

INVINCIBLE

Tells the story of a gentle Jewish strongman who winds up performing feats of strength in a 1930s Berlin night club and who tries to alert the Jews to the dangers facing them should the Nazis gain control of Europe.

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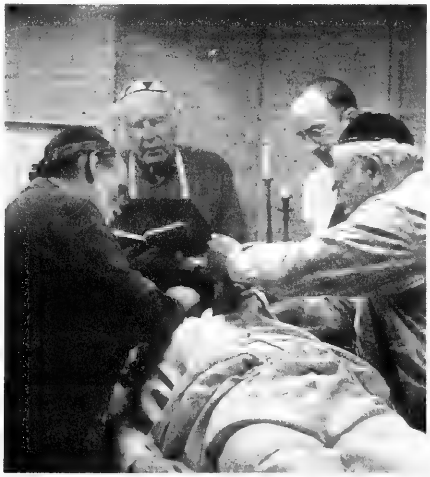

The cast of *The Burial Society.*

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Musical listening ideas for the Holiday

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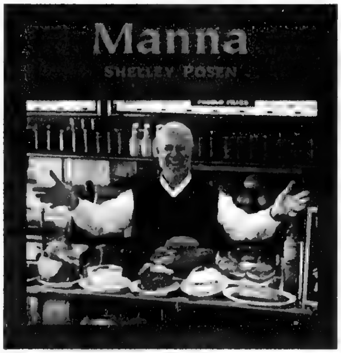

Holidays come with music. And music makes for happier holidays.

The following CDs recently arrived at *The CJN* offices.

In whichever mysterious way music reaches and stirs our soul, there is, among this very eclectic offering, something of special pleasure for every taste and every soul.

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For the folk singers and fans of the Mariposa Festival among us, *Manna* by Shelley Posen (Well Done Music) is rich and rewarding. As the publicist describes, *Manna* is "a tsimmis of original songs, funny and serious, about Jewish food, family and festivals. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll run to the fridge."

It's true.

The disc is a toe-tapping, humming, shoulder-swaying excursion through the Ashkenazi folkways of the Jewish home and hearth. Food, festival and life's inescapable frailties are the songs' dominant themes. The music itself is a hybrid of klezmer, folk, vaudeville, honky-tonk and piano bar.

Posen's voice is comfortable and comforting, like that of a friendly neighbour who can cast benign spells by telling us stories. His lyrics are playful, poignant, witty and insightful. They also demonstrate a strong grasp of religious traditions and ethnic terminology. Posen seamlessly blends Hebrew, Yiddish and English throughout his songs, all of which are his own compositions and celebrate the warmth of Jewish family life in all its inter-generational love and drama.

One of the songs in particular, *And We Sang Ha Lackhma Anya*, exemplifies the album's success. It penetrates the heart.

In it, Posen describes three generations of Pesach seders with a melancholy yet ultimately affirming eloquence. The song's closing stanza, in effect, describes the entire album:

And the voices of the present/ Join the voices of the past/ And they all will sing together/ Just as long as seders last.

The CD is a treat for youngsters and oldsters alike.

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For fans of hard-hitting rock and roll, *Sons and Builders* by Shirayim is the perfect musical entertainment.

The CD has nine tracks, all of them rippling with heavy electric bass, long- steel guitar riffs and fast-paced pounding rhythms. High-level energy permeates the album. It is a remarkable fusion of hard-edged rock and roll and traditional Jewish liturgy.

Prayers that the five-member band has put to their music, such as *Adon Olam* and *Mizmor L'todah*, were never davened like this before. All but one track were written by the group.

Four of the tracks were recorded live at Clinton's Tavern in Toronto. The audience reaction adds a measure of immediacy to the music.

Sons and Builders isn't quiet listening, but it is exciting.

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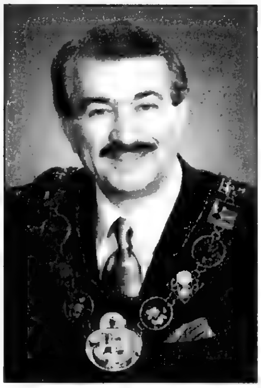

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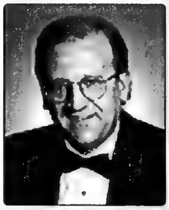

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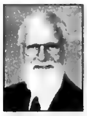
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For the Yiddishists and devotees of Klezmer music, *A Taste of Paradise* by The Klezmer Conservatory Band (Rounder Records) is a sensory treat.

It begins with a raucous first cut of Romanian shtetl music mayhem, full of lively multi-instrument dance passages. From this first playful dance, it progresses through poignant poetry and unfettered frivolity, all songs telling the tale of the Jewish people's wandering in Europe.

The liberal inclusion of songs in Yiddish beautifully enhances the breadth and the weight of *A Taste of Paradise*.

The album also provides a historical and sociological context for the music. For example, *A Fishele* (A little fish), sung movingly by Judy Bressler, is an allegory for the strivings of the Jewish people.

The centrepiece of klezmer music has always been the weeping, laughing sounds of the instrumental trio: the clarinet, fiddle and coronet. In this album, however, the piano plays a large role as well. The addition rounds out the band's overall sound.

The 11-person ensemble has compiled a broadly pleasurable mix of tunes from Europe's vanished Jewish world.

The songs carry the listener to another continent and time when the language our forebears spoke was more than a means of communication: it was a code into each other's hearts and the chief vehicle for expressing their hopes. That language, of course, inspired its very own earthy culture and way of life.

A Taste of Paradise is a taste of that time and culture.

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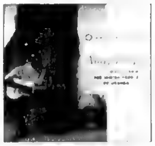
For enthusiasts of cultural fusions, *Abayudaya: Music from the Jewish People of Uganda*, is simply remarkable. Produced by Smithsonian Folkways Recordings, the album is a unique compilation of 24 pieces of liturgy, hymn and song that combines traditional African music with Hebrew liturgy.



Many North Americans are now more familiar with the sounds of African music as a result of the initiative taken by Paul Simon in 1986 when he incorporated the unique sounds of South Africa in his album *Graceland*.

Abayudaya's harmonies are rich and smooth, and the rhythms are fabulously fluid, sweeping the listener along in their velvet flow. The fact that there are so many children's voices on the album makes the music even more of a cross-cultural treat. The singer's heavy accents, at times, make the lyrics difficult to discern. But this is a minor matter and resolved as the ear becomes accustomed to the voices and pronunciations. Among the 24 songs are the familiar prayers *Adon Olam*, *Lecha Dodi*, *Hinei Ma Tov*, but sung in wholly unfamiliar ways to our western ears.

The liner notes provide background information about Uganda's Jews: "The Abayudaya, a community of approximately 600 people living in villages surrounding Mbale, in Eastern Uganda, are practising Jews. Many members scrupulously follow Jewish ritual, observe the laws of Sabbath, celebrate Jewish holidays, keep kosher and pray in Hebrew."

The album was recorded in a thatched hut on the grounds of the Mount Elgon Hotel, on the outskirts of Mbale.

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Classical music lovers will be grateful for *Lyra Hébraique: Music of Jewish Composers* (CBC Records).

It brings together three very talented musicians – Suzanne Shulman (flute), Mark Childs (viola) and Erica Goodman (harp) – to perform compositions by world-renowned composers Ben Steinberg, Paul Ben-Haim, Milton Barnes, Lothar Klein, Ernest Bloch and Brian Cherney.

Lyra Hébraique

Steinberg is the musical director at Temple Sinai Synagogue in Toronto and his music is the first track on the CD, establishing the mood and imagery for more than an hour of calming, soothing listening.

The prominence of flute passages evokes pastoral images of biblical hills in ancient times, the shepherd herding his flock, a lyre at his side and his eyes fixed reverentially to a horizon where the vast blue sky meets the face of his God.

The compositions stir the imagination as they soothe the soul.

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Shlock Rock: Almost on Broadway could really be called Broadway's favourite tunes meet Crown Heights' favourite prayers and *musar* (ethical instruction).

Shlock Rock
On Broadway

This collection of songs brings forthright messages of faith, prayer and practice to the familiar musical stylings of Broadway. The tunes are quickly recognizable from such famous productions as *Mary Poppins*, *Grease*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and *My Fair Lady*. The lyrics are generally witty and clever.

Lenny Solomon, the lead singer, has a pleasing, stay-at-home type of voice and is frequently joined by a supporting choir of diverse voices.

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GIFTS

Buying Israeli toys

By E. B. SOLOMONT
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Jacob Burgida is sure his five-month-old son loves his Symphony in Motion mobile.

When the baby gazes up at the mobile, he quiets down and coos, says Burgida, describing what he sees as his son's approval of the Israeli-made toy.

While the Burgida infant may be comforted by the mobile's shapes and colours, his father says he is pleased to have purchased the toy from LittleIsrael.com, a Web site that sells Israeli toys and clothing to children in the United States.

"I am a strong supporter of Israel and especially at this time, we need to use any avenue we can to continue our support," Burgida says.

> ***Web sites cater to North American Jewry***

As Israel's economy continues to founder with a weak technology sector and the violence of the Palestinian intifadah, buying Israeli products has become a popular way for Diaspora Jews to support the Jewish state.

Tourists in Israel often make an effort to go on spending sprees when in the Jewish state, and bazaars and fairs in the United States where Israeli merchants sell their goods have become popular.

But many consumers don't live near those fairs or find it more convenient to do their shopping from home. So an increasing number of Jewish consumers are turning to the Internet to support Israel through their purchasing power.

Web sites like LittleIsrael.com, Shopinisrael.com and Israeliwishes.com cater to the North American Jewish consumers' desire to help Israel's economy.

"It's an easier way to directly affect the economy rather than donating money or travelling there," says Adam Horowitz, who was happy to learn that the pajamas he bought for his nephews had become a favourite with the boys and their mother, who approved of the quality.

For one of LittleIsrael.com's founders, Jonathan Koch, a trip to the shoe store convinced him that Israel's high-quality goods could be marketed in North America.

Koch was trying to decide between two pairs of shoes when he happened to notice that one pair was made in Israel. That sealed the deal for him.

Thinking others would choose to buy Israeli products if given an opportunity, the self-described "serial entrepreneur" decided to capitalize. LittleIsrael.com was born a few months later as the cooperative effort of Koch, Russ Pechman and Howard Felson.

The Web site was launched officially in October.

"Buying Israel shouldn't be a sacrifice," Koch says. "It's about buying products at a good price and supporting Israel at the same time."

Israeli officials appreciate the move, too. The Jewish state has always relied on foreign trade, given its small domestic market, says Zohar Peri, Israel's economic minister for North America. "Today that small market is even weaker. We will export and live; that's the motto Israelis know."

Although Peri says that more substantive economic help to Israel lies in business-to-business ventures, he says aid to small businesses is important, too.

Amid e-commerce ventures that sell Israeli artwork, beauty products and jewelry, LittleIsrael.com has found a niche in the children's clothing and toy market.

The site features more than 200 Israeli-made products geared to infants through six-year-olds, ranging from blocks to baseball-covered pajamas to a bath toy that lets children fish for foam sea creatures in the tub. The products on the site sell for anything from $10 to $300.

LittleIsrael.com's products are not necessarily Jewish in nature. They're simply an alternative to the average toy store that allows buyers to benefit Israel, the site's founders say.

In addition to promoting Israelis' wares online, LittleIsrael.com donates 10 per cent of its profits to several Israeli charities, including the Alyn Children's Hospital, the Israel Sport Center for the Disabled, the Jerusalem Post Toy Fund and OneFamily, the Israel Emergency Solidarity Fund.

While Pechman says the primary goal is to help the Israeli economy, he acknowledges the positive effect it could have on kids' impressions of the Jewish state.

Young children absorb negative associations from violence and problems they hear about Israel, Pechman says. "By getting a gift from Israel, it's almost creating a new positive association" for the child.

Since its launch, the LittleIsrael.com Web site has generated several thousand hits. The founders say the timing is right for businesses like LittleIsrael.com.

"Sept. 11 raised our awareness of terrorism and anti-Semitism," Koch says. "Coupled with the intifadah and constant news of terrorism, the timing of these events had a big role in our mind-set when thinking about this."

Burgida rates the site "top tier" and says the concept seemed to be the best indirect way to help Israel.

> ***'Best indirect way to help Israel'***

"You buy products you are looking for anyway and help because you really want to help," he says.

For some customers, shopping Israeli online is simply the most feasible way to show their support.

"I don't have the opportunity to get on a plane and visit right now, but as American Jews we have an obligation to support our homeland in any way we can," says Yonni Wattenmaker, who bought toys for her niece and nephew on LittleIsrael.com.

A visit to LittleIsrael.com lets consumers shop by age category and product type. For shoppers struggling for ideas, the site also promotes the most popular items – a multitoy crib addition, that cost $39.95 (US), was recently featured.

Koch envisions selling computer software and other product categories in the future.

For now, LittleIsrael.com focuses on buyers getting their products from the purchaser as quickly as possible.

LittleIsrael.com only sells Israeli products that have U.S. distribution centres, because waiting three weeks for a toy is not acceptable to today's consumer, the company says.

Many customers are pleasantly surprised to hear they will get their purchase within a few days, says Pechman, who recently attended an Israeli goods fair to promote LittleIsrael.com. But "people were like, as long as it gets here before Chanukah, that's enough."

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Cinematic gifts for movie lovers

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MAX

Story of an art dealer in post World War I Germany, who tries to convince Adolf Hitler to pursue his art career rather than get involved in politics. Stars John Cusack and Noah Taylor.

MONSIEUR BATIGNOLE

Gentle French comedy set during the Nazi occupation of Paris. M. Batignole is an undistinguished butcher who is simply trying to make it through each day. Then his conscience is awakened and he rises to heroic heights when he sets off to smuggle several Jewish children out of the country. This film was part of last year's Toronto Jewish Film Festival.

Adrien Brody in Roman Polanski's *The Pianist*.

MY KNEES WERE JUMPING: REMEMBERING THE KINDERTRANSPORT

This was the first feature length documentary revealing the traumatic experiences of the children who were separated from their families in order to save them from the Holocaust. This film uses first hand accounts and archival footage to show the magnitude of this British undertaking that saved the lives of some 10,000 Jewish children. Scheduled to be released on video and DVD on Dec. 30, 2003.

NOWHERE IN AFRICA

Stunning photography and a moving story highlight this film of a German-Jewish family who fled to Kenya to survive the war years.

THE PIANIST

The remarkable Holocaust film by Roman Polanski about a Jewish musician's struggle to survive the Nazi occupation of Warsaw. Once he escapes from the ghetto, Gentile friends hide him out for most of the war and from his vantage point he witnesses the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and the futile revolt of the Polish underground.

THE GREY ZONE

Outstanding Holocaust drama about the dilemma faced by the 12th Sonderkommando unit in Auschwitz which was planning to launch a revolt against the Nazis. Directed and scripted by Tim Blake Nelson, this is an important addition to the genre of Holocaust films and was the closing film at the 2002 Toronto Jewish Film Festival.

Mia Sorvino in *The Grey Zone*.

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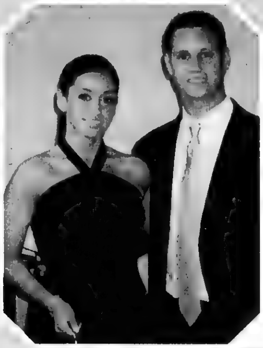


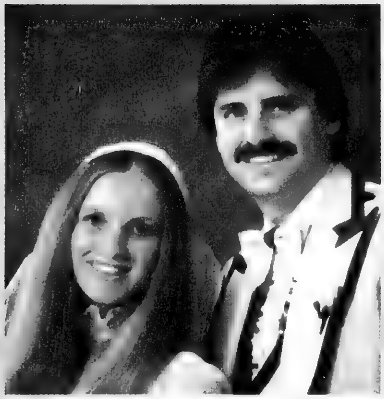
Mazel tov Naomi Rubinoff & Jeffrey Shapiro on your recent engagement. Love, Elaine & Alan Rubinoff and Lynn Shapiro and Barry Shapiro.

Happy second birthday to Samantha Taylor Forman, daughter of Fara & Michael. Love, your sister Jordyn Bailey.

We would like to wish our wonderful parents Sam & Carol Bloom mazel tov on their 40th wedding anniversary. We love you both very much.

Susan & Tom Molnar and Dr. & Mrs. Ross of Halifax are delighted by the engagement of their children Catherine (Kitty) to David. Mazel tov.

Vera & Russ Gillman,
Pat & Mike Thomas
and their families happily
announce the engagement
of Kristin & Cory.



Mazel tov to our parents Patty & Fred Weizenberg who are celebrated their silver anniversary. We love you very much. Your three financially dependent sons.

Happy second birthday Marlee from your brother Jesse, Mom & Dad Darren & Debbi Lastofsky of Boca Raton Fla., and grandmother Evelyn Lastofsky.

Mazel tov to Philip & Babe Rubinoff who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary, from Elaine & Verne Chelin and grandchildren Stuart and Pamela.

Mazel tov to Alan & Sheila Mostyn on your 30th wedding anniversary. You are an inspiration to us all. Love, your children.

Mazel tov to Sabra Eller and Walter Staudenmaier of New York on their engagement. Love, Dad, Matt, Brent and Mutt.

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Saturday, Dec. 20

CHANUKAH FOR YOUTH

The Jewish Russian Community Centre hosts a "Gen J" Chanukah Party for Young Adults, 8 p.m. 18 Rockford Rd. 416-222-7105, ext. 240 or www.genj.net.

Anshe Minsk Synagogue hosts "The Latkes Are Coming." Dance to the music of The King of Jewish Reggae, **Ron Wiseman**, and enjoy all the latkes you can eat. 8:30 p.m. 10 St. Andrew St. For information, call 416-595-5723 or e-mail reachus@theminsk.com.

Sunday, Dec. 21

FAMILY CHANUKAH PARTIES

The Winchevsky Centre offers a fun-filled, secular Chanukah celebration. The program includes a scavenger hunt, a trivia game, arts and crafts, music and storytelling. Members $5, non-members $8. 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Day starts at 10:30 a.m. 416-789-5502.

Chanukah Wonderland Carnival at the **Bathurst JCC**, 1-5 p.m. Fun for the whole family including games, prizes, menorah building, live klezmer music, clown show and more. $2. 416-222-7105 ext. 221 or www.jrcc.org/chanukah wonderland.

Solel Congregation invites the community to the biggest Chanukah party ever held in Peel Region. Enjoy clowns, music, face painting, magic show, caricatures, food and more. 2-4 p.m. at 2399 Folkway Dr. 905-820-5915.

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham and **Torah Tots Preschool** host "Chanukah on Ice and Carnival." Bring the family to skate and enjoy hot latkes, a menorah lighting ceremony, carnival games and booths, refreshments and music. Free. Rosemount Community Centre, New Westminster Drive and Bathurst Street. 4-6:30 p.m. 905-886-0420.

CHANUKAH BASH

Beth Tzedec Congregation's Generation Hutzpah, ages 20-30-something, presents "What: Get Lit!" Chanukah Bash at the Element Bar, 553 Queen St. W. 8 p.m. Visit genh.beth-tzedec.org or call 416-781-3514, ext. 47.

Tuesday, Dec. 23

CHANUKAH PARTY

Join Adath Shalom Sisterhood for their annual Chanukah party, including holiday treats and pianist and vocalist **Mickey Lewin**. 7:30 p.m. $7. 416-635-0131.

Wednesday, Dec. 24

THE SIXTH LIGHT

Aish20s hosts The Sixth Light with **BeyondEDEN** and other guests at The 360, 326 Queen St. W. 8 p.m. $10 cover. Call **Jono** at 416-993-9413.

Thursday, Dec. 25

JEWS AND CHRISTIANS

Beth Jacob Congregation, Torah in Motion and Jews for Judaism present "Jews, Christians and the Struggle for Truth" with **Herb Basser, Eric Lawee, David Novak** and **Rabbi Immanuel Schochet**. 9:15 a.m.-3:45 p.m. at Beth Jacob Synagogue, 147 Overbrook Pl. $20 in advance, $25 at the door. Lunch included. Visit www.torahinmotion.org or call 416-633-5770.

ROSH CHODESH PARTY

Join the JRCC's women only celebration of the new month, featuring lectures and discussions, music and refreshments. 18 Rockford Rd. 8 p.m. 416-222-7105, ext. 230.

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Adath Sholom Synagogue invites the community to join their daily Shacharit minyan followed by breakfast. Monday to Friday 8 a.m., Sunday 9 a.m. 864 Sheppard Ave. W. 416-635-0131.

HASHKAMAH MINYAN

Join the early minyan every Saturday morning at Beth Emeth Synagogue and stay for the delicious kiddush following services. 7:30 a.m. 416-633-3838.

JEWISH INFO SERVICE

Do you want to rent your basement apartment? Looking for a singles party? What about daycare services? Jewish Information Service of UJA Federation has all your answers. Let it be your Jewish 411. Call 416-635-5600.

LEARN HEBREW

Beth David Synagogue is organizing an intermediate Hebrew class for January 2004. If you are interested, know 50+ words and can read and write in Hebrew, call 416-633-5500.

Keren Hatarbut Institute is now accepting registration for its winter Hebrew language classes at 788 Marlee Ave. Courses are offered for adult, teenagers and preteens at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. Beginners will speak, write and read Hebrew in 14 sessions! Call **Joseph Klinger** at 416-787-0197.

Canadian Zionist Federation offers Hebrew language studies with **Channa Sargon** at 4580 Dufferin St. #508. Winter session begins the week of Jan. 5, 2004. Day and evening classes at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels with personalized attention. To register, call 416-633-3988 or e-mail czf@bellnet.ca.

Learn conversational Hebrew with **Yael Lev** using the ulpan method. Day or evening, three levels. Begins the week of Jan. 12, 2004. Call 416-225-6151 to register.

JACS

Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons and Significant Others has programs for people in need, including a "Teen Outreach Program" for 10 years+, Wednesdays 6-8 p.m., and an information night, Thursdays 8 p.m. Call the confidential phone line at 416-410-JACS.

ONE WEEK SAR-EL PROGRAM

Join Sar-El the week of February 15-20, 2004, and volunteer at an Israeli army base. For more information, call 416-781-6089.

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FOR SENIORS

Chai Shalom of Beth Emeth host a Gala New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance Wednesday, Dec. 31. 7:30 p.m. Music by **Boris Neiman**, midnight dessert, coffee and champagne. Members $60, non-members $70. For tickets, call **Molly Dykopf** at 416-633-1560 or **Marlene White** at 905-731-2515 (evenings).

Young at Heart Seniors winter trip to the Glatt Kosher Saxony Hotel in Miami. Two weeks to three months. Call **Helen**, 416-635-6343 (no Shabbat calls please).

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the boardroom at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Call 416-630-9444 for more information.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Casino Niagara, Dec 18. Saturday dance, Dec. 20; Sunday dances, Dec. 28. Bridge Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m. Intermediate and advanced players wanted. Call 416-395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. Dec. 18, bingo; Dec. 21, Chanukah party; Dec. 25, Israeli movie. **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 416-630-5771.

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The Morris 'Nafty' Naftolin Komedy Kabaret, Thursday, Dec. 18, 2:30 p.m.

Israeli Club Etrog for Hebrew speakers meets Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 23, Chanukah party at 7 p.m. (purchase tickets in advance); Jan. 6, Israeli movie. Call **Anna**, ext. 110.

WAGMAN CENTRE 55 Ameer Ave. 416-785-2500.

New Year's Celebration, dinner and music with **Mickey Lewin**, Tuesday, Dec. 30, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Members $18, non-members $25. Reserve in advance.

BATHURST JCC

Bathurst Jewish Community Centre and Koffler Centre of the Arts, 4588 Bathurst St. 416-636-1880 or www.bjcc.ca.

A Celebration of Music with **Kayla** at The Family Place @ the Jewish Discovery Museum. Thursday, Dec. 25, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. $18 per family. Price includes museum admission, music with Kayla, Chanukah snack and craft. RSVP by Dec. 19 to 416-636-1880, ext. 390.

Families Makin' Music with **Helen Bauer** for kids birth–5 years with parents and/or grandparents. Sing, dance, play, listen, laugh and learn together. Sundays 2-2:45 p.m at BJCC or Tuesdays 4:30-5:15 p.m at the Promenade Family Resource Centre for ages 4-5 years. For registration, call ext. 228.

National Lifeguard Training, Jan. 11-April 4, 2004, 6-10 p.m. Call **Graham** at 416-636-1880, ext. 252 or e-mail gungar@bjcc.ca.

Pre-natal class meets for two intensive Sunday sessions, Jan. 18 and 25, 2004, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is $136+GST per couple, and includes two complimentary BJCC health club passes. $25 deposit required to reserve a spot. To register, call ext. 390.

The Family Place @ the Jewish Discovery Museum has new weekly programs for children under five. Call ext. 390.

Register for programs at the Koffler Centre. Classes offered for children and adults include dance (ballet and jazz), visual arts (including ceramics, painting, calligraphy, photography and drawing), music (including private piano, flute, violin, guitar and band), drama and Nashir Children's Chorus conducted by **Marilyn Birenbaum**.

School and daycare registration for Sept. 2004 is now open. Call ext. 248.

MILES S. NADAL JCC

Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211 or www.milesnadaljcc.ca.

Watch for new winter programs including creativity workshops, an improv workshop, a klezmer players workshop, Tracing Your Jewish Roots (Jewish genealogy), Inner Torah with **Rabbi Aubrey L. Glazer**, Women's Chorus, Art History, Jewish World Beat Choir and Percussion Ensemble.

The 2004 Toronto Jewish Film Society program starts in January at the Al Green Theatre. For more information, call **Joelle Malka** at ext. 139.

Volunteers wanted

BAYCREST CENTRE

The Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care is looking for volunteers. The centre needs an experienced librarian to run the resident library, the Women's Auxiliary Café needs volunteers for food preparation and cashier assistance, and volunteers are needed to play an instrument and accompany residents in the Sing-A-Long program. Call the volunteer services department at 416-785-2500, ext. 2572.

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Circle of Care is looking for drivers to deliver Kosher Meals on Wheels to those who are unable to prepare meals themselves. Thornhill drivers needed. Call 416-635-2860.

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AMBULANCE DONATED TO ISRAEL: Gerald Berley, ambulance chairman of Canadian Magen David Adom, presents a plaque to Stephen Greenberg for his donation of an ambulance in memory of his parents Harry and Sonia Greenberg.

SHOP-A-THON FOR ISRAEL: Paul Cughan (left), store manager of Dominion at Lawrence Plaza, presents a cheque to Hadassah WIZO Shop-a-Thon chair Barbi Benjamin Levitt, while Benjamin Levitt gives Cughan a plaque to acknowledge Dominion's participation in the event. The Shop-a-Thon, which took place Sept. 16, is a bi-annual event that raises funds for Hadassah-WIZO projects in Israel.

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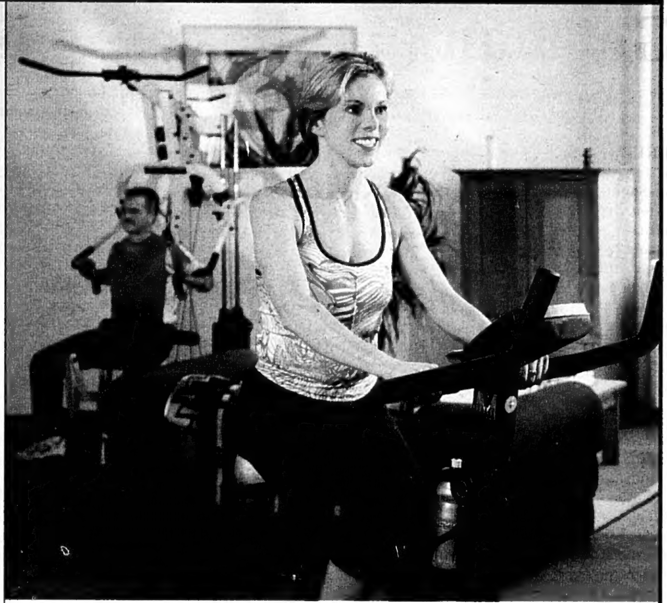

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